

**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
**BRUSH COUNTRY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**to be held at the**  
**Brush Country GCD Building**  
**732 West Rice**  
**Falfurrias, Texas**  
**Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 9:30 am Public Meeting Agenda**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) of the Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District will be held Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the District Office, 732 West Rice St., Falfurrias, Texas. The agenda is:

1. Call to order, declare meeting open to the public, and take roll.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment
4. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on Minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 26, 2021.
5. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on General Manager's Report:
  - a. Report on Kenedy County GCD meeting November 17, 2021 & DCGCD Meeting November 23, 2021 @ 6:00 pm.
  - b. Report from Fall Ranchers Program San Isidro, Texas October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - c. Well registrations were 5, in September we have 2 pending, 2 wells were plugged. Total wells registered 3,522.
  - d. Well Plugging registry update
6. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on approving the following tax sale resolutions:
  - a. Fox Real Estate and Investments LLC's \$4,000.00 offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 12-09-15852-B; Jim Wells County, Alice Independent School District and Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District vs. Gracie Hinojosa Vazquez, Et al ACCT. No-11735-065-000-00: Lot 18 Block 9, Holschouser Subdivision No. 2, subdivision in Jim Wells County Texas, as described in Volume 618, Page 722, Official Records of Jim Wells County, Texas.
  - b. Fox Real Estate and Investments LLC's \$10,800.00 offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 16-12-16854; Orange Grove Independent School District, Jim Wells County and Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District vs. Maricela G. Montalvo, Et al ACCT. No. 11954-059-000-00; 1.658 Acres more or less out of Lot 26, Block 2, Lake Meadows Estates, and addition in Jim Wells County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 10, Page 9, Map Records of Jim Wells County, Texas.

7. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District's employee manual/personnel policies.
8. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on Palmer Drought Index.
9. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on approving application and well plugging payment for the following wells plugged by Stapleton Water Wells:
  - a. Jill Harms and Mike Mendez Jim Wells County
  - b. Palomin Ranch Eddie Canales Brooks County
10. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on September Financial Statement, pledge report.
11. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on contract renewal for consultant Robert Howard.
12. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on paying for repairs on continuous water level monitoring transducer with the Texas Water Development Board.
13. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on proposal from HALFF Associates, Inc for data management services:
14. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on Fall water level report 2021.
15. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on IRS 941 report 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr.
16. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on payment of bills.
17. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on legislative report from Robert Howard.
18. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on GMA 16 issues.
19. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on new business and select date for next meeting.
20. Adjourn.

The above agenda schedule represents an estimate of the order for the indicated items and is subject to change at any time. These public meetings are available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance to attend the meeting, please call (361) 325 5093 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to coordinate any special physical access arrangements. At any time during the meeting and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District Board may meet in executive session on any of the above agenda items or other lawful items for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (§ 551.071); deliberation regarding real property (§ 551.072); deliberation regarding prospective gift (§ 551.073); personnel matters (§ 551.074); and deliberation regarding security devices (§ 551.076). Any subject discussed in executive session may be subject to action during an open meeting.

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

THE STATE OF TEXAS                   §  
  §  
BRUSH COUNTRY GROUNDWATER       §  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT           §

The Board of Directors of Brush County Groundwater Conservation District (the “District”) met at a regular meeting, open to the public, on October 26, 2021 at the Brush Country Groundwater Building 732 W. Rice Falfurrias, Texas, in accordance with the duly posted notice of said meeting.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:26 a.m. and the roll was called of the members of the Board of Directors. All Board members were present at the meeting:
  - David Kelly in person
  - Bill Botard in person
  - Mario Martinez absent
  - Robert Scott absent
  - A.C. Jones IV in person
  - Robert Fulbright absent
  - Paul Goranson absent
  - Jesse Howell in person
  - Mauro Garcia in person

This month’s meeting was conducted in person due to Covid restrictions being lifted. General Manager Luis Pena, Consultant Felix Saenz, Andy Garza General Manager of Kenedy, Jorge Gonzalez General Manager of Duval County, Robert Howard Consultant were also present. Bill Dugat Legal Counsel in person. Craig Funke and Blaine Schorp with the South Texas Weather Modification Association.

2. Pledge of Allegiance  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Comment:  
None
4. Review, discuss, and act on minutes of the October 26, 2021 meeting.  
With a motion from Bill Botard to accept and approve the minutes and a second from Mauro Garcia, minutes were accepted and approved. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion carried.

5. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on General Manager's report. General Manager went over meetings attended, well registrations, wells plugged. Information purposes only.
6. Discuss, consider and possibly act on approving tax sale resolutions. Motion to approve sale of the tax properties by Jesse, second by Bill Botard, motion carries.
7. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District's employee manual/personnel policies. General Manager Louie Pena mentioned that he has been working with Vanessa Gonzalez from Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado and Acosta and will continue working on updating the policy. For information purposes.
8. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on amendment #2 permit application by Nueces Electric Cooperative with a replacement well, production remaining the same. Motion by Bill Botard, to grant amendment #2 permit application by Nueces Electric Cooperative for a replacement well, second by A.C. Jones, motion carries.
9. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on Production Permit Renewals for the following:
  - a. City of Alice MUC well
  - b. Zelaya Brothers
  - c. Jim Hogg County WCID#2
  - d. Jorge Lopez, Jlopez Inc.
  - e. City of Falfurrias
  - f. Jorge Lopez Transport Production permitMotion made by A.C. Jones to renew all permits for 5 years, second by Jesse Howell, motion carries.
10. Review, discuss, and possibly act on applications and well plugging payment for the following wells plugged by Stapleton Water Wells.
  - a. Faustino Martinez Jim Wells County
  - b. Rick Money Jim Wells CountyMotion by Mauro Garcia to approve well plugging payments to Faustino Martinez and Rick Money, second by Jesse Howell, motion carries.
11. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on August Financial Statement. Motion by Bill Botard to approve August Financial Statement, second by Dick Jones, motion carries.

12. Discuss consider, and possibly act on purchasing a new laptop for office use from ITC corporation Sam May. Motion made by A.C. Jones to purchase new office laptop, second by Jesse Howell, motion carries.
13. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on updated Blue Cross Blue Shield statement. Louie explained that while Maggie was employed with the District, the premium was \$2,360.94. Currently, the District is only paying \$1,180.47. The difference is \$1,180.47.
14. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on stipend for insurance benefits for Marlena Hinojosa. Motion was made by Mauro Garcia to approve stipend in the amount of \$300.00 for Marlena Hinojosa to be paid contingent upon Mrs. Hinojosa working a 40 hour week, second by A.C. Jones. Motion carries.
15. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on Request for Qualifications (RFQ'S) for data management services. RFQ's were scored, HALFF was first, second was Collier Consulting, and Flow West was third. A.C. Jones made a motion to accept the scoring and request a proposal for data management services from HALFF Associates, Inc for data management services, second was made by Mauro Garcia, motion carries.
16. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on payment of bills. Motion by Bill Botard to pay bills described on October bill list, second by Jesse Howell, motion carries.
17. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on legislative report from Robert Howard. Mr. Howard discussed re-districting: J.M. Lozano, Judith Zaffirini, and Chuy Hinojosa's districts were left largely intact and J.M. picked up some additional territory. He also informed us that Lyle Larson officially announced his retirement, Tracy King remained the chair of Natural Resources, and we have a new Congressman in all 3 counties. Mr. Howard also discussed the possibility of using American Rescue Act funds to augment our well plugging program. Mr. Howard also attended the first ever "Waters of Texas Summit" hosted by Reeves Co. GCD in Pecos and believes it would be an excellent idea to have a presentation here with the GMA 16 and believes he can get two of the best speakers to come and present.
18. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on GMA 16 issues. Next meeting on November 23,2021. Adopted DFC's.
19. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on presentation from Craig Funke, General Manager for the South Texas Weather Modification Association. Craig Funke and Blaine Shorp presented on rain cloud seeding and how they use radar and Meteorologists to plan for their cloud seeding program.

20. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on new business and select date for next meeting. Meeting on November 23, 2021. Motion by A.C. Jones to hold the next Board meeting on November 23, 2021, second by Jesse Howell, motion carries.
21. Adjourn, motion made by Mauro Garcia to adjourn, second by Jesse Howell, motion carries.

Passed and approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.

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President, Board of Directors

Attest by:

