

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

THE STATE OF TEXAS	§
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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 September 21, 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 in person
 - Robert Scott in person
 - A.C. Jones IV in person
 - Robert Fulbright in person
 - Paul Goranson in person
 - Jesse Howell in person
 - Mauro Garcia arrived 9:34 a.m.

This month’s meeting was conducted in person due to Covid restrictions being lifted. General Manager Luis Pena, Consultant Felix Saenz, Administrative Assistant Marlina Hinojosa, Andy Garza General Manager of Kenedy, Diana Nichols on behalf of Monica Jacobs El Coyote Ranch, Robert Howard Consultant were also present. Bill Dugat Legal Counsel via teleconference.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Comment:
None
4. Review, discuss, and act on minutes of the September 21, 2021 meeting.

With a motion from Bill Botard to accept and approve the minutes and a second from Mario Martinez, 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, TAGD Summit, well registrations, wells plugged. Information purposes only.
6. Review, discuss, and possibly act on adopting 2021 Tax Rate, and resolutions.

Board agreed to adopt a tax rate of \$0.016000/\$100 which would be 13.5% less than the adopted tax of \$0.018500 adopted in tax year 2020. Board also adopted the resolution for the tax rate. Paul Goranson made the motion, second by Bill Botard to adopt a tax rate of \$0.016000/\$100. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion carried
7. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on approving the following tax sale resolution: Arturo Arellano's \$5,500.00 Suit No. 10-03-14986-B; Jim Wells County and La Gloria Independent School District vs. Colleen Joan Croghan and William B. Croghan ACCT. NO. 11560-143-000-00; Lots 84 and 93 R.P. Haldeman's Subdivision of the Seeligson Ranch, Section Six, an addition to Jim Wells County, Texas as described in Volume 14, Page 380, Deed Records of Jim Wells County, Texas. Motion by Paul Goranson, second by Robert Fulbright to adopt the tax sale resolution, unanimous vote to approve. Motion carried.
8. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on adopting Employee Policy Manual. General Manager Louie Pena reported that he had been working with Vanessa Gonzalez, along with his committee members on completing the employee manual.
No vote needed on this item
9. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee. General Manager Louie Pena read the thank you letter from Maggie Castillo. He then asked for approval from the board to hire Marlena Hinojosa as the full time administrative assistant, the board indicated the decision rests with the General Manager.
No vote needed on this item.
10. Review, discuss, and possibly act on applications and well plugging payment for the following wells plugged by Stapleton Water Wells.
 - A. Miguel Perez Jim Wells County
 - B. Javier Pena Brooks County

Paul Goranson made the motion with a second from Bill Botard to approve the well plugging applications and payment, motion carries unanimously.

11. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on August Financial Statement and investment report. General Manager Louie Pena gave a report on the bank accounts, also mentioned that the quarterly reports and financial statements are prepared by Ray C. Martinez and Co. Pc. No vote needed on this item.
12. Discuss consider, and possibly act on payment of bills. General Manager Louie Pena discussed the breakdown in the cost of the employee manual policy while working with Vanessa Gonzalez 7 hrs. @275.00/hr \$1,925, the remaining \$1,576.45 was Bill Dugat's legal fees. Mario Martinez made the motion to pay the bills with a second from Jesse Howell. Motion carries unanimously.
13. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on legislative report from Robert Howard. Mr. Howard presented his report and mentioned that Lyle Larson will not seek re-election. Need to watch Perry's senate bill, also mentioned the American Recovery Act which may allow counties to apply for Federal monies for water infrastructure. No vote needed on this item.
14. Discuss, consider, and act on GMA 16 issues, meeting scheduled for September 21,2021. The adoption of the Desired Future Conditions. No vote needed on this item.
15. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on new business and select date for next meeting. Date selected was October 26,2021. No vote needed on this item.
16. Adjourn.
Motion to adjourn by Robert Fulbright, seconded by Robert Scott, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Passed and approved this 26th day of October 2021.

President, Board of Directors

Attest by:

Secretary, Board of Directors