

Minutes
Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
February 8, 2023


The Board of Directors of the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District ("District") held their meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 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 12:01 p.m.
2. There were no visitors. Directors present were President Martin, Vice-President J. R. Ramirez, Secretary Chris Meyer, Treasurer Mario Escobar, Director Martin Kruger, and Director Lott Whitwell. Director John Petry listened to the meeting via telephone. Staff present were General Manager Debbie Farmer and Field Technician Paula VanCleve.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The minutes of the January 11, 2023, Board of Directors 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 January 2023 were reviewed. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to approve the bills for payment and financial statements as reviewed. Director Kruger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
6. GM Farmer presented the January 2023 Manager's Report. In the report, GM Farmer discussed Webb County and the possibility of a Legislative bill to create a groundwater district. It was requested that GM Farmer contact State Representative Tracy King to invite him to be present at the March 8, 2023, District board meeting and include it on the agenda.

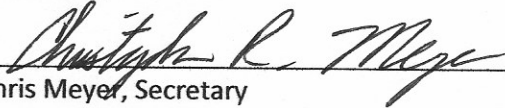
Discussion was made regarding the cost to install security cameras and to upgrade the lighting outside the office building. The cost for the installations and upgrades exceeds the \$1000 purchasing limit of the general manager. President Martin asked to discuss this during Other Business.

7. A Brush Control application by Frank Harris to aerial spray prickly pear on 166 acres in Zavala County at a cost-share amount of \$5,000 to the District was presented. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to approve the application, and Director Whitwell seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5 to 1 with Secretary Chris Meyer opposing the motion.
8. Granting permission to GM Farmer to request bank account information from Zavala County Bank, First State Bank, and Stockmens National Bank was discussed. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to issue and sign letters to each bank to grant permission for GM Farmer to request bank account information. Secretary Meyer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
9. A request from DLD Foundation to wave penalties, interest, court costs, and attorneys' fees on the delinquent taxes associated with Dan L. Duncan, Property IDs 692040, 72883, 72090, and 73567 for tax years 2013-2021, Case #22-09-00046-TXL as required by Section 33.011(a)(1) of the Texas Code was reviewed. Secretary Meyer made a motion to grant the waiver as described. Director Whitwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
10. Other Business: GM Farmer presented two (2) estimates: Estimate to upgrade and install outside lighting and power for Dusk to Dawn Pole lights in the front and back of the District office as well as to install 120 Volt power for (2) Ring security cameras – estimated cost

- \$1448.30; Estimate to install and program Ring security system on the front and back walls of the office building - estimated cost \$170.00. Secretary Meyer made a motion to approve the estimated costs. Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
11. Secretary Meyer made a motion to adjourn with Vice-President Ramirez seconding the motion. President Martin adjourned the meeting at 12:29 p.m.



Bill Martin, President



Chris Meyer, Secretary

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