

Minutes  
**Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**May 13, 2022**

The Board of Directors of the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") held their meeting on Friday, May 13, 2022, at the District Office, 2881 Hwy. 277 West, Carrizo Springs, Texas.

1. President Bill Martin called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.
2. Directors present were President Martin, Vice-President J. R. Ramirez, Secretary Meyer, Director Martin Kruger, Director Jack Rutledge, and newly elected Director Lott Whitwell. Treasurer Mario Escobar and Director John Petry were absent. Dr. Ron Green, District Technical Consultant, and District Legal Counsel Peter Gregg participated in the meeting by telephone. Staff present were General Manager Debbie Farmer and Field Technician Paula VanCleve. Visitors present were Jane Rutledge, Diana Nichols, Alexis Ramirez, and Kenedy Ramirez.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The minutes of the March 9, 2022, meeting were reviewed. Director Rutledge made a motion that the minutes be approved as reviewed. Vice-President Ramirez seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
5. The Financial Statements for all accounts and the Bills for Payment were reviewed. GM Farmer noted to the Board that the Profit and Loss, Budget vs. Actual statements needed to be corrected to show the annual budget amounts. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to approve the bills for payment as reviewed. Secretary Meyer seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
6. GM Farmer presented the March and April 2022 Manager's Report. The topic of the Maverick Basin was discussed and a grant that is being initiated by the Eagle Pass Water Works to the Department of Interior was discussed. Peter Gregg discussed the Texas Railroad Commission's contact with the District to apply for a Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation Water Smart Drought Resiliency Project Grant, and how applying for the grant has been transferred to the Eagle Pass Water Works as the applicant for this grant for the purpose of supplying water from the Glen Rose formation to the Eagle Pass Water Works for a secondary source of water to the City of Eagle Pass. As of today's date, there is a possibility that the Eagle Pass Water Works might request a letter of support from the District.


Dr. Green noted to the Board the benefits of studying and characterizing the Glen Rose/Maverick Basin.

7. All Statements of Officer forms were received.
8. GM Farmer conducted the Oath of Office for all newly elected and/or re-elected directors (Bill Martin, J. R. Ramirez, Lott Whitwell, and Chris Meyer. As Director John Petry was absent from this meeting, he will take the Oath of Office in the presence of a notary public.
9. Election of officers was held. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion with a second from Secretary Meyer to elect Bill Martin as President. President Martin made a motion with a second from Director Whitwell to elect J. R. Ramirez as Vice-President. Director Martin made a motion with a second from Vice-President Ramirez to elect Chris Meyer as Secretary. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion with a second from Secretary Meyer to elect Mario Escobar as Treasurer. All motions were passed unanimously.

10. A Brush Control application from Charles Riha to aerial spray 67 acres in Dimmit County was reviewed. Secretary Meyer made a motion to not approve the application. Vice-President Ramirez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board requested an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss the aspects of the Brush Control Project.

11. Secretary Meyer made a motion to adopt by resolution the Desired Future Conditions for the Groundwater Management Area 13. Vice-President Ramirez seconded the motion and the motion passed with all directors present voting for the motion (FOR – 5; AGAINST – 0.)
12. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to table Agenda Item 12. Secretary Meyer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
13. The Texas Commission of Environmental Quality "Mickey Leland Environmental Internship Program was discussed by Secretary Meyer and whether this program was the right fit for the District. Secretary Meyer made a motion to not consider the program for possible internship for the District. Director Whitwell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Other possible internship programs will be researched by the District staff.
14. Director Rutledge was honored for his 25 years of service to the District by being presented with a vest and cake. Director Rutledge has served the District since the Enabling Act was passed by the Legislature in 1997 and elected as a director in 1998.
15. Other Business: The Employee Evaluation forms for the General Manager were collected. The evaluation will be formally presented at the next meeting.
16. Secretary Meyer made a motion to adjourn with a second from Vice-President Ramirez. President Martin adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

  
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President Bill Martin

  
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Date 6/8/22

Secretary Chris Meyer

Vice President J.B. Ramirez

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Sign-in Sheet

Name	Company/Title
Debbie Farmer	GM/WGCD
Paula VanCleve	Field Technician/WGCD
Diana Nichols	Kelly Hart
MARTIN KRUGER	
Christina MEYER	LASALLE Director
JACK	Zavala Rula
Loth Whitnell	Zavala
JR Ramirez	Director
Bill Mark	DIMMIT CO.
Ronald Hise	contractor
Peter Gregg - Telephone	Legal Counsel
Visitors:	
Alexis Ramirez	
Kennedy Ramirez	
Jane Rutledge	