

Minutes
Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District
Public Hearing on Rulemaking and Board of Directors Meeting
February 11, 2026

The Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") Board of Directors held a Public Hearing on Rulemaking and Board of Directors Meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. at Yolie's Steakhouse, 1511 Hwy. 83, Crystal City, Texas.

1. President Bill Martin called the meeting to order at 11:59 a.m.
2. Directors present were President Martin; Vice-President J.R. Ramirez; Secretary Chris Meyer; Director Martin Kruger; Director Travis Evins; Director Von Box; and Director Ed Ritchie. Staff present were General Manager Debbie Farmer and Field Technician Paula VanCleve. Peter Gregg, legal counsel for the District, and Ron Green, Technical Consultant for the District were present. Visitors present were Diana Nichols with Kelly Hart; Gary Box; Beverly Box; Cline Speer; and Jake Steen with Lloyd Gosselink Law Firm.
3. There was no public comment for the regular meeting.

President Martin recessed the regular meeting at 12:00 p.m. to conduct the Public Hearing.

- a. *President Martin called the Public Hearing for Rulemaking to order at 12:00 p.m.*
- b. *Written public comment from Monica Jacobs with Kelly Hart Law was received by the District prior to the public hearing. Representative for Kelly Hart, Diana Nichols, reviewed the written comments in detail regarding the proposed rule changes to allow aggregation of water well production. Written Public Comments reviewed were for Rules 10.1 (e)(1); 10.1(f)(1-2); 10.2(j); 10.2(k); and 10.11(o).*

President Martin adjourned the Public Hearing for Rulemaking at 12:12 p.m.

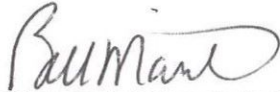
President Martin reconvened the regular meeting at 12:12 p.m.

4. Director Evins made a motion to adopt by resolution the proposed rule changes with changes to the rule changes to reflect the comments outlined in the written public comment of Kelly Hart with the exception of Rule 10.1 (j) to remain as originally proposed. Director Ritchie seconded the motion. Secretary Meyer abstained, and motion passed with six (6) voting in favor of the motion.
5. Possible rule changes for Rules 6.5 and 13.1 were discussed. Director Evins made a motion to table this agenda item until the next meeting and to list each rule separately on the upcoming agenda. Vice-President Ramirez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
6. The minutes of the December 10, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting and Desired Future Conditions Workshop were reviewed. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to approve the minutes as reviewed. Director Evins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

7. The minutes of the January 15, 2026, Training Meeting were reviewed. Secretary Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as reviewed. Vice-President Ramirez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
8. The financial statements and bills for payment for the months of December 2025 and January 2026 were reviewed. Director Evins made a motion to approve the financial statements and bills for payment as reviewed. Vice-President Ramirez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
9. GM Farmer presented the Manager's Report for the months of December 2025 and January 2026.
10. Brian and Tracy Marbury's Request/Motion for Rehearing of the December 15, 2025, Order by the Board of Directors of the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District approving the Application by CMWW Partners, Ltd. for the Amendment of Water Well Permit Numbers PD00686, PD00687, and PD00688 was reviewed. Director Evins made a motion to deny the request/motion for rehearing. Secretary Meyer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
11. Technical Consultant Ron Green presented the Southwest Research Institute's (SwRI's) proposal for Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) Simulations to calculate the DFCs. Director Evins made a motion to table this item until after the February 13, 2026 Groundwater Management Area-13 (GMA-13) meeting. Director Ritchie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
12. The District's Investment Policy was reviewed. Director Evins made a motion to adopt by resolution the District's Investment Policy. Vice-President Ramirez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
13. The District's Personnel Policy Manual was reviewed. Director Evins made a motion to table this agenda item. There was no second to this motion. Director Evins made a motion to approve the District Personnel Policy Manual. Secretary Meyer seconded the motion, and the motion passed with Director Box abstaining.
14. The Code of Ethics for the Board of Directors of the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District was reviewed. Director Box stated the proposed Code of Ethics is not compliant with TWC 36. Secretary Meyer made a motion to table the agenda item. Director Evins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
15. Director Box's request for reimbursement of his attorney's fees was discussed. A copy of the itemized costs was presented. Director Evins made a motion to approve reimbursement. Director Ritchie seconded the motion. Director Evins and Director Ritchie were in favor of the motion. President Martin, Vice-President Ramirez, Secretary Meyer, and Director Kruger opposed the motion. Motion failed 2 for and 4 against.
16. The District received responses to the District's Requests for Information from five (5) hydrologists, and their Statement of Qualifications were presented to the Board. To provide adequate time to review the submitted responses, Secretary Meyer made a motion to table the item. Director Evins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
17. Director Evins made a motion to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the District, County of Dimmit County Clerk/Election Administrator, and Dimmit Regional

Hospital District to conduct the May 2, 2026 General Election for the District. Secretary Meyer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

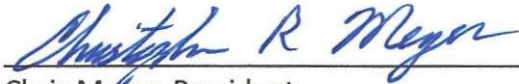
18. Secretary Meyer made a motion to approve an agreement between the District and La Salle County Election Administrator to conduct the May 2, 2026 General Election for the District. Director Ritchie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
19. Secretary Meyer made a motion to approve a Joint Election Agreement between the District and the County of Zavala to conduct the May 2, 2026 General Election for the District. Director Evins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
20. Director Evins made a motion to adjourn. Secretary Meyer seconded the motion. President Martin adjourned the meeting at 1:53 p.m.



Bill Martin, President

3.11.26

Date



Chris Meyer, President

3/11/2026

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Sign-in Sheet

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