

Minutes
Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District
Public Hearing on Rule Changes and Regular Board of Directors Meeting
December 13, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District held their regular Board meeting which included a Public Hearing on Proposed Rule Changes on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. at the District Office, 2881 Hwy. 277, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834.

1. President Bill Martin called the regular meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.
2. Directors present were President Bill Martin, Secretary Chris Meyer, Treasurer Mario Escobar, Director Martin Kruger, Director Lott Whitwell, and Director Travis Evins. Vice-President J. R. Ramirez was absent. Staff present were General Manager Debbie Farmer and Field Technician Paula VanCleve. Peter Gregg, legal counsel, and Ron Green, Technical Consultant were in attendance. Visitors present were Eric Ede with Ede and Company.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The minutes of the October 11, 2023, Board meeting were reviewed. Director Whitwell made a motion to approve the minutes as reviewed. Director Evins 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 2023 were reviewed. Secretary Meyer made a motion to approve the Bills for Payment and Financial Statements as reviewed. Director Whitwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
6. GM Farmer presented the Manager's Report for the months of October and November 2023. Director Kruger noted to the Board that wells south of Big Wells next to the Nueces River on the former Lubbock property had static water levels read. On one well, the static level was 470', and on another well just north of this well was 490'.

President Martin recessed the regular meeting at 12:27 p.m. to convene to Public Hearing on Proposed Rule Changes.

1. ***President Martin called to order the Public Hearing for Proposed Rule Changes at 12:27 p.m.***
2. ***There was no public comment.***
3. ***Treasurer Escobar made a motion and Secretary Meyer seconded the motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. President Martin adjourned the Public Hearing at 12:28 p.m.***

President Martin reconvened the regular meeting at 12:28 p.m.

7. Director Evins made a motion to adopt by resolution the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District Rules. Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
11. President Martin moved Agenda Item 11 to be considered at this time. Eric Ede with Ede and Company presented the District's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Financial Audit. Secretary Meyer made a motion to approve the audit as presented. Director Whitwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
12. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to Table Agenda Item 12 until the January 10, 2024, Board meeting. Director Evins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
8. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to adopt by resolution to cast 16 votes for Travis Evins as candidate on the ballot for the Dimmit Central Appraisal District Board of Directors for FY2024 and 2025. Secretary Meyer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Secretary Meyer made a motion to adopt by resolution to cast 15 votes for Martin Kruger as candidate on the ballot for the La Salle County Appraisal District Board of Directors for FY2024 and 2025. Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
10. Director Whitwell made a motion to adopt by resolution to cast 12 votes for Mario Escobar as candidate on the ballot for the Zavala Central Appraisal District Board of Directors for FY2024 and 2025. Director Evins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
13. Director Evins made a motion to approve the District's Drought Contingency Plan. Director Whitwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
14. Ron Green, Technical Consultant for the District, presented a Model Scope of Work he and Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) to research what it would take to stabilize the Carrizo Aquifer. SwRI staff and Ron Green will perform the work and it will take approximately one (1) year to complete with a estimated cost of \$225,140. Director Kruger made a motion to approve the Scope of Work and to have SwRI prepare a contract. Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
15. A revised District Personnel Policy Manual was proposed. Director Whitwell made a motion to approve the revisions as presented. Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
16. A one-time cost of living adjustment for District staff was discussed. Secretary Meyer made a motion to approve a \$500 per employee cost of living adjustment. Director Evins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
17. Director Whitwell made a motion to purchase an Eline water level reader with a 1000' cable. Director Evins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
18. The purchase of a Sonic Water Level Reader was discussed. It was the consensus of the Board to send the currently owned Sonic Reader in for recalibration.
19. Three (3) quotes were presented to repair the exterior of the District's office building, and two (2) quotes were presented to paint the carport frame. Secretary Meyer made a motion to approve the quote received from Gene Guiterrez for labor only to repair of the building exterior. Quote amount is \$4475.00. All material will be purchased on the District's account at KC Ag. Treasurer Escobar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
20. There was no other business.
21. Treasurer Escobar made a motion to adjourn, and Director Whitwell seconded the motion. President Martin adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.



Bill Martin, President

1-10-24

Date



Chris Meyer, Secretary



1/10/2024

Date

Sign-in Sheet

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