

**Minutes**  
**Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**August 10, 2022**

The Board of Directors of the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") held their regular meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at the District Office, 2881 Hwy. 277 West, Carrizo Springs, Texas.

1. Vice-President J. R. Ramirez called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. Directors present were President Ramirez, Secretary Chris Meyer, Treasurer Mario Escobar, Director Martin Kruger, and Director Lott Whitwell. Directors absent were President Bill Martin and Director John Petry. Visitors present were Ron Green, Contractor, Eric Ede with Ede and Associates, and Alexis and Kenedy Ramirez. Staff present were General Manager Debbie Farmer and Field Technician Paula VanCleve. Peter Gregg participated by telephone.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The minutes of the July 13, 2022 Board meeting were reviewed. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to approve the minutes as reviewed. Secretary Meyer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
5. The bills for payment and financial statements for all accounts for the month of July 2022 were reviewed. Secretary Meyer made a motion to approve the bills and financial statements as reviewed. Director Whitwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
6. General Manager Farmer presented the Manager's Report for July 2022.
7. There were no brush control applications presented to the Board.
8. Two (2) quotes from water well drillers were reviewed for District funds to cost-share the plugging of Daniel Boone's deteriorated water well in Dimmit County. The bid from Dennis Drilling in the amount of \$4500 was accepted. Secretary Meyer made a motion to fund 75% of the cost to plug the water well. Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
9. Eric Ede with Ede and Associates presented the District's FY2020-21 Financial Audit. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to approve the audit as presented. Secretary Meyer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Items 10 and 11 were tabled for later in the meeting.

12. Providing bonds for Public Employee Position Bond Schedule for two (2) staff members was Discussed. The Board instructed GM Farmer to obtain costs to bond each staff member for the bond amounts of \$10,000, \$25,000, and \$50,000. No action was taken on this agenda item at this time.
13. The development of a District Drought Contingency Plan was discussed. The instruction from the Board was that voluntary restrictions should be the initial focus of the plan with education to the public for the need to conserve groundwater. The trigger for a plan for the District would be data on aquifer levels gathered from the Districts' well monitoring program. The plan would be county wide with each county being addressed separately. Dr. Green will take these recommendations and draft a plan to be reviewed by the Board. No action was taken at this time.
14. The District's Brush Control Program was discussed. Brush Control is a goal in the District's Management Plan. Secretary Meyer made a motion to prepare an amendment to the Management Plan to remove Brush Control, and once the amended Management Plan has been adopted by the Board and approved by the Texas Water Development Board, funding for

the program will be discontinued. Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was four (4) with one (1) opposed. Director Kruger opposed the motion. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 10. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to propose a budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Beginning on October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023 in the amount of \$748,517.83. Director Whitwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

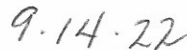
Agenda Item 11. Director Whitwell made a motion to propose a District Tax Rate of \$0.004297/\$100 Valuation for Tax Year 2022. Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A public hearing will be held on September 14, 2022.

15. There was no other business.

16. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to adjourn, and Secretary Meyer seconded the motion. Vice-President Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.



Bill Martin, President



Date



Chris Meyer, Secretary



Date

## Sign-in Sheet

| Name                | Company/Title         |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Debbie Farmer       | GM/WGCD               |
| Paula VanCleve      | Field Technician/WGCD |
| Martin Kruger       | LASALLE DIRECTOR      |
| JR Ramirez          | Director              |
| Christopher R Meyer | Director              |
| Mario A Escobar     | Director Zorab        |
| Lott Whitnell       | Director Zorab        |
| Ron Green           | Consultant            |
| Eric Ede            | Ede & Associates      |
| Peter Gregg         | Lawyer (telephone)    |