

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE KINNEY COUNTY
GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**May 4, 2023
MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Vice President Matt Bland.

2. Establish a quorum.

A quorum was established with the following directors present: Matt Bland, Richard Barthels, Stan Conoly, Charlie Gaines, Randy Schott and Blake Ward. Also present was General Manager Genell Hobbs, District Hydrogeologist Dr. Bill Hutchison, and District Engineer Jim Burton. A number of observers were also in attendance.

Vice President Bland announced that President Eckenrod was unable to attend the meeting as she had been taken to the hospital the night before with health issues.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Matt Bland.

4. Director/Public Comments: Gene Slate and Steve DeGeorge from the Kinney County Appraisal District addressed the board in relation to the upcoming increase in appraised value of properties within Kinney County. Brief Q&A followed, with observers advised that could come to the Appraisal District for any questions they might have, or to meet with the Appraisal Review Board to discuss/protest their proposed taxes.

Comments from observers included concern of low flow from Las Moras Springs, drought conditions, and irrigation pumping by permittees.

5. Discussion and Possible Action on approval of minutes from the April 13, 2023, board meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as read.

Motion: Charlie Gaines Second: Stan Conoly Vote: 6-0 in favor

6. Discussion and possible action on April financial statements. A motion was made to approve the financial statements as presented.

Motion: Charlie Gaines Second: Randy Schott Vote: 6-0 in favor

7. Review of monthly Investment Officer's Report. Review only, no action taken.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on invoices received and paid for April 2023.

A motion was made to approve the invoices received and paid.

Motion: Randy Schott Second: Stan Conoly Vote: 6-0 in favor

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9. Review Drought Index, TWDB monitor well, USGS stream flow, monitor well data. General discussion of drought conditions. Engineer Jim Burton provided information on monitor well levels and responded to questions or statements relative to the monitor wells.
10. Report from Dr. Bill Hutchison: Management Plan Objectives addressing Desired Future Conditions. Hutchison presented comparisons of actual data and Desired Future Conditions for 2022, for Las Moras Spring flow and Well 70-38-902 (Tularosa well) for 2022. (Report attached).
11. Discussion and Possible Action: Cost estimate of flow meters. Following general discussion, a motion Was made to table action on this item until Dr. Hutchison meets with the board once more.

Motion: Charlie Gaines Second: Richard Barthels Vote: 6-0 in favor

12. Discussion and Possible Action: Changing the time of the monthly board meeting. General discussion to change regular board meeting date to evenings to accommodate some board members and the general public. Change to be from the 2nd Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. to the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Motion: Randy Schott Second: Charlie Gaines Vote: 6-0 in favor

13. General Manager's Report on daily activities, meetings attended, and update on legislative action relating to groundwater matters.

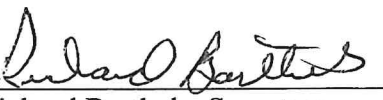
With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Matt Bland, Vice President



Richard Barthels, Secretary

Date: 6-14-2023

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