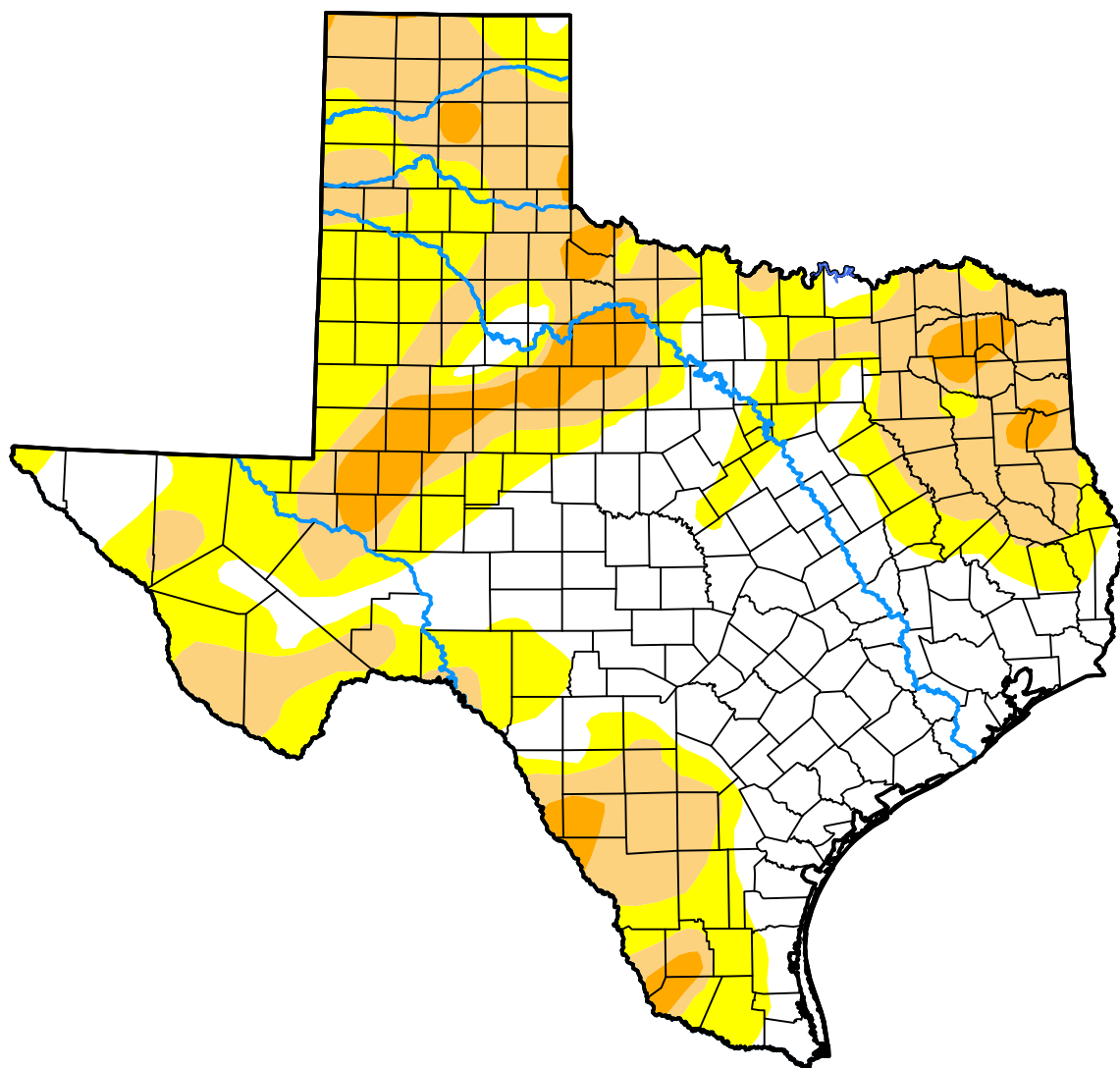
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Secretary, Board of Directors

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Texas

**November 2, 2021**  
*(Released Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021)*  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	38.20	61.80	32.90	6.44	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-26-2021</i>	44.76	55.24	23.92	3.47	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>08-03-2021</i>	94.72	5.28	1.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2020</i>	8.80	91.20	81.11	50.33	30.09	13.03
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-28-2021</i>	45.57	54.43	7.26	0.27	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>11-03-2020</i>	32.17	67.83	45.52	25.00	13.54	3.93

**Intensity:**

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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Good Afternoon Mr. Pena,

Attached is the October Pledge Report. The amount to be pledged is \$2,534,238.65, which was over pledged \$215,761.35. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,  
Ericelda De Leon



First National Bank  
Falfurrias, TX

# Pledge Report by Maturity Date

Pledge J: Brush Country Groundwater Conserv Dist

As of 10/31/21

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Safekeeping Receipt	SK Code	Cusip	ID #	Current Face	Original Face	Description	ASC 320	Moody / S&P	Coupon	SC	Maturity	Book Value	Fair Value
	1007	3133EKBW5	101348	850,000.00	850,000.00	FFCB	AFS		2.610		02/27/2024	856,375.33	890,392.54
	1007	31418BVL7	101397	199,430.69	1,300,000.00	FNMA #MA2418	AFS		2.500		10/01/2025	202,366.50	204,681.74
	1007	31418B6N1	101395	129,948.70	600,000.00	FNMA #MA2676	AFS		2.500		07/01/2026	130,820.98	133,693.93
Items 3				1,179,379.39	2,750,000.00				2.579			1,189,562.81	1,228,768.21

Status Codes : N = New Purchase S = Sold M = Matured C = Called O = Paid Off \* = Pre-refunded T = ASC 320 Transfer I = Impaired

Note: Refer to the U.S. Government and Agency Ratings report for ratings on treasury, agency and pass through securities.

