

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

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Call to order.**

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

**2. Establish a quorum.**

A quorum was established with all directors present: Charlie Gaines, Blake Ward, Matt Bland, Randy Schott, Wes Robinson, David Palmer, and Perry Menley.

Staff present: Genell Hobbs, Bonnie Brotherton, and Martina Payne.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Matt Bland.**

**4. Officer elections.**

Randy Schott moved to elect Wes Robinson as President of the Board. 2nd: Matt Bland

Vote: four in favor (Schott, Robinson, Ward, and Bland), two against (Palmer and Gaines), with one abstention (Menley)

Motion passes.

Robinson moved to elect Blake Ward as Vice-President. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Matt Bland

Vote: Six in favor (Robinson, Bland, Schott, Ward, Gaines, and Palmer) with one abstention (Menley); motion passes.

Gaines moved to elect Matt Bland as Secretary. 2nd: Randy Schott

Vote: Six in favor (Gaines, Schott, Robinson, Bland, Ward, and Palmer) with one abstention (Menley); motion passes.

**5. Public Comments: Darlene Shahan addressed the board.**

**6. Approve minutes from the November 2024 regular meeting.**

Motion to approve the Minutes from the November regular meeting as presented: Blake Ward

2nd: Randy Schott

Vote: 5-0 with two abstentions (Palmer & Menley)

Motion passes.

**7. Discussion/Possible Action: Financial Statements for November 2024.**

Motion to accept the November Financial Statements: Matt Bland 2nd: Randy Schott

Vote: 6-0 with one abstention (Menley)

Motion passes.

**8. Review of Monthly Investment Officer's Report.**

The Board reviewed the monthly Investment Officer's Report.

9. Discussion/Possible Action: Invoices Received and Invoices Paid for December.  
Motion to approve the invoices as presented: Matt Bland 2nd: Randy Schott  
Vote: 6-0 with one abstention (Menley)  
Motion passes.

10. Review TWDB Drought Index and other monitoring sites. Jim Burton explained the report and answered questions.

[Director Matt Bland now absent.]

11. Discussion/Possible Action: Kinney County Appraisal District offer by Charlena Cavender to purchase "trust property" UN 1 Lot 254.  
Motion by Charlie Gaines to accept the offer. 2nd: Wes Robinson  
Vote: five in favor (Gaines, Schott, Robinson, Ward, and Palmer) with one abstention (Menley) and one absent (Bland).  
Motion passes.

12. Discussion/Possible Action: Proposed draft rule amendments and call a public hearing.  
Motion by Charlie Gaines to approve the draft rule amendments for publication and call a public hearing on January 8 at 5:30 p.m. before the regular board meeting. 2nd: David Palmer  
Vote: three in favor (Gaines, Schott, and Palmer), two against (Robinson and Schott), one abstention (Ward), and one absent (Bland).  
Motion fails.

[Director Matt Bland again present.]

13. Discussion/Possible Action: Approval of signatories for all bank accounts. Charlie Gaines moved to approve all current Board members as signatories along with the general manager but exclude Perry Menley (who did not wish to be included). 2nd: Matt Bland  
Vote: 6-0 with one abstention (Menley)  
Motion passes.

14. General Manager's Report.  
General Manager G. Hobbs gave her report, including that the district had received eight exempt well applications since last January and that the auditors have almost completed the overdue audits and are waiting on paperwork from the banks.

Executive session under the authority of the Government Code, Chapter 551, Texas Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of discussing legal issues as authorized by Sec. 551.071, and personnel issues as authorized by Sec. 551.074, Government Code.  
The Board adjourned to a closed meeting at 7:25 p.m. Following the closed meeting, the Board reconvened in an Open Meeting at 8:14 p.m. No action or decisions were made during the closed meeting.

15. Discussion/Possible Action: Matters deliberated during the executive session.  
Motion by Wes Robinson to pay a one-time 3% increase to all 3 district employees based on their yearly salary in December 2024. 2nd: Randy Schott  
Vote: 5-0 with two abstentions (Palmer & Menley)  
Motion passes.

16. Future Agenda Items.  
Director Ward would like to form a brush control committee.

17. Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

APPROVED:



Wes Robinson, President

ATTEST:

Matt Bland Secretary

Date: 1/8/25

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