

Minutes
Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District
Public Hearing and Board of Directors Meeting
September 14, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") held a public hearing on the 2022 Tax Rate and a regular Board of Directors Meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at 2881 Hwy. 277 West, Carrizo Springs, Texas.

1. President Bill Martin called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.
 2. Directors present were President Martin; Vice-President J.R. Ramirez; Secretary Chris Meyer; Treasurer Mario Escobar; and Director Martin Kruger. Directors absent were John Petry and Lott Whitwell. Staff present were General Manager Debbie Farmer and Field Technician Paula VanCleve. Peter Gregg, legal counsel for the District and Ron Green, technical consultant for the District were present. Visitors present were Jimmy Cabello, delinquent tax attorney for the District; Gary Bales with the Nueces River Authority; and Diana Nichols with Kelly Hart.
 3. There was no public comment for the regular meeting.
 4. The minutes of the August 10, 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 August 2022 were reviewed. In addition, interest rates offered by four (4) banks within the District for a 12-month certificate of deposit (CD) were reviewed. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to approve the bills for payment as reviewed and to move the existing 12-month CD from Zavala County Bank in Crystal City to Stockman's National Bank in Cotulla to accrue an interest rate of 1.5% APY, and two (2) signatures are required. Director Kruger seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
 6. GM Farmer presented the August 2022 Manager's Report.
- Agenda Item 13 was considered prior to Agenda Item 7.
13. Surety bond for directors and staff was reviewed. The current charge for FY2021-2022 is \$245 for 7 director positions, \$10,000 per position coverage. For FY2022-2023, if 2 positions were added, CNN Surety would charge an annual \$3.50/k rate on each position covered by the bond. Secretary Meyer made a motion to secure a bond for 9 positions for a \$50,000 coverage per position at a rate of \$175 per position. Vice-President Ramirez seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
 7. The current FY2021-2022 District budget was reviewed. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to amend the budget as reviewed with no change on the Insurance Bond amount. Secretary Meyer seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
 8. The proposed FY2022-2023 District budget was reviewed and amended for the \$1575.00 for the Insurance Bond. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to adopt by resolution the FY2022-2023 proposed budget as amended. Secretary Meyer seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

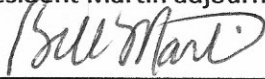
President Martin recessed to Public Hearing at 12:49 p.m.

Public Hearing – Proposed Tax Rate for Tax Year 2022

- a. President Martin called the public hearing to order at 12:50 p.m. regarding the proposed Tax Rate of \$0.004297 per \$100 valuation for Tax Year 2022.***
- b. There was no public comment.***
- c. President Martin adjourned the public hearing at 12:51 p.m.***

President Martin reconvened the regular meeting at 12:51 p.m.

9. Secretary Meyer made a motion to adopt by resolution the Tax Rate for Tax Year 2022 of \$0.004297 per \$100 valuation. Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
 10. Secretary Meyer made a motion to adopt by resolution the Allowable Discounts accepted by this jurisdiction the 3-2-1 Early Pay Discount and the Disabled Veterans Discount as accepted by each county represented in the District (Dimmit, La Salle, and Zavala Counties.) Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
 11. Gregg Bales, Education Associate for the Nueces River Authority, made a presentation to the Board on the Nueces River Authority Watershed Education Services and the Rainwater Catchment Demonstration. Secretary Meyer made a motion to approve participation in the Watershed Education Services for FY2022-2023 in the amount of \$15,000 for the fiscal year. Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
 12. Secretary Meyer made a motion to approve participation in the Rainwater Catchment Demonstration Project, Nueces River Authority Addendum 8, for FY2022-2023 in the amount of \$12,800 for the fiscal year. Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
 13. Agenda Item 13 was considered previously in the meeting.
 14. Delinquent Tax Attorney Jimmy Cabello presented to the Board one (1) re-sale bid in the amount of \$31,177.00 on trustee property, to-wit: "Lots 1, 2, 3, 16, 17, & 18, Block 7, Homestead Terrace Addition, City of Carrizo Springs, Dimmit County, Texas", tax office account number 12969. (Tax suit 92-22-01242-DTX, Carrizo Springs C.I.S.D. vs. Alfredo Ortiz, Et. Al). Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to approve the re-sale bid as presented. Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
 15. Dr. Green presented a draft of the proposed Drought Contingency Plan. This plan is based on no mandatory restrictions.
 16. The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) has drafted a Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) for the southern portion of Queen City, Sparta, and Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifers for the Groundwater Management Area 13 (GMA 13.) Dr. Green has been reviewing the GAM for the Board's consideration to possibly submit a public comment on the draft GAM to GMA 13 or TWDB. His review is not complete, and he will make a final statement of his review at the October 12, 2022, Board meeting.
 17. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to table Agenda 17 for the next meeting scheduled for the October 12, 2022, Board meeting. Vice-President Ramirez seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
 18. Participation in the GMA 13 Interlocal Agreement was discussed. Secretary Meyer made a motion to participate in the interlocal agreement. Vice-President Ramirez seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
 19. Agenda Item 19 was addressed in the Manager's Report.
 20. Secretary Meyer made a motion to adjourn, and Director Kruger seconded the motion.
- President Martin adjourned the meeting at 2:04 p.m.



Bill Martin, President



J. R. Ramirez, Vice-President

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Date

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Sign-in Sheet

Name	Company/Title
Debbie Farmer	GM/WGCD
Paula VanCleve	Field Technician/WGCD
Greg Bales	Nueces River Auth
MARTIN KRUGER	DIRECTOR LA SALLE
Chris Meyer	Director LA SALLE
D & K	Delingard Inc attorney
Peter Gregory	District Counsel
Bill Mann	DIMMITCO,
Karl Hren	consultant
Marshall Brown	Zachry Director
JH Ramirez	Director
Diana Nichols	Kelly Hart