

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
KINNEY COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
September 15, 2022
MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to order.
Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Vice-President Richard Barthels.

2. Establish a quorum.
A quorum was established with 4 Directors present: Beth Ann Smith, B.J. Eckenrod, Matt Bland, and Richard Barthels. 9:03 Director Blake Ward entered the meeting. Absent were John Paul Schuster and Stan Conoly.
Staff present: Genell Hobbs and Bonnie Brotherton. Also in attendance were Dr. Bill Hutchison, Jim Burton, Carlos Carreon, plus several observers.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Richard Barthels.

4. Director/Public Comments.
Travis Huey addressed the board concerning open records he has requested that were past due and also questioning the minutes of the July board meeting with reference to Public Comments.

5. Approve Minutes from August 14, 2022, regular meeting.
Minutes were approved as written.
Motion: Beth Ann Smith 2nd. B.J. Eckenrod Vote: 5-0

RECESS FOR PUBLIC HEARING: Budget 2022-2023, Fee Schedule 2022-2023, Tax Rate- 9:07a.m.

- A. Public Hearing/Open for Testimony. None
- B. Comments from the Public. Wes Robinson committed on the low tax rate established by the directors when the groundwater district was formed and the lack of funds received because of that action.
- C. Close the Public Hearing.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION. 9:08

6. Discussion and Possible Action: Adopt by Resolution, Budget 2022-2023.
Motion to approve the budget.
Motion: Beth Ann Smith 2nd: Matt Bland Vote: 5-0

7. Discussion/Possible Action: Adopt by Resolution, Tax Rate 2022.
Motion to approve tax rate.
Motion: Matt Bland 2nd. Beth Ann Smith Vote: 5-0

8. Discussion/Possible Action: Fee Schedule for 2022-2023
Motion to approve.
Motion: Beth Ann Smith 2nd. B.J. Eckenrod Vote: 5-0
9. Discussion/Possible Action: Financials statements for August 2022.
Financials approved as presented.
Motion: Matt Bland 2nd. Beth Ann Smith Vote: 5-0
10. Review of monthly Investment Officer's Report.
11. Discussion and possible action on invoices received and invoices paid.
Invoices presented were approved for payment.
Motion: Beth Ann Smith 2nd: B.J. Eckenrod Vote: 5-0
12. Review Palmer Drought Index, TWDB monitor well, USGS streamflow, City of Brackettville water data, and MUD well data.
13. Presentation by Dr. Bill Hutchison, Hydrologist: Data analysis and model development.
Informative power point on monitor well data and Landsat analysis of irrigation acreage.
14. Report/Update from Field Engineer, Jim Burton.
Presented a water monitoring network graph package showing depth to water and measured rainfall for various wells in the district. Burton also explained to the board he was working on a web-based APP to replace the paper pump report.
15. Discussion/Possible Action: Recommendations to complete next phase of satellite imagery.
Motion made to spend \$7,500.00 to complete next phase of satellite imagery.
Motion: Blake Ward 2nd. Beth Ann Smith Vote: 5-0
16. Discussion/Approval: Set date to call Public Hearing for amendment to Rules-Procedure/Conduct at board meetings.
Approved October 13, 2022 for Public Hearing.
Motion: Beth Ann Smith 2nd. B.J. Eckenrod Vote: 5-0
17. General Manager's report on daily activities, meetings attended, and upcoming events.
Hobbs had written report for directors of all permittees that had paid and the amount they pay each year. She also explained 2 permittees had not paid- 1 due to his death but estate attorney working on it and the district should be getting the other one. One well application had been received, we visited the site and observed the drilling. Brotherton attended the Groundwater Summit in San Antonio. The Region J meeting is today and Hobbs was unable to attend since our board meeting was the same day. GMA 7 will meet in Sonora on October 20th. She also reported we had one permittee requesting a permit amendment and issuance of testing well. This well is in regard to the Solar Farm being built on his property. This public notice should be in the paper this week.

18. Discussion/Possible Action: Amend current budget to transfer \$60,000.00 from Reserve Line item to Travel/Vehicle line item, purchase of District pickup. Motion made to amend current budget to transfer \$60,000 for a new District pickup. Motion: Beth Ann Smith 2nd: B.J. Eckenrod Vote: 5-0
19. Discussion/Possible Action: Amend current budget to transfer \$16,000. From Reserve Line item to Office Expense line item for purchase of 9 Apple Ipads(11") to include Apple care plan. Motion was made to not exceed \$12,000.00 on Ipads and that amount is in the budget so no transfer was needed. Motion: Matt Bland 2nd. B.J. Eckenrod Vote: 5-0
20. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:41a.m. Motion: Matt Bland 2nd. Beth Ann Smith Vote: 5-0

APPROVE:



John Paul Schuster President

Date: 11/2/2022

ATTEST:



Matt Bland, Secretary

Date: 10/13/22