

## Minutes

### Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting June 9, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District (the District) held their regular meeting on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 12:00 noon at the District Office, 2881 Hwy. 277 West, Carrizo Springs, TX. This meeting was held with in-person participation as well as Zoom Meeting video-conferencing and telephonic participation.

1. President Martin called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.
2. Directors in attendance "in-person" were President Martin; Secretary Chris Meyer, and Director Jack Rutledge. Vice-President J. R. Ramirez participated via video-conference, and Treasurer Mario Escobar participated telephonically. Director Martin Kruger was not present. Staff in attendance were General Manager Debbie Farmer and Field Technician Paula VanCleve. In-person visitors were John Petry and Jackie Meyer. The District's legal counsel Peter Gregg participated via video-conference, and the District's technical consultant Ron Green participated telephonically.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The minutes of the May 12, 2021, board meeting were presented. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Secretary Meyer seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
5. The May 2021 bills for payment and financial statements for all accounts were presented. Secretary Meyer made a motion to approve the bills for payment and financial statements as presented. Vice-President Ramirez seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
6. GM Farmer presented the May 2021 Manager's Report.
7. President Martin acknowledged the passing of Director Sunny Fitzsimons. He noted that, in accordance with Texas Water Code 36.051(c), the vacancy of Director for Dimmit County should be filled by appointment. President Martin recommended John Petry be appointed to fill the vacancy. Secretary Meyer made a motion to appoint John Petry for the office of Director – Dimmit County. Director Rutledge seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
8. An application for a Water Well Production Permit by Catarina Ranch, LP, was reviewed. The application was to convert an oil/gas well to a water well in Dimmit County for the purpose of wildlife and industrial use. Secretary Meyer made a motion to approve the application. Director Rutledge seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
9. A Scope of Work (SOW) for Water Quality Assessment for the District proposed by Southwest Research Institute and Ronald T. Green, Ph.D., P.G., LLC in the amount of \$30,000 was reviewed. In participating in the meeting telephonically, Dr. Green reviewed the SOW as an evaluation of degradation of the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer potentially attributable to improperly functioning Oil/Gas/Salt Water Disposal wells or affiliated Oil/Gas/Salt Water Disposal operations. Secretary Meyer made a motion to approve the Scope of Work as proposed not to exceed \$30,000. Director Petry seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
10. Two (2) Brush Control applications were reviewed. An application by Bill Maloy of Dimmit County to root plow and rake 50 acres with a cost to the District of \$5,000, and an application by Carolyn Ledwig of La Salle County to aerial spray 166.67 acres of Mesquite at a cost of \$5,000 to the District were reviewed. Director Rutledge made a motion to approve both applications, and Director Petry seconded the motion. Directors voting for the motion were Director Rutledge,

Director Petry, President Martin, Vice-President Ramirez, and Treasure Escobar. Secretary Meyer voted to oppose the motion.

11. GM Farmer noted to the Board a need to repair some window frames on the outside of the office building. A proposed cost of \$180 was presented. Secretary Meyer made a motion to approve the repairs, and Treasure Escobar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
12. Other business: Dr. Ron Green noted to the Board that he had been in touch with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regarding the District's Westwind Ranch Recharge Permit. He will follow up with TCEQ in getting the permit updated.
13. Secretary Meyer made a motion to adjourn, and Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion. President Martin adjourned the meeting at 12:44 p.m.

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Bill Martin, President

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Chris Meyer, Secretary

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