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## II. Pledge & Safekeeping Reports

**BRUSH COUNTRY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**and**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**with**  
**ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT**  
**FOR THE MONTH AND TWELVE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**



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## **INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT**

Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District  
Falfurrias, Texas 78355

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of the general fund of Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District, as of and for the month and twelve months ended September 30, 2021, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. I did not audit or review the financial statements nor was I am required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. I do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on these financial statements.

Accounting principles general accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Management has omitted Management's Discussion and Analysis that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board requires to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a required part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting and for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Such information is the responsibility of management. I have not audited nor reviewed the required supplementary information and do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on such information.

**C. RAY MARTINEZ Co., P.C.**

November 5, 2021

**Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District**

**Statement of Activities**

**For The Month Ended September 30, 2021**

	<u>Sep 21</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Interest Income	78.27
<b>Tax Revenue</b>	
Brooks Co. Tax Levy	709.79
Jim Hogg Co. Tax Levy	644.48
Jim Wells Co. Tax Levy	2,344.25
<b>Total Tax Revenue</b>	<u>3,698.52</u>
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<u>3,776.79</u>
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Computer Support Services</b>	
Copier	50.00
Web Hosting & Homepage	594.99
Computer Support Services - Other	64.99
<b>Total Computer Support Services</b>	<u>709.98</u>
Depreciation Expense	2,404.72
Legal Notice	48.00
<b>Office Expense</b>	
Misc. Office Expense	118.95
New Office Electricity	250.92
New Office Janitorial	942.78
New Office Water & Sewer	153.02
New Office Yard Maintenance	300.00
Office Furniture	44.29
Office Supplies	216.38
<b>Total Office Expense</b>	<u>2,026.34</u>
<b>Other Misc Services &amp; Expenses</b>	
Miscellaneous	215.72
<b>Total Other Misc Services &amp; Expenses</b>	<u>215.72</u>
<b>Professional Services</b>	
Accounting Services & Audit	310.80
Legal & Professional	3,501.45
Legislative Assistance	2,500.00
<b>Total Professional Services</b>	<u>6,312.25</u>
<b>Salaries</b>	
General Manager	1,535.04
Health Insurance	1,180.47
Staff Person	5,614.14
Tax Expense-Payroll	3,146.13
TCDRS Retirement & Life Insur.	1,564.85
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<u>13,040.63</u>
<b>Tax Appraisal Fees</b>	
Fees-Hidalgo Co.	1.25
Fees-Jim Hogg Co.	763.47

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**Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District****Statement of Activities****For The Month Ended September 30, 2021**

	<b>Sep 21</b>
<b>Fees-Jim Wells Co.</b>	<b>1,730.25</b>
<b>Tax Appraisal Fees - Other</b>	<b>-0.10</b>
<b>Total Tax Appraisal Fees</b>	<b>2,494.87</b>
<b>Tax Collection Fees</b>	
<b>Brooks &amp; Hidalgo Co.</b>	<b>515.00</b>
<b>Jim Hogg Co.</b>	<b>698.50</b>
<b>Jim Wells Co.</b>	<b>499.50</b>
<b>Total Tax Collection Fees</b>	<b>1,713.00</b>
<b>Travel Expense &amp; Training</b>	
<b>Meals &amp; Entertainment Expense</b>	<b>20.53</b>
<b>Travel, Meals, and Lodging</b>	<b>626.35</b>
<b>Total Travel Expense &amp; Training</b>	<b>646.88</b>
<b>Vehicle Expense</b>	
<b>Auto Gas &amp; Oil</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Vehicle Expense - Other</b>	<b>10.40</b>
<b>Total Vehicle Expense</b>	<b>110.40</b>
<b>Total Conservation Expense</b>	<b>29,722.79</b>
<b>Excesss Expenditures Over Revenue</b>	<b>-25,946.00</b>
<b>Fund Balance - August 31, 2021</b>	<b>3,031,525.93</b>
<b>Fund Balance - September 30, 2021</b>	<b>3,005,579.93</b>

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**Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For The Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2021**

