

Minutes  
**Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District**  
**Special Board of Directors Meeting**

The Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") held a Special Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at the District Office, 2881 Hwy. 277, Carrizo Springs, Texas.

1. Invocation given. President Von Box called the meeting to order at 8:28 a.m.
2. There were no visitors present. Directors present were President Box; Vice-President Travis Evins; Secretary Ed Ritchie; Director Bill Martin; Director Martin Kruger; Director Corky Weeks; and Director Neal Llewellyn. Staff present were General Manager Debbie Farmer and Field Technician Paula VanCleve.
3. There was no public comment.
4. A discussion was held on hiring legal counsel to address a Public Information Act Request received by the District from Earl and Associates, P.C. President Box recommended hiring Kristen Fancher with Fancher Law. A Letter of Engagement is already in place. Director Martin made a motion to hire Attorney Fancher. Director Llewellyn seconded the motion, and the motion passed.
5. A request for funds by Michael Martin with the Rio Nueces Ranch to plug a water well was discussed. GM Farmer noted to the Board that Michael Martin would camera the well to identify the problems with the well, and then we will have two (2) drillers provide a quote for the cost to plug the well. No action taken at this time.
6. GM Farmer requested there be no action on Agenda Item 6 – Amendment of the Current FY2025-26 District Budget due to the account software, QuickBooks, could not be accessed due to a computer problem. A new computer was purchased, and the software would be installed. Vice-President Evins made a motion to table this agenda item. Secretary Ritchie seconded the motion, and the motion passed.
7. A discussion was held regarding outstanding applications for production permits and well registrations. Different options were discussed in efforts the District could exercise to bring the wells into compliance with District Rules. President Box stated he would contact Attorney Fancher regarding the District's options for enforcement of non-compliance by the owner of Atlas Operating (RE: State Ventures LLC a Texas Limited Liability Company and Eastern Oilwell Services,) and notification to the well owner by written correspondence.
8. Other Business: Director Martin presented a letter from Bobby Limmer who is concerned about an oil/gas well owned by INEOS (RE: API #4212734859) which was formerly owned by Chesapeake. Mr. Limmer was notified by the oil company that the well has a hole in the casing, and he is concerned that the Carrizo Aquifer is being contaminated. GM Farmer will contact Mr. Limmer to see if he knows where the hole is or can find out so the District can determine where the water table is in comparison to the hole in the casing. In addition, GM Farmer will request that Mr. Limmer file a written complaint with the District.

GM Farmer presented the Board with her notice of retirement effective on June 15, 2026.

A discussion was held regarding the need to hire third party providers for hydrologist; legal services; financial services, as well as search for a General Manager.

9. Vice-President Evins made a motion to adjourn, and Director Llewellyn seconded the motion. President Box adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Von R. Box  
Von Box, Board President

7/15/26  
Date

Ed Ritchie III  
Ed Ritchie III, Board Secretary

7-15-2026  
Date

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Sign-in Sheet

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| Name                    | Company/Title<br>GM/WGCD | Mailing Address |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Debbie Farmer           |                          |                 |
| Paula VanCleve          | Field Technician/WGCD    |                 |
| Conley Lebeck           | At Large                 |                 |
| Martin Kueger           | Director                 |                 |
| Don Box                 | Director Zpu Co          |                 |
| Travis Evans<br>Bullman | Director Summit          |                 |
| Ed Ritchie FF           | General Director         |                 |
| Nical Ikenmeyer         | Asst Dir                 |                 |