KIMBLE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board Meeting
August 21, 2023 5:45 PM
Kimble County GCD Office
731 Main Street Suite B / P.O. Box 31
Junction, Texas 76849

MINUTES

Directors Present: Reginald Stapper, Mike Carter, and Jim Portz   Directors Absent: Marvin Wilson & Clint Smith
District Staff Present: Tascha Schulze and Meredith Allen

Regular Board Meeting

1. **Call Regular Meetings to Order, establish a quorum.**
   Reginald Stapper called the regular business meeting to order at 5:45pm.
2. **Public Comment Period**– County Judge, Hal Rose updated the Board on the pending TCEQ hearing on the waterstone dam application. Corey Lehmann with Crooked Creek reserved his public comments for agenda item #6.
3. **Consider, possible action to Approve Minutes of the July 17, 2023, meeting**
   Mike Carter made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2023, meeting. Jim Portz seconded, and the motion passed.
4. **Consider, possible action to approve Treasurer's financial report & payment of bills**
   Mike Carter made a motion to approve the financial report and payment of bills. Jim Portz seconded the motion and the motion carried.
5. **Consider, possible action to approve Report of Findings for Tasiwoo Ranches Subdivision**
   After review of the findings from the report, Jim Portz made a motion to approve the Report of Findings for Tasiwoo Ranches Subdivision and to include a summary of the recommendations made by Mr. Khorzad in the approval letter sent to the County Commissioners and applicants, encouraging compliance with the suggested recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mike Carter and passed.
6. **Consider, possible action to approve Groundwater Availability Engineer's Report for Crooked Creek Ranch Subdivision**
   After a review of the findings from the report, Jim Portz made a motion to approve the Groundwater Availability Engineer's Report for Crooked Creek Ranch and to send approval letter the the County Commissioners and applicants. Mike Carter seconded, and the motion passed.
7. **Consider, possible action to approve and adopt the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget**
   Jim Portz made a motion to approve and adopt the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget. Mike Carter seconded, and the motion carried.
8. **Presentation of the Tax Rate Worksheet**
   Meredith Allen presented the 2023 tax rate worksheet and the impacts on the approved budget for the upcoming fiscal year.
9. **Consider, possible action to approve the Proposed Tax Rate for 2023-2024 and set for Public Hearing**
   Mike Carter made a motion to propose a tax rate of 0.007531/$100 valuation, which is the voter-approval tax rate and to set for public hearing on September 18, 2023. Jim Portz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
10. **Presentation of Legislative changes to District Rules**
    Meredith Allen presented the legislative changes that require amending the District Rules by Dec 1st. These proposed changes to the District Rules reflect SB 1746 (exemption for a rig supply well that supplies water for the construction of a water well), HB 3059 (increase to the export fee), and HB 1971 (new deadlines for rehearing in connection with cases heard by SOAH) from the 88th regular session.

Meredith Allen reviewed the draft proposal of the 2023-2024 Annual Budget. Discussion was held on current expenses, future possible increases, and tax revenue projections.

13. Consider, possible action to approve the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget and set for Public Hearing
After discussion, Clint Smith made a motion to approve the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget as presented, and set for public hearing August 21, 2023. Jim Portz seconded and the motion carried.
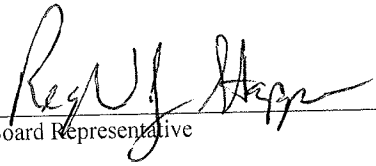
14. Manager's Report
Meredith gave updates on District Activity. No action was taken.

15. Director Comments/Directives to Staff
Post the Proposed budget and set for public hearing.

16. Consider, possible action meeting adjournment.
Clint Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Portz and passed unanimously. The next meeting will be August 21, 2023 following the Budget public hearing.

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Board Representative