

Minutes

Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District Public Hearing on Proposed Desired Future Conditions and Relevant Aquifers and Board of Directors Meeting June 10, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") held a Public Hearing on Desired Future Conditions and Relevant Aquifers and a regular Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

1. President Von Box called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.
2. Directors present were President Box; Secretary Ed Ritchie; Director Bill Martin; Director Martin Kruger; Director Neal Llewellyn; and Director-at-Large Corky Weeks. Vice-President Travis Evins was absent. Staff present were General Manager Debbie Farmer and Field Technician Paula VanCleve. Visitors present were Ron Green, Mauricio Flores, and Stuart Stothoff with Southwest Research Institute, and Alyson McDonald with Collier Consulting.

At 12:05 p.m., President Box recessed to Public Hearing on Proposed Desired Conditions and Relevant Aquifer Designations for the Southern Portion of the Carrizo-Wilcox, Queen City, and Sparta Aquifers for Groundwater Management Area 13

- a. *President Box called the public hearing to order at 12:06 p.m.*
- b. *President Box opened the floor to receive oral and written comments, testimony, and other documentation and information relevant to the Proposed GMA 13 Desired Future Conditions and Relevant Aquifer Designations. No oral comment was received, and there were no written comments, testimony, or other documentation and information received.*
- c. *Director Llewellyn made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Secretary Ritchie seconded the motion, and the motion passed. President Box adjourned the public hearing at 12:07 p.m.*

President Box reconvened the regular meeting at 12:07 p.m.

3. President Box opened the floor for public comment on Agenda Items 4 thru 12. There were no public comments.
4. As a response to the District's Request for Qualifications for Hydrology Services, Dr. Ron Green and Southwest Research Institute presented a PowerPoint on "Groundwater Management and Hydrogeology".
5. As a response to the District's Request for Qualifications for Hydrology Services, Alyson McDonald with Collier Consulting presented a PowerPoint on their services.
6. Eric Ede with Ede and Company presented the FY2024-2025 Annual Financial Audit to the Board. Director Llewellyn made a motion to accept the audit as presented. Secretary Ritchie seconded the motion, and the motion passed.
7. Director Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting as reviewed. Director Kruger seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

8. The Bills for Payment and Financial Statements for all District Accounts for the month of May 2023 were reviewed. Director Llewellyn made a motion to approve the bills for payment and financial statements as reviewed. Director Martin seconded the motion, and the motion passed. (Verbal correction was made regarding the agenda item reading April 2026 rather than May 2026.)
9. Secretary Ritchie made a motion to approve the District Board of Director Officers nominated and elected by the Board of Directors on May 13, 2026, as signers on signature cards for all District bank accounts and Certificate of Deposits. Director Martin seconded the motion, and the motion passed.
10. General Manager Debbie Farmer presented the May 2026 Manager's Report. (Verbal correction was made regarding the agenda item reading April 2026 rather than May 2026.) The Board stated their consent to authorize Paula VanCleve to approve and sign Applications for Water Well Production Permits and Production Permits.
11. Discussion was held regarding hiring Interim Third-Party Providers for Hydrology, Legal, and Accounting Services, and to include hiring an Interim General Manager. Director Llewellyn made a motion to contact Kathy Robertson of Uvalde, Texas to offer her the opportunity to provide accounting services for the District. Director Martin seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Director Martin recommended using Ron Green and Southwest Research Institute as the Interim Hydrology Service, and President Box recommended KT Groundwater. Director Llewellyn and President Box recommended Kristen Fancher as the Interim Legal Service and Dirk Aaron as the Interim General Manager. Following a discussion, Director Martin made a motion to hire KT Groundwater as Interim Hydrologist; Kristen Fancher as Interim Legal Counsel; and Direck Aaron as Interim General Manager. Director Llewellyn seconded the motion, and the motion passed.
12. Director Llewellyn made a motion to table this agenda item to allow time for the Interim service providers to prepare proposed revisions to the Management Plan and to present to the Board at the next meeting tentatively scheduled for July 15, 2026. Director Martin seconded the motion, and the motion passed. The regular Board of Directors Meeting scheduled for July 8, 2026, will be held on the scheduled date.
13. Other Business and Adjourn: The application process for the General Manager position and notice to the public was discussed. Director Martin made a motion to adjourn, and Director Llewellyn seconded the motion. President Box adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

Von R. Box
Von R. Box, President

7/15/26
Date

E. W. Ritchie III
Ed Ritchie, III Secretary

7-15-2026
Date

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Sign-in Sheet

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Dr. Ritchie III	Director	
Don R. Box	Director Zuerch	
Col. V. V. V.	Change	
Master Judge	Director LaSalle	

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