

Minutes  
**Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**June 14, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") held their meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 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 12:22 p.m.
2. Visitors present were Diana Nichols with Kelly Hart, and Kenedy and Alexis Ramirez. Directors present were President Martin, Vice-President J.R. Ramirez, Treasurer Mario Escobar, and Director Lott Whitwell. Directors absent were Secretary Chris Meyer, Director Martin Kruger, and Director John Petry. Peter Gregg, legal counsel for the District, and Ron Green, Technical Consultant for the District were in attendance. Staff attending were Debbie Farmer, General Manager, and Paula VanCleve, Field Technician.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The minutes of the March 22, 2023, meeting were reviewed. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to approve the minutes as reviewed. Director Whitwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
5. The financial statements and bills for payment for all accounts for the months of March, April, and May 2023 were reviewed. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to approve the bills for payment and financial statements as reviewed. Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
6. GM Farmer presented the Manager's Report for the months of March, April, and May 2023. Noted in the report was there was not a board meeting for April and May 2023 due to a lack of agenda items.
7. A proposed budget amendment for the Dimmit Central Appraisal District to amend their FY2022 budget to retain the 2022 surplus in the amount of \$27,446 and apply it towards the purchase of a new appraisal district vehicle was considered. Director Whitwell made a motion to approve the proposed amendment, and Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
8. A re-sale bid on trustee property, to-wit: "Lot 12, Block 17, of the Vivian Heights Addition, City of Carrizo Springs, Dimmit County, Texas, tax office property ID number 13917 (Tax suit 12-12-02534-DTX, Carrizo Springs C.I.S.D. vs. Fred Murray, Deceased) was presented by Jimmy Cabello, Delinquent Tax Attorney for the District. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to accept the bid as presented. Director Whitwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
9. A quote to construct a walkway at the Westwind Ranch Recharge Pilot Project was presented. The quote included a price for material from Irl VanCleve in the amount of \$1991.72, and a price for labor from Justin Love in the amount of \$2183.28. The total for material and labor totaled \$4175.00. Following a discussion of the total recharge project, the walkway project was tabled at this time. It was requested by the Board that Ron Green review the TCEQ permit for the project to see if pumping water into the injection well would be permitted.
10. Ron Green presented his review of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) for the southern portion of the Queen City, Sparta, and Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifers as provided to the District via U.S. Mail on May 5, 2023. Dr. Green's assessment is the final GAM is not acceptable. Using the model, as currently calibrated, will calculate excessively large Modeled Available Groundwater (MAG) predictions for given Desired Future Conditions

(DFCs). A recommendation was made by GM Farmer to write a letter to TWDB to request that TWDB ensure that the GAM for the Southern portion of the Queen City, Sparta, and Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifers be recalibrated with realistic and appropriate values for transmissivity and specific yield. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to write the letter as recommended. Director Whitwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

11. There was no other business.

12. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to adjourn, and Director Whitwell seconded the motion.

President Martin adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m.



Bill Martin, President

7.12.23

Date



Chris Meyer, Secretary

7/12/2023

Date

## Sign-in Sheet

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