	<u>Oct '20 - Sep 21</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Interest Income	35,044.49
Miscellaneous Income	3,970.58
<b>Tax Revenue</b>	
Brooks Co. Tax Levy	84,245.78
Hidalgo Co Tax Levy	1.00
Jim Hogg Co. Tax Levy	85,345.27
Jim Wells Co. Tax Levy	259,688.61
<b>Total Tax Revenue</b>	<u>429,280.66</u>
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<u>468,295.73</u>
<b>Expense</b>	
Bank Error	-178.79
Advertising	157.50
<b>Computer Support Services</b>	
Copier	553.78
Software	129.89
Web Hosting & Homepage	3,446.97
Computer Support Services - Other	2,253.20
<b>Total Computer Support Services</b>	<u>6,383.84</u>
Contract Labor	1,024.00
Convention Expense	100.00
Depreciation Expense	28,856.64
Directors Expenses	146.05
Donation	250.00
Dues & Subscriptions	1,080.00
Employee Benefit Programs Exp	1,153.32
<b>Insurance</b>	
Insurance - Building	2,065.84
Insurance - WC	515.48
Insurance Expense - D & O	539.00
Insurance Expense - GL	365.54
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<u>3,485.86</u>
Legal Notice	3,031.90
Membership Dues	408.00
<b>Office Expense</b>	
Building Repairs	1,240.00
Misc. Office Expense	936.62
New Office Electricity	2,778.91
New Office Janitorial	10,763.91
New Office Water & Sewer	1,871.93
New Office Yard Maintenance	3,400.00
Office Furniture	44.29
Office Supplies	3,627.59

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**Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District****Statement of Activities****For The Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2021**

	<b>Oct '20 - Sep 21</b>
<b>Postage and Shipping Expense</b>	331.35
<b>Office Expense - Other</b>	241.63
<b>Total Office Expense</b>	25,236.23
<b>Office Maintenance</b>	280.89
<b>Other Misc Services &amp; Expenses</b>	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	303.22
<b>School Education Material</b>	450.00
<b>Total Other Misc Services &amp; Expenses</b>	753.22
<b>Professional Services</b>	
<b>Accounting Services &amp; Audit</b>	3,971.80
<b>Audit Expense</b>	3,250.00
<b>Legal &amp; Professional</b>	27,933.15
<b>Legislative Assistance</b>	30,000.00
<b>Water Quality Lab Expense</b>	47.50
<b>Total Professional Services</b>	65,202.45
<b>Salaries</b>	
<b>General Manager</b>	30,321.46
<b>Health Insurance</b>	25,256.03
<b>Staff Person</b>	94,910.29
<b>Tax Expense-Payroll</b>	13,575.88
<b>TCDRS Retirement &amp; Life Insur.</b>	11,330.29
<b>Total Salaries</b>	175,393.95
<b>Tax Appraisal Fees</b>	
<b>Fees-Brooks Co.</b>	1,545.00
<b>Fees-Hidalgo Co.</b>	5.00
<b>Fees-Jim Hogg Co.</b>	3,053.88
<b>Fees-Jim Wells Co.</b>	10,258.25
<b>Tax Appraisal Fees - Other</b>	-0.10
<b>Total Tax Appraisal Fees</b>	14,862.03
<b>Tax Collection Fees</b>	
<b>Brooks &amp; Hidalgo Co.</b>	5,570.97
<b>Jim Hogg Co.</b>	2,794.00
<b>Jim Wells Co.</b>	999.00
<b>Total Tax Collection Fees</b>	9,363.97
<b>Telephone Expense</b>	1,386.53
<b>Travel Expense &amp; Training</b>	
<b>Conference Registration Fees</b>	807.00
<b>Meals &amp; Entertainment Expense</b>	392.49
<b>Travel, Meals, and Lodging</b>	777.82
<b>Total Travel Expense &amp; Training</b>	1,977.31
<b>Vehicle Expense</b>	
<b>Auto &amp; Truck Repair</b>	98.29
<b>Auto Gas &amp; Oil</b>	891.11
<b>Vehicle Insurance</b>	549.78

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**Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District****Statement of Activities****For The Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2021**

	<u>Oct '20 - Sep 21</u>
Vehicle Expense - Other	<u>10.40</u>
Total Vehicle Expense	<u>1,549.58</u>
Total Expense	<u>341,904.48</u>
Net Ordinary Income	126,391.25
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
Water Well Plugging Program	<u>31,500.00</u>
Total Other Expense	<u>31,500.00</u>
Net Other Income	-31,500.00
Excess Revenue Over Expenditures	94,891.25
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	<u>2,910,688.68</u>
Fund Balance - September 30, 2021	<u><u>3,005,579.93</u></u>

