Minutes (Corrected)

Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting December 14, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") held their meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at the District Office, 2881 Hwy. 277 West, Carrizo Springs, Texas.

- 1. President Bill Martin called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.
- Directors present will President Martin; Vice-President J. R. Ramirez; Treasurer Mario Escobar; Director Martin Kruger and Director Lott Whitwell. Director John Petry listened to the meeting on the telephone, and Secretary Chris Meyer was absent. Staff present were General Manager Debbie Farmer and Field Technician Paula VanCleve. Legal counsel for the District, Peter Gregg, was in attendance. Diana Nichols with Kelly Hart attended the meeting.
- 3. There was no public comment.
- 4. The minutes of the October 12, 2022, meeting were reviewed. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to approve the minutes as reviewed. Director Kruger seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- 5. The bills for payment and financial statements for all accounts for the months of October and November 2022 were reviewed. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to approve the bills for payment and financial statements as presented. Director Whitwell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- 6. General Manager Farmer presented the Manager's Report for the months of October and November 2022.
- 7. Christmas Bonuses for District staff were considered. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to approve the Christmas Bonuses. Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- 8. There were no Brush Control applications to consider.
- 9. Two (2) quotes from water well drillers to plug the Peggy Cook water well in Zavala County were considered. The water well is commingling groundwater. Cross Country Drilling Company provided a quote in the amount of \$17,450, and McKinley Drilling provided a quote for \$18,880. Director Whitwell made a motion to approve the quote by Cross County Drilling to plug the well. Vice-President Ramirez seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- 10. The Scope of Work, Schedule, Budget for GMA 13's 4th Round of Joint Planning that was prepared by William R. Hutchison was reviewed by the Board. The engagement of Mr. Hutchison as the GMA 13 Consultant and the total District cost was discussed. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to approve the engagement of Mr. Hutchison and to approve the total cost to the District in the amount of \$15,389.00. Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- 11. The District's Personnel Policy Manual was reviewed. There were no suggested changes to the policy. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to approve the policy as presented. Director Whitwell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- 12. There was no other business.
- 13. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to adjourn, and Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion. President Martin adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

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