WINTERGARDEN GCD **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

August 18, 2026

The Board of Directors of Wintergarden GCD met in regular session on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at the District office in Carrizo Springs, Texas. A quorum was present.

Board members present were: Von Box, Travis Evins, Neal Llewellyn, Corky Weeks, Ed Ritchie, and Martin Kruger. Bill Martin was absent. Staff and consultants present were: Bobby Bazan (GM), Dirk Aaron (Interim GM), Mike Keester (Hydrologist), and Kristen Fancher [virtual] (General Counsel). Other in-person guests included: Wallace Darling, Jordan Furnans, David Earl, Gene Lindgren, Diana Nichols, Conrad Harrison, and Mary Sandoval. The following persons joined virtually: David Coyer, Wade Oliver, David Gibson, Kelly Close, and Michael Berry.

President Vaughn Box called the meeting to order at approximately 8:02 a.m. The Board welcomed Bobby Bazan as the District's new General Manager.

Public Comment

Jordan Furnans, consulting engineer representing Legacy Water Supply Corporation, addressed the Board regarding the GMA 13 Desired Future Conditions (DFC) process and proposed groundwater pumping assumptions for Webb County. Mr. Furnans requested continued consideration of approximately 20,000 acre-feet per year associated with the Legacy project, in addition to existing groundwater use in Webb County.

The Board received the comments and thanked him for his input.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the August 4, 2026, meeting. Following a motion by Neal Llewellyn and a second by Martin Kruger, the minutes were approved as presented by a vote of 6-0, with 1 board member absent (Bill Martin).

Budget Amendments and Financial Reports

Agenda Item #4: No line-item budget amendments were presented thus no action taken.

Agenda Item #5 & 6: The Board discussed the monthly financial reports and reconciliation of District accounts. Because complete bank information was not available to finalize the reconciliation, the Board voted to table both items for the applicable financial reports until the next meeting. Motion made by Travis Evins and seconded by Neal Llewellyn. Motion passed 6-0 with one member not present.

Data Management System Workshop

The Board recessed the regular meeting at 8:10 am and convened a workshop to receive presentations from the three firms invited to present their proposed data management system services.

Representatives of Collier Consulting, halff, and Spheros Environmental presented their respective qualifications, system capabilities, approach to groundwater data management, permitting, GIS and mapping, data security, public access, monitoring data, and related services. Each firm responded to questions from the Board and District representatives.

No action was taken during the workshop.

Delinquent Tax Property Matters

The Board reconvened the regular board meeting at 9:25 am, and received information from the Dimmit Co. Tax Assessor Collector concerning bids associated with two delinquent-tax properties.

Following separate motions and seconds, the Board approved the proposed disposition of Property No. 12903 and Property No. 13413 as presented.

Agenda Item 9 property #12903: Motion to accept by Travis Evins and seconded by Neal Llewellyn. Motion passed 6-0 with 1 director absent.

Agenda Item 10 property #13413: Motion to accept by Neal Llewellyn and seconded by Travis Evins. Motion passed 6-0 with 1 director absent.

Legal Services

The Board reviewed the engagement letter from Fancher Law Firm following the firm's previous selection to provide legal services to the District. The Board also discussed coordination of legal services with additional counsel when appropriate one rules with

Marty Jones. Fancher confirmed they have an agreement to collaborate and she would confirm first then be the lead to present the drafts for consideration to the board.

Following a motion by Director Ed Ritchie move to accept and a second by Director Neal Llewellyn, motion passed 6-0 with 1 member absent thus unanimously approved the engagement letter with Fancher Law Firm.

Hydrogeologic Services

The Board reviewed the proposed engagement and task-order structure for hydrogeologic services with K.T. Groundwater. The Board discussed the use of individual task orders to define specific scopes of work and associated costs.

Following a motion by Director Ed Ritchie to accept and a 2nd by Director Neal Llewellyn, motion passed 6-0 with 1 member absent thus unanimously approved the engagement letter with for hydrogeologic services by KT Groundwater as presented.

Administrative Assistant Position

The Board discussed the need to recruit an administrative assistant and the process for identifying and interviewing qualified candidates, including developing the job description and posting online with TAGD, TWA and local newspaper.

Following a motion by Neal Llewellyn and a second by Travis Evins, by a vote of 6-0 and 1 absent, the Board authorized Interim General Manager Dirk Aaron and General Manager Bobby Bazan to proceed with the posting, recruitment and interview process for the administrative assistant position.

GMA 13 and Region M Representation

The Board discussed representation of Wintergarden GCD in Groundwater Management Area 13 and the Region M Regional Water Planning Group.

Following a motion by Ed Ritchie and a second by Travis Evins, by 6-0 with 1 absent, for the Board to designated General Manager Bobby Bazan as the District's primary representative and Board President Von Box as alternate representative. Both will attend all GMA13 meetings.

Next Meeting

Following discussion, and a motion by Travis Evins and a second by Neal Llewellyn thus the Board scheduled its next meeting for **Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.** at the Wintergarden GCD office in Carrizo Springs, Texas.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately **11:05 a.m.**

Certification

These condensed proceedings were prepared from August 4, 2026, meeting transcript and organized according to the posted agenda. They are intended to accurately summarize Board discussions and actions while eliminating verbatim dialogue. Motions, seconds, and votes have been included where clearly identifiable from the meeting transcript.

Signed: Von R. Box   Date: 9/15/26

Von Box, Board President

Signed: E W Ritchie III   Date: 9-15-2026

Ed Ritchie, Board Secretary