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## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District**  
**Profit & Loss Budget Performance**  
October 2020 through September 2021

	Oct '20 - Sep 21	Budget	% of Budget	Annual Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
Delinquent Tax Collect	0.00	17,800.00	0.0%	17,800.00
District Fee Revenue	0.00	2,000.00	0.0%	2,000.00
Interest Income	35,044.49	25,000.00	140.18%	25,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	3,970.58			
Tax Penalty & Interest	0.00	8,910.00	0.0%	8,910.00
<b>Tax Revenue</b>				
Ad Valorem Taxes	0.00			
Brooks Co. Tax Levy	84,245.78	80,466.00	104.7%	80,466.00
Hidalgo Co Tax Levy	1.00	509.00	0.2%	509.00
Jim Hogg Co. Tax Levy	85,345.27	82,403.00	103.57%	82,403.00
Jim Wells Co. Tax Levy	259,688.61	250,991.00	103.47%	250,991.00
<b>Total Tax Revenue</b>	<b>429,280.66</b>	<b>414,369.00</b>	<b>103.6%</b>	<b>414,369.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>468,295.73</b>	<b>468,079.00</b>	<b>100.05%</b>	<b>468,079.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
Bank Error	-178.79			
Advertising	157.50			
<b>Computer Support Services</b>				
Computer Equipment	0.00	3,000.00	0.0%	3,000.00
Copier	553.78			
Printer Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
Software	129.89	2,500.00	5.2%	2,500.00
Web Hosting & Homepage	3,446.97	3,200.00	107.72%	3,200.00
Computer Support Services - Other	2,253.20	0.00	100.0%	0.00
<b>Total Computer Support Services</b>	<b>6,383.84</b>	<b>8,700.00</b>	<b>73.38%</b>	<b>8,700.00</b>
Contract Labor	1,024.00			
Convention Expense	100.00			
Depreciation Expense	28,856.64			
Directors Expenses	146.05			
Donation	250.00			
Dues & Subscriptions	1,080.00	1,388.00	77.81%	1,388.00
Employee Benefit Programs Exp	1,153.32			
<b>Insurance</b>				
Insurance - Building	2,065.84	2,050.00	100.77%	2,050.00
Insurance - WC	515.48	578.00	89.18%	578.00
Insurance Expense - D & O	539.00	904.00	59.62%	904.00
Insurance Expense - GL	365.54			
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>3,485.86</b>	<b>3,532.00</b>	<b>98.69%</b>	<b>3,532.00</b>
Legal Notice	3,031.90	1,000.00	303.19%	1,000.00
Membership Dues	408.00			
<b>Office Expense</b>				
Building Repairs	1,240.00	1,500.00	82.67%	1,500.00

