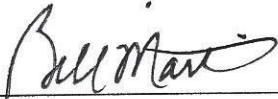


Minutes
Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
October 11, 2023

The Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") Board of Directors held their meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 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 Martin; Vice-President J. R. Ramirez; Director Martin Kruger; and Director Lott Whitwell. Directors absent were Secretary Chris Meyer and Treasurer Mario Escobar. Staff present were General Manager Debbie Farmer and Field Technician Paula VanCleve. In attendance were Peter Gregg, legal counsel for the District; Ron Green, Technical Consultant for the District; Rebecca Nunu with SwRI; Yolanda Lavenant with Zavala County Appraisal District; and Travis Evins.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The minutes of the September 13, 2023, Public Hearing on Tax Rate and regular meeting were reviewed. Director Whitwell 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 bank accounts were reviewed. Vice-President Ramirez questioned the August 31, 2023, pay check for Paula VanCleve not being listed on the September bank statement. The check was written and it cleared the bank on August 31st. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to approve the financial statements as reviewed. Director Whitwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
6. General Manager Farmer presented the September 2023 Manager's Report.
7. Dr. Green presented a review of the update on the GMA 13 Groundwater Availability Model (GAM). A handout was presented to the Board. Included in this handout were six (6) potential actions for the Board to consider for future decision-making regarding groundwater availability in the District.
8. To fill the vacancy in Dimmit County following Director John Petry's passing, Director Whitwell made a motion to appoint Travis Evins to fill the vacancy. Vice-President Ramirez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
9. Director Whitwell made a motion to adopt by resolution the nomination of Travis Evins as candidate for each position on the Board of Directors of the Dimmit Central Appraisal District. Vice-President Ramirez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
10. Director Whitwell made a motion to adopt by resolution the nomination of Mario Escobar as candidate for each position on the Board of Directors of the Zavala Central Appraisal District. Vice-President Ramirez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
11. Director Whitwell made a motion to funds up to \$8845 to replace the air conditioning and heating unit in the District office. Director Kruger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. GM Farmer will get additional quotes and make a decision on purchasing the unit and installation.
12. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to retain the services of Kristen O. Fancher to represent the District's Board of Directors in the upcoming SOAH hearings. RE: EOG Resources, Inc. and SP Silica of Carrizo. Director Whitwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

13. Director Whitwell made a motion to approve funds in the amount of \$4175 to construct a walkway to access the valves at the Westwind Recharge Project, Zavala County. Director Kruger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
14. The District's funding for the plugging of water wells in the District was discussed. Director Evins made a motion to fund 100% up to \$20,000 of the cost to plug a water well, and the funds will be paid directly to the well owner as reimbursement for the cost incurred, with an annual cap of \$100,000. Director Whitwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Each request for funds to plug a well will be presented to the Board for approval.
15. There was no other business.
16. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to adjourn. Director Whitwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. President Martin adjourned the meeting at 1:21 p.m.



Bill Martin, President

12.13.23

Date



Chris Meyer, Secretary

12/13/2023

Date

