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

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to order.

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Vice President Matt Bland

2. Establish a quorum.

A quorum was established with 6 Directors present: Richard Barthel, Charlie Gaines, Blake Ward, Matt Bland, Randy Schott, and Stan Conoly

Absent: BJ Eckenrod.

Staff present: Genell Hobbs and Bonnie Brotherton. Also in attendance were a number of observers.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bland.

4. Director/Public Comments.

Gage Brown presented information about the recent survey conducted by the Las Moras Conservation Association concerning the rules of the KCGCD. Suzanne Mayne questioned why the board had not done anything in the last 20 years and Elizabeth Hodges introduced herself to the board and requested information from each director - name, their occupation, their term expiring, and what precinct they represented. Other observers expressed concern about Las Moras Creek being dry and no water for the animals.

5. Approve minutes from August 9, 2023 regular meeting.
Minutes for August regular meeting approved as presented.

Motion:

Charlie Gaines

2nd.

Stan Conoly

Vote: 6-0

Recess for Public Hearing: Budget & Tax Rate. 7:09 p.m.

David Palmer asked the board not to lower the tax rate but to leave it as it was last year.

Reconvene into regular session: 7:13 p.m.

6. Discussion/Possible Action: Adopt by Resolution, Budget 2023-2024.

Motion to adopt: Charlie Gaines 2nd.: Richard Barthels Vote: 6-0

7. Discussion/Possible Action: Adopt by Resolution, Tax Rate 2023.

Motion to adopt tax rate: Charlie Gaines 2nd.: Randy Shott Vote: 6-0

8. Discussion/Possible action on financial statements for August 2023. Financial statements for August 2023 were accepted.

Motion: Stan Conoly 2nd.: Charlie Gaines Vote: 6-0

- 9. Review of Monthly Investment Officer's Report: August 2023.
- Consider and approve invoices received and invoices paid.
 Invoices received and paid presented were approved.
 Motion: Randy Shott 2nd.: Richard Barthels Vote: 6-0
- 11. Review Palmer Drought Index, TWDB monitor well, USGS streamflow, City of Brackett Water Data, FCS MUD well data and various monitor well data.
- Discussion/Possible Action: Appointment of Rules Committee.
 Motion by Blake Ward to appoint committee with Gaines, Ward and Bland part of committee.
 2nd: Charlie Gaines.
 Vote: 6-0
- 13. General Manager on daily activities and upcoming events.
 Hobbs reported there had been no applications for exempt wells since last board meeting and 1 refund for a well drilled. She attended the annual TAGD Summitt in San Antonio and stated everyone across the state commenting on the drought and extreme heat. GMAs 7 & 10 will have meetings in October.
- 14. Board will recess and go into executive session under authority of the Government Code, Chapter 551, Texas Open Meeting Act; Personnel Matters (§ 551.074). 7:36 p.m. A. General Manager's Performance Evaluation.
- 15. Meeting will be called back into regular session at 8:10 p.m.
- 16. Consider/Possible Action: Matters deliberated during executive session. No action taken.
- 17. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:32.

APPROVED:

Matt Bland, Vice President

Date: 10/11/23

ATTEST:

Richard Barthels, Secretary

Date: 10/11/23