## Profit &amp; Loss Budget Performance

October 2020 through September 2021

	Oct '20 - Sep 21	Budget	% of Budget	Annual Budget
Misc. Office Expense	936.62	0.00	100.0%	0.00
New Office Electricity	2,778.91	4,800.00	57.89%	4,800.00
New Office Janitorial	10,763.91	11,500.00	93.6%	11,500.00
New Office Water & Sewer	1,871.93	1,860.00	100.64%	1,860.00
New Office Yard Maintenance	3,400.00	3,600.00	94.44%	3,600.00
Office Furniture	44.29	600.00	7.38%	600.00
Office Supplies	3,627.59	2,600.00	139.52%	2,600.00
Postage and Shipping Expense	331.35	1,500.00	22.09%	1,500.00
Office Expense - Other	241.63			
<b>Total Office Expense</b>	<b>25,236.23</b>	<b>27,960.00</b>	<b>90.26%</b>	<b>27,960.00</b>
Office Maintenance	280.89			
Other Misc Services & Expenses				
Equipment Purchase	0.00	7,000.00	0.0%	7,000.00
Miscellaneous	303.22	5,000.00	6.06%	5,000.00
School Education Material	450.00	790.00	56.96%	790.00
<b>Total Other Misc Services &amp; Expenses</b>	<b>753.22</b>	<b>12,790.00</b>	<b>5.89%</b>	<b>12,790.00</b>
Professional Services				
Accounting Services & Audit	3,971.80	7,200.00	55.16%	7,200.00
Aquifer Monitoring Expense	0.00	4,500.00	0.0%	4,500.00
Audit Expense	3,250.00			
Engineering Services	0.00	30,900.00	0.0%	30,900.00
Legal & Professional	27,933.15	40,000.00	69.83%	40,000.00
Legislative Assistance	30,000.00	54,000.00	55.56%	54,000.00
Water Quality Lab Expense	47.50			
Water Quality Testing-New Wells	0.00	750.00	0.0%	750.00
<b>Total Professional Services</b>	<b>65,202.45</b>	<b>137,350.00</b>	<b>47.47%</b>	<b>137,350.00</b>
Salaries				
Field Asst/GM Trainee Sal & Ben	0.00	63,000.00	0.0%	63,000.00
General Manager	30,321.46	30,000.00	101.07%	30,000.00
Health Insurance	25,256.03	25,780.00	97.97%	25,780.00
Ins Director Indeminty Bond	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
Staff Person	94,910.29	35,610.00	266.53%	35,610.00
SUTA Tax Expense	0.00	432.00	0.0%	432.00
Tax Expense-Payroll	13,575.88	8,396.00	161.7%	8,396.00
TCDRS Retirement & Life Insur.	11,330.29	1,066.00	1,062.88%	1,066.00
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>175,393.95</b>	<b>164,284.00</b>	<b>106.76%</b>	<b>164,284.00</b>
Tax Appraisal Fees				
Fees-Brooks Co.	1,545.00	2,190.00	70.55%	2,190.00
Fees-Hidalgo Co.	5.00	6.00	83.33%	6.00
Fees-Jim Hogg Co.	3,053.88	4,404.00	69.34%	4,404.00
Fees-Jim Wells Co.	10,258.25	7,713.00	133.0%	7,713.00
Tax Appraisal Fees - Other	-0.10			
<b>Total Tax Appraisal Fees</b>	<b>14,862.03</b>	<b>14,313.00</b>	<b>103.84%</b>	<b>14,313.00</b>

# Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District

## Profit & Loss Budget Performance

October 2020 through September 2021

	Oct '20 - Sep 21	Budget	% of Budget	Annual Budget
<b>Tax Collection Fees</b>				
Brooks & Hidalgo Co.	5,570.97	6,815.00	81.75%	6,815.00
Jim Hogg Co.	2,794.00	3,900.00	71.64%	3,900.00
Jim Wells Co.	999.00	2,189.00	45.64%	2,189.00
<b>Total Tax Collection Fees</b>	<b>9,363.97</b>	<b>12,904.00</b>	<b>72.57%</b>	<b>12,904.00</b>
<b>Telephone Expense</b>				
Telephone	0.00	1,740.00	0.0%	1,740.00
Wireless/Mobil	0.00	672.00	0.0%	672.00
Telephone Expense - Other	1,386.53			
<b>Total Telephone Expense</b>	<b>1,386.53</b>	<b>2,412.00</b>	<b>57.49%</b>	<b>2,412.00</b>
<b>Travel Expense &amp; Training</b>				
Conference Registration Fees	807.00	1,800.00	44.83%	1,800.00
Director Expense Reimburse	0.00	1,200.00	0.0%	1,200.00
Meals & Entertainment Expense	392.49			
Travel, Meals, and Lodging	777.82	3,000.00	25.93%	3,000.00
<b>Total Travel Expense &amp; Training</b>	<b>1,977.31</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>	<b>32.96%</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>
<b>Vehicle Expense</b>				
Auto & Truck Repair	98.29	1,400.00	7.02%	1,400.00
Auto Gas & Oil	891.11	2,000.00	44.56%	2,000.00
Vehicle Insurance	549.78	561.00	98.0%	561.00
Vehicle Expense - Other	10.40			
<b>Total Vehicle Expense</b>	<b>1,549.58</b>	<b>3,961.00</b>	<b>39.12%</b>	<b>3,961.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>341,904.48</b>	<b>396,594.00</b>	<b>86.21%</b>	<b>396,594.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>126,391.25</b>	<b>71,485.00</b>	<b>176.81%</b>	<b>71,485.00</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Other Expense</b>				
Water Well Plugging Program	31,500.00	0.00	100.0%	0.00
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>31,500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>-31,500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>94,891.25</b>	<b>71,485.00</b>	<b>132.74%</b>	<b>71,485.00</b>

**Amendment No. 2 to the Contractual Agreement for Consulting  
Services Between Brush Country Groundwater Conservation  
District and Robert Howard**

This is Amendment No. 2 to the contract (“Agreement”) between the Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District (hereinafter “District” or “BCGCD”), AND Robert Howard, as contractor (hereinafter “Contractor”) dated July 1, 2021. This amendment extends the term of the Agreement. All other provisions will remain as in the existing Agreement, as amended.

