
KIMBLE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board Meeting

July 13 – 6:00 PM

Kimble County GCD Office

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Junction Texas 76849

MINUTES

Directors Present: Reginald Stapper, Joe Jones, Clint Smith, Jr, Gary Lewis and Mike Carter

District Staff Present: Meredith Allen, Cole Ruiz and Katy Meador

TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT

PURUSANT TO SECTION 551.043(c) OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE

The Texas Legislature recently amended Tex. Gov't Code § 551.043 (House Bill 1522, 2025) to require governmental bodies to include in the notice of an open meeting at which its budget will be discussed or adopted, a taxpayer impact statement showing, for the median-valued homestead property, a comparison of the property bill in dollars pertaining to the property for the current fiscal year to an estimate of the property tax bill in dollars for the same property for the upcoming fiscal year.

Kimble County Groundwater Conservation District intends to propose a budget at this July 13, 2026, meeting for the District's 2025-2026 fiscal year, which will intended to be adopted at its August 2026 meeting.

- 2025-2026 Value of Median-Valued Homestead Property in the District: \$157,272
- 2026-2027 Value of Median Valued Homestead Property in the District: \$151,408 (*not yet certified by Kimble CAD*).
- 2025-2026 Property Tax Bill for the Current Fiscal Year: \$11.80 (\$0.0078 per \$100 of value).

Estimated 2026 Property Tax Bill for the Upcoming Fiscal Year if the District Adopts the Proposed Budget and Tax: *Will be proposed and provided in advance of the District's August 2026 meeting.*

Estimated 2026 Property Tax Bill for the Upcoming Fiscal Year if the District Adopts a Balanced Budget Funded at the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate: *Will be provided in advance of the District's August 2026, meeting.*

The estimates in this Taxpayer Impact Statement are valid only for discussion at the District's July 15, 2026, Board of Directors meeting, and will be revised as more information is made available. The Board will not adopt a proposed budget on July 14, 2026. The proposed budget and the proposed tax rate will be updated and re-noticed at each meeting that the Board discusses or adopts a proposed budget, and may each be amended by Board before their final adoption.

Regular Board Meeting

1. **Call meeting to order** - Reginald Stapper called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm.
2. **Public Comment Period** – Meredith Allen recognized Cole Ruiz, with Lloyd Gosselink to the meeting. Mr. Ruiz represents the District and attended the meeting to answer any questions as needed. Mr. Ruiz did not give any public comment.
3. **Consider, possible action to Approve Minutes of the June 22, 2026, meeting**
Mike Carter made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2026 meeting. Clint Smith, Jr seconded the motion and the motion carried.
4. **Consider, possible action to approve financial report & payment of bills**
Mike Carter made a motion to approve the financial report and the payment of bills. Clint Smith, Jr seconded. The motion and the motion passed unanimously.
5. **Consider, possible action to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for quarter ending**
After discussion, Gary Lewis made a motion to approve the Quarterly Investment Report, Mike Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried.
6. **Presentation on financial overview of operations and grant activity by Meredith Allen**
Meredith detailed the status of the TWDB grant for 3 monitoring systems and a program to maintain and a groundwater data management and integrated mapping system. No action was taken.
7. **Consider, possible action to approve opening a new bank account for all TWDB grant activities**
After discussion, Clint Smith, Jr made a motion to open a Money Market Deposit account with First State Bank of Junction with an initial deposit of \$8000. The funds will be transferred from Kimble County

Groundwater Conservation District's FSB checking account. This new account will be to used for grant income and expenses. Joe Jones seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

8. **Executive Session: Deliberations about Personnel Matters: In Accordance with Texas Government Code 551.074**

Gary Lewis made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:42pm to discuss personnel matters. Clint Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried.

9. **Reconvene into Open Session and consider, possible action to approve personnel matters**

Clint Smith, Jr made a motion to reconvene into the regular session at 6:54pm with no personnel matter action being taken at this time. Clint Smith, Jr seconded the motion and the motion carried.

10. **Consider, possible action to post RFQ for Professional Services relating to water well database systems that can incorporate Groundwater Availability Models and host water level data**

Gary Lewis made a motion to post a public Request For Qualifications (RFQ) relating to purchase of a water well database system and groundwater monitoring systems. Mike Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried.

11. **Consider, possible action to set public hearing to increase the District's export fees by 3% in accordance with Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code**

It was discussed in the June 22nd meeting to set the public hearing for the increase of export fees by 3% in September at the same meeting as the tax rate hearing. This item was left on the agenda by mistake and therefore no action was taken. There will be a public hearing to address export fees in September.

12. **Consider, possible action to approve 2026-2027 Draft Budget and Set for Public Hearing**

Meredith Allen presented the proposed 2026-2027 Budget. After review, Gary Lewis made a motion to propose the budget and set a public hearing regarding the 2026-2027 Draft Budget on August 24, 2026 at 6 pm. Joe Jones seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

13. **Quarterly Well Registration Report**

Meredith Allen gave the Q2 well registration report showing 24 wells drilled for the quarter. She notated that this includes one well drilled on the South Llano State Park that did not apply and therefore did not have permission to drill. She informed the Board that she has been in communication with TPWD and will continue to update the Board as information becomes available. No action was taken.

14. **Quarterly Drought & Rainfall Update**

Meredith provided a current drought report. She also presented a report of rainfall at her residence.

15. **Manager's Report/Directives to Staff**

Meredith will be participating in an Educational Event for 4H Water Ambassadors on July 28, 2026. No directives were given.

16. **Consider possible action set next meeting and adjourn.**

Clint Smith, Jr made a motion to set the next meeting for Aug. 24, 2026, at 6pm. Gary Lewis seconded and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm



Board Representative