

MINUTES
Real-Edward Conservation & Reclamation District
REGULAR QUARTERLY OPEN MEETING
July 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
RECRD Office at 234 Evergreen, Leakey, Tx 78873

The following members were present for the REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING of the Real-Edwards Conservation & Reclamation District: Bob Burditt, Sam Epperson, Rudy Gonzalez, Volney Hough, and Roland "Tooter" Trees. Five board members were present resulting in met quorum. Consulting Manager, Joel Pigg, was present through virtual video, and Office Assistant, Tina Ashley, was also present. There were no other guests.

1. President Tooter Trees called to order the Regular Quarterly Board Meeting of the Real-Edwards Conservation & Reclamation District at 6:27 p.m. at the RECRD office, 234 Evergreen, in Leakey, Texas.
2. PLEDGE of Allegiance was led by Tooter Trees.
3. There were no visitors.
4. Consider for Approval Minutes from April 29, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

No corrections or additions. Motion to approve Minutes by Rudy Gonzalez / Second by Bob Burditt.

Motion Approved: 5-0

5. Update on the District Management Plan for 2020-2025.

2020 Management Plan was submitted by regular mail for final review by Texas Water Development Board in April 2020, and by electronic upload on May 6, 2020. A copy of the Plan was submitted by email to Nueces River Authority as the surface water management entity in our District. TWDB approved the Management Plan with a signed certificated dated June 4, 2020. This Plan is valid until June 2025.

6. Review and Adopt Updated District Policies.

Newly signed policies were: Suspected Misconduct and Dishonesty; and Disbursement of District Funds (Check Writing and Debit Card Usage Authority).

Motion to approve District Policies and sign the above listed forms by those members present, and for absent Board members to sign at next meeting was made by Sam Epperson / Second by Rudy Gonzalez.

Motion Approved: 5-0

7. Review and Update Conflict of Interests Disclosures.

New Conflict of Interest Disclosure forms were reviewed and signed by present Board members. Absent Board members will sign form at next meeting.

8. Reports:

- a. Financial Statements and Financial Reports were generated and reported by Joel Pigg. Financial status is secure including 2 CDs at Hondo National Bank, and one CD at 1st State Bank of Uvalde.
- b. Well Report/Operating Permit Report/Water Screening Report were generated and reported by Tina Ashley. Few wells were completed due to lack of business during COVID-19. No new operating permits. Few water samples were completed because people were staying at home due to COVID-19.
- c. River Flows Data was generated and reported by Tina Ashley. Summer office help, Rachel Marlin, has been diligent to record river data every two weeks. Flows are consistently decreasing due to lack of rainfall.
- d. Rainfall Report / Drought Assessment for Real and Edwards counties presented jointly by Joel Pigg and Tina Ashley. Due to potential forecasted rain, District drought status will remain at Stage 2.
- e. November 2020 General Election Information (Monday July 20 @ 8am filing begins; Monday August 17 @ 5pm filing deadline; Thursday August 20 @ 9am Ballot Position Drawing if needed. Discussion: Expiring Terms for Curry, Glynn, Bob and Volney.
- f. Texas Groundwater Summit has transitioned to a virtual event. Registration has been reduced, and hotel reservations automatically cancelled. After discussing how the virtual even will happen, Board decided to keep 4 registrations for any Board or office staff to attend or view at later time.

9. Discussion and Appointment of District Budget Committee for FY 2021.

In reviewing preliminary proposed budget for FY2021, Joel presented possibility of converting Tina's salary from hourly to salary for monthly direct deposit in order to ease the burden of finding a Board member to sign checks.

Sam suggested Joel compile preliminary budget. Joel will work the numbers and email Board members with preliminary budget before next meeting.

Joel presented possible change in tax rate due to tax collections from PumpCo in Edwards County.

Motion to approve salary/direct deposit for Tina, and Joel to calculate preliminary budget by Bob Burditt / Second by Sam Epperson.

Motion Approved: 5-0

10. Discussion of FY 2021 Budget (Needs/Wants).

Joel will email all Board members proposing this question for them to consider and return response to him.

11. Discussion and Action to Appoint Officer to Calculate 2020 Tax Rate for Edwards County.

Motion to appoint Edwards County Chