

Minutes  
**Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**May 13, 2026**

The Board of Directors of the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") held a meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. at the District Office, 2881 Hwy. 277, Carrizo Springs, Texas.

1. President Bill Martin called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. Directors present were President Martin; Vice-President J.R. Ramirez; Secretary Chris Meyer; Director Martin Kruger; Director Travis Evins; and Director Ed Ritchie. Directors Elect Neal Llewellyn and Corky Weeks were present. Staff present were General Manager Debbie Farmer and Field Technician Paula VanCleve. Legal counsel for the District Peter Gregg and Technical Assistant for the District Ron Green. Visitors present were Jason Faith, Ensolum; Gary and Beverly Box; Don Farmer; Cline Speer; and Reynaldo Trevino.
3. There was no public comment.
4. President Martin conducted the official local canvass of returns for the May 2, 2026 Dimmit County General Election. Secretary Meyer made a motion to approve the canvass of election, and Director Evins seconded the motion. Motion passed.
5. President Martin conducted the official local canvass of returns for the May 2, 2026, Zavala County General Election. Vice-President Ramirez made a motion to approve the canvass of election, and Director Evins seconded the motion. Motion passed.
6. President Martin accepted the signed Statement of Officers.
7. The Certificates of Election were presented to the Board.
8. General Manager Farmer, as a notary of the State of Texas, conducted the Oath of Office for each elected director.
9. President Martin presented a plaque to Chris Meyer (29 years of service) and J.R. Ramirez (9 years of service) acknowledging their Outstanding and Dedicated Service to the District.
10. President Martin asked for nominations for President of the Board. Director Evins made a motion to nominate Director Box, with Director Llewellyn seconding the motion. Director Kruger nominated Director Martin, but the motion did not receive a second. Motion to elect Director Box as President passed.
11. Director Llewellyn made a motion to nominate Director Evins as Vice-President. Director Ritchie seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Motion passed to elect Director Evins as Vice-President.
12. Vice-President Evins made a motion to nominate Director Ritchie as Secretary. Director Llewellyn seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Motion passed to elect Director Ritchie as Secretary.

Prior to the presentation by Ensolum, L.L.C., Technical Consultant Ron Green excused himself from the meeting.

13. Jason Faith, Senior Geologist with Ensolum, L.L.C. presented to the Board a “Water Resources Program Introduction” PowerPoint.

Following the presentation, President Box asked GM Farmer to reschedule all remaining hydrology presentations for the June 10, 2026 Board Meeting.

**President Box recessed the regular meeting at 12:33 p.m.**

***President Box convened the Public Hearing on Proposed Rule Changes 6.5(a, b) and 9.7.***

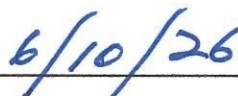
- a. President Box called the public hearing to order at 12:33 p.m.***
- b. There was no public comment. Vice-President Evins discussed the proposed changes.***
- c. President Box adjourned the public hearing at 12:34 p.m.***


**President Box reconvened the regular meeting at 12:34 p.m.**

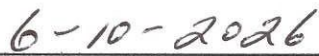
14. Director Martin made a motion to adopt by resolution the proposed rule changes. Vice-President Evins seconded the motion and the motion passed.
15. Vice-President Evins made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2026 board meeting. Secretary Ritchie seconded the motion and the motion passed.
16. Vice-President Evins made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2026 board meeting. Director Kruger seconded the motion and the motion passed.
17. The Financial Statements and Bills for Payment for the month of April 2026 were reviewed. President Box recommended that GM Farmer transfer a portion of the Main Account (checking account) into a Certificate of Deposit. GM Farmer will take action on this request. Director Martin made a motion to approve the Financial Statements and Bills for Payment for the month of April 2026 as reviewed. Vice-President Evins seconded the motion and the motion passed.
18. GM Farmer presented the April 2026 Manager’s Report. President Box asked for an update on the Digitizing of well records; revisit having Zoom meetings; and only having board meetings at the District Office.
19. Ron Green discussed possible methodologies to be used to implement the Desired Future Conditions (DFCs). Director Martin made a motion to use a district-wide average on all water well levels monitored by the District. Vice-President Evins seconded the motion and the motion passed.
20. Vice-President Evins made a motion to set the date for the Public Hearing on DFCs on June 10, 2026. Secretary Ritchie seconded the motion and the motion passed.
21. Vice-President Evins made a motion to table this agenda item regarding the updating the District’s Management Plan for the next regular meeting to be held on June 10, 2026. Director Llewellyn seconded the motion and the motion to table passed.
22. A quote from Anderson Columbia, Co., Inc. to repave the District parking lot was reviewed. Vice-President Evins made a motion to reject the quote. Director Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed.
23. President Box discussed contracts and agreements entered into by the District. He recommended constructing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an Operational Audit; a RFQ for Legal Services; and a RFQ for Financial Audit Services. Peter Gregg offered to provide a copy of what the State Audit covers. Director Llewellyn made a motion to

- issue a RFQ for an Operational Audit, issue a RFQ for Legal Services, and issue a RFQ for Financial Audit Services. Secretary Ritchie seconded the motion and the motion passed.
24. President Box discussed outstanding applications for permits and registrations. He discussed placing this item on the June 10, 2026 agenda. Director Llewellyn suggested an online application the applicant fills out and submits and if all information is not complete, the application will be automatically rejected. Vice-President Evins stated District Rule 10.2 should be reviewed for TWC Ch. 36 compliance. Director Llewellyn directed the GM that current issues be taken to Mr. Gregg as needed between now and the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting; otherwise, issues still not complete should be taken before the Board on June 10<sup>th</sup>.
  25. Director Llewellyn made a motion to wait until the RFQ Process is complete before making a decision concerning District Policies under Tex. Water Code 36.061, including 36.061(a)(1) and 36.061(a)(4). Vice-President Evins seconded the motion and the motion passed.
  26. Vice-President Evins made a motion to adjourn and Director Martin seconded the motion. President Box adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

  
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Von R. Box, President

  
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Ed Ritchie, Secretary

  
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**Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District**  
**Canvass of Election, Public Hearing – Rulemaking, and Board of Directors Meeting**  
**May 13, 2026**  
Sign-in Sheet

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Name	Company/Title	Mailing Address
Debbie Farmer	GM/WGCD	
Paula VanCleve	Field Technician/WGCD	
Cathy Webb	at large	
Ron Green	consultant	
J R Ramirez	Director	
Martin Kuger	DIRECTOR	
Chris Meyer	Director	
Van Box	Zavala-Director	
Ed Ritchie <sup>III</sup>	Zavala "	

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Miguel	TX Ranch	
Bob Brown	TX Ranch	
Don Farmer		
Bill Mart		
Neal Ulewelan	Lubbock	
[Signature]		
Peter Gray	Crest Line	
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