MINUTES OF PUBLI HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD FOR THE KINNEY COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 <u>MEETING MINUTES</u>

1. Call to order.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice President Matt Bland

2. Establish a quorum.

A quorum was established with 4 Directors present: Charlie Gaines, Blake Ward, Matt Bland, Randy Schott.

Absent: BJ Eckenrod, Stan Conoly, Richard Barthels

Staff present: Genell Hobbs and Bonnie Brotherton.

District Hydrologist, Dr. Bill Hutchison & Engineers Jim Burton & Carlos Carreon were present.

Also in attendance were several observers.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bland.

4. Director/Public Comments.

Gage Brown, DeeDee Brown, John Ludlum and David Palmer addressed the board.

5. Approve minutes from October 11, 2023 regular meeting.

Minutes for October regular meeting approved as presented.

Motion:

Charlie Gaines

2nd:

Randy Schott

Vote: 4-0

Recess for Public Hearing: Amend district rules.

6:18 p.m.

No comments.

Reconvene into regular session: 6:19 p.m.

6. Discussion/Possible Action: Amend the district rules to implement changes enacted during the most recent Texas Legislative Session.

Motion to adopt: Charlie Gaines 2nd.: Blake Ward Vote: 4-0

7. Discussion/Possible Action: Financial statement for October 2023. Motion to approve: Blake Ward 2nd.: Randy Shott Vote: 4-0

8. Review of Monthly Investment Officer's Report.

9. Discussion/Possible Action: Invoices Received and Invoices Paid for Oct. 2023.

- Motion to approve as presented: Randy Schott 2nd: Charlie Gaines Vote: 4-0
- 10. Dr. Bill Hutchison, district hydrologist, discussed the proposal to perform hydrogeologic Investigations in Kinney County, Texas in support of groundwater model updates for the KCGCD and a proposal to create 3D Geologic Model and MODFLOW grid in support of groundwater model updates for the KCGCD.
- 11. Discussion/Possible Action: Cost proposal related to groundwater flow model updates. Motion to approve with amount not to exceed \$60,000.: Charlie Gaines 2nd.: Randy Schott Vote: 4-0
- Discussion/Possible Action: Jim Burton, district engineer, reported on the monitor well program and purchasing additional groundwater related equipment.

 Motion was made to purchase more equipment no to exceed \$31,000.: Charlie Gaines 2nd.: Randy Schott

 Vote: 4-0
- 13. Review TWDB Drought Index, TWDB monitor well, USGS streamflow, City of Brackett Water Data, FCS MUD well data and various monitor well data.
- 14. Discussion of (alleged) over permitting and drought management plan. Dr. Hutchison addressed the board.
- 15. Appointment of the Rules Committee. This item was moved to the end of the meeting. The board will go into executive session and confer with the district's attorney.
- Election of new officer's F/Y 2023-2024 KCGCD.

 Charlie Gaines made the motion to elect Matt Bland-President-nominated by Randy Schott, Vice President- Blake Ward-nominated by Matt Bland, and Richard Barthels, Secretary.

 2nd.: Randy Schott Vote: 4-0 All accepted.
- 17. General Manager's Report. Genell Hobbs reported the district received 3 applications for exempt wells and she attended the Region J meeting. Two people picked up an application for the Field Technician position that is currently open.

Matt Bland closed the regular meeting: 8:10 p.m.

Board went into executive session to discuss rules committee with attorney Greg Ellis.

Board convened into regular meeting. 8:33 p.m.

15. Appointment of the Rules Committee: Motion made by Randy Schott to form a committee of 3 board members; after the first of the year, additional members will be added to the committee with equal representation throughout the county.

2nd.: Charlie Gaines

Vote: 4-0

18. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:42.

APPROVED:

Matt Bland, President

Date: 11/14 23

ATTEST:

Richard Barthels, Secretary

Date: 11/14/23