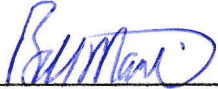


Minutes
Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
February 12, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District (the District) held their meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at 12:00 noon at the District Office, 2881 Hwy. 277 West, Carrizo Springs, Texas.

1. President Bill Martin called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.
2. Introduction of visitors was made. Directors present were Bill Martin, President; Chris Meyer, Vice-President; Mike Whitwell, Secretary; Mario Escobar, Treasurer; J. R. Ramirez, Director-at-Large; Sunny Fitzsimons, Director; and Jack Rutledge, Director. Staff present were General Manager Debbie Farmer and Field Technician Louie Longoria. Visitors were Erie Ede, Ede and Company; Jane Rutledge, Zavala County resident; and Debra Parsons, Wintergarden Soil and Water Conservation District.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The minutes of the January 8, 2020, meeting were reviewed. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to approve the minutes as reviewed. Secretary Whitwell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
5. The bills for payment and financial statements for all accounts for the month of January 2020 were reviewed. Director-at-Large Ramirez noted that since the Technical Assistance line item and the SWD Compliance line item listed under the FY2019-20 Budget, Research and Dissemination, were being billed together by Southwest Research Institute, he would like these to be listed as 1 line item on the budget. Director Rutledge made a motion to approve the bills for payment as reviewed. Director Fitzsimons seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
6. General Manager Farmer presented her January 2020 Manager's Report. This report included the 1st Quarterly FY2019-20 Report from the Nueces River Authority on the Rain Catchment Program.
7. A proposal by Karen Ford, Water PR – "Moving Forward: Agricultural Water Conservation Project" was presented. This proposal had been tabled during the January 2020 meeting. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to not approve the proposal. Director Fitzsimons seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
8. A brush control application by James Howard of La Salle County to aerial spray 100 acres for mesquite and pear at a total cost of \$60 per acre. Secretary Whitwell made a motion to approve the application as presented. Director Rutledge seconded the motion. The vote was 6 for and 1 against, with Vice-President Meyer voting to not approve the application.
9. Eric Ede with Ede and Company presented to the board the Financial Audit for FY2016-2017 and the FY2017-2018.
10. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to approve the audit for FY2016-2017 as presented. Director Fitzsimons seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
11. Director Fitzsimons made a motion to approve the audit for FY2017-2018 as presented. Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
12. The annual review of the District's Personnel Policy had been tabled from previous meetings, and was presented at this meeting for review and approval. Director Fitzsimons made a motion to approve the policy as presented. Vice-President Meyer seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

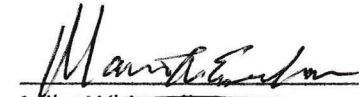
13. A draft of the rules with suggested changes was reviewed. At 1:30 p.m., legal counsel Peter Gregg, was telephoned to discuss suggested changes. Secretary Whitwell made a motion to propose rule changes consistent with the draft discussed. Director Rutledge seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
14. Other Business: Debra Parsons with the Wintergarden Soil and Water Conservation presented invitations to the board for the March 24, 2020, Greater South Texas Conference – Women in Agriculture event. Vice-President Chris Meyer made a motion to donate \$250 to the event. Secretary Whitwell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
15. The next meeting will be March 25, 2020. Vice-President Meyer made a motion to adjourn. Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion. President Martin adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.



Bill Martin, President

4.14.20

Date



Mike Whitwell, Secretary
Mario Escobar, Treasurer

4/14/2020

Date