Amendment No. 2 is entered into by the District and the Contractor as evidenced by the signatures below. The term of the agreement is extended for a twelve-month period starting on July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022. Except as specified in this Amendment, all other provisions of the Contractual Agreement as previously amended continue.

The parties have executed this agreement in Falfurrias, Texas, on the \_\_\_\_ day of October 2021.

**For Brush Country Groundwater  
Conservation District,**

The District:

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David Kelly                      Date  
Board President

**For Robert Howard, Inc.,**

Contractor:

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Robert Howard                      Date  
Contractor

**Attest:**

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Marlena R. Hinojosa                      Date  
Administrative Assistant

**November 2021**

## **Legislative Report**

### **Elections**

The filing period for 2022 elections began on November 13<sup>th</sup> and will end on December 13<sup>th</sup>. The biggest news so far in that regard is the filing of Beto O'Rourke for Governor, who will have an uphill battle with Gov. Abbott, who should have no problem beating his two primary opponents. One of our own State Representatives, Ryan Guillen, created quite a splash last week, as well, when he was joined by Gov. Abbott in Floresville in announcing his switch to the Republican Party. His switch was not a surprise to Capitol insiders, though, because his new district is almost 60-40 percent Republican.

Not exactly in our district, but nearby, there has been a lot of activity related to the retirements of Eddie Lucio, Jr. from the Senate and Eddie Lucio III from the House. Both districts are heavily weighted in Cameron County. So far, in the Senate race, an AOC-style woman and the attorney-daughter of Steve LaMantia have announced their intentions to run in the Democratic Primary. Even though the Kleberg County Judge had been mentioned as a possible candidate, their likely Republican opponent appears to be former RGV Chamber of Commerce Executive Director and current Texas Workforce Commissioner, Julián Alvarez.

Now that retirements and filings are rapidly occurring, so have candidate fundraising activities. Fundraising is as intense as usual for these cycles because it is likely the primaries will be held at their regularly scheduled time of March 1<sup>st</sup> unless some unexpected delay occurs because of numerous legal challenges to the redistricting plans. The new House District map can be found on page 38 of this link:

[https://data.capitol.texas.gov/dataset/71af633c-21bf-42cf-ad48-4fe95593a897/resource/e8a63cb9-001b-4b1f-a7f8-9106cce80706/download/planh2316\\_map\\_report\\_package.pdf](https://data.capitol.texas.gov/dataset/71af633c-21bf-42cf-ad48-4fe95593a897/resource/e8a63cb9-001b-4b1f-a7f8-9106cce80706/download/planh2316_map_report_package.pdf)

Also, possibly of interest to our board and staff, Jennifer Storm, originally from Premont, invited me to attend an event in Waco sponsored by a state-wide organization she heads. The purpose of the event was to honor 23 outstanding legislators, giving me a chance to visit with two freshmen State Rep. veterinarians who both would like to be appointed to the Natural Resources Committee. I advised both of them on water issues during their first campaigns and both would be excellent members of that committee.

I have continued talking with Louie, Andy, and some other GCD general managers about the possibility of using some American Rescue Act funds through the counties to augment our well plugging program. As yet, I have been unable to find any other county where that is being done. I had a phone conference with Amber Blount, the new TAGD board chair, this month and she thinks it is a good idea to pursue. She said she would put the question out among the members. In the meantime, Louie, Andy and I will continue talking about ideas to take the lead on this issue, which Amber encouraged. I will also be researching the new federal infrastructure act to see if some of those funds might be available through the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), which will undoubtedly be a state pass-through agency.

### **Interim Charges**

At the TAGD summit in early September, House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Tracy King asked that we give him ideas for studies by his committee during the interim. The interim charges are announced by the Speaker and Lt. Governor, but their charges usually closely adhere to their chairmen's recommendations. According to Matt Lamon in Rep. Lozano's office, the Speaker asked for committee chair recommendations by November the 22nd. Therefore, I went ahead and forwarded the following recommendations to Sam Bacarisse, director of the House Natural Resources Committee:

- Consider state funding support for GCD well plugging programs
- More detailed research by the TWDB of subsidence and intermingling of potable and brackish water potentially caused by the production of brackish water in the lower Coastal Bend area.
- A detailed TWDB study of any recharge of brackish aquifers in the lower Coastal Bend area.
- A detailed TWDB study of the feasibility of aquifer storage and recovery projects in the lower Coastal Bend area.
- A detailed TWDB cost/benefit study of increasing cloud seeding activities in the lower Coastal Bend area.
- A comprehensive state-wide TWDB study of water availability and projected demands for the future.
- Consider allowing special district boards to meet remotely.

