

## Minutes

### **Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting August 16, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") held their meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 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 12:04 p.m.
2. Directors present were President Bill Martin, Vice-President J. R. Ramirez, Director Martin Kruger, and Director Lott Whitwell. Treasurer Mario Escobar dialed in by telephone. Directors absent were Secretary Chris Meyer and Director John Petry. Dr. Ron Green, Technical Consultant for the District was in attendance. Staff present were General Manager Debbie Farmer and Field Technician Paula VanCleve. Visitors present were Bill Rumfield, landowner; Alex Silvas and Marisela Flores with Zavala County Appraisal District.
3. Public comment was from Bill Rumfield on his concerns of water well pumping causing a waste of water, especially from the oil and gas industry, especially in a time of drought as we are experiencing now. He was concerned about a creek in Frio County that was dammed, a nearby tank, and a water well pumping into the tank. His property is near the four-corner area (boundaries Frio, La Salle, Zavala and Dimmit Counties) off of State Hwy. 85.
4. The minutes of the July 12, 2023, meeting were reviewed. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to approve the minutes as reviewed. Director Kruger seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
5. The financial statements for all accounts and the bills for payment for July 2023 were reviewed. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to approve the financial statements and bills for payment as reviewed. Director Whitwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
6. General Manager Farmer presented the July 2023 Manager's Report.
7. Vice-President Ramirez requested that Agenda Item 7 be tabled further into the meeting after Agenda Item 11.
8. General Manager Farmer presented interest rates offered from five (5) bank institutions located within the District on a 12-month Certificate of Deposit (CD). Prime Bank of Texas, Carrizo Springs, offered the highest rate of 4.50 % Annual Percentage Yield (APY). Director Whitwell made a motion to approve the transfer of \$250,000 into a CD at Prime Bank of Texas, Carrizo Springs, Texas. Vice-President Ramirez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
9. The Rainwater Harvest project with the Nueces River Authority was discussed. The Nueces River Authority offered two (2) options to upgrade/replace some of the barrels located on the school campuses. In addition, the Nueces River Authority provided a Scope of Work on implementing the upgrades. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to approve \$7199 to replace existing barrels with 305-gallon UV plastic tanks, accessories, and installation. Director Whitwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
10. Dr. Ron Green discussed the need to amend the current Westwind Recharge Pilot Project Class V Aquifer Recharge Well permit with TCEQ to include recharge by pump. Director Whitwell made a motion to file the amendment. Vice-President Ramirez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

11. The District's office central air conditioning/heating unit is not working properly. A quote from J & L Refrigeration is forth-coming to replace the unit with a 3-ton unit, as well as installing a Mini-Split unit in the conference room of the building. This item was tabled until the September board meeting.

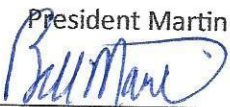
Agenda Item 7. Proposed amendments to the current FY2022-2023 District Budget were presented. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to include in the amended budget the transfer of Non-Funded Reserve \$250,000 from the Main Acct – ZCB to a CD – PB and include the interest of the new CD into Revenue – Interest Income; and to add the expense of \$7199 to District Projects – Rainwater Harvesting. Director Whitwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

12. The proposed FY2023-2024 District Budget was reviewed. Following a review and discussion, Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to approve the FY2023-2024 District Budget in the amount of \$782,827.03. Director Whitwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

13. The proposed District Tax Rate for Tax Year 2023 was reviewed. Director Whitwell made a motion to approve the District Tax Rate for Tax Year 2023 at \$0.004265/\$100 Valuation. Director Kruger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

14. Other Business: Dr. Green discussed a draft of the City of Laredo 2023-2070 Integrated Water Master Plan (June 2022). He noted to the Board critical groundwater issues such as the Manages Available Groundwater (MAG) for the District; oil and gas industry usage of groundwater; the District's regulation of the groundwater pumping; and the Carrizo-Wilcox aquifer.

15. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to adjourn, and Director Kruger seconded the motion. President Martin adjourned the meeting at 1:24 p.m.

  
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Bill Martin, President

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Chris Meyer, Secretary

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### Sign-in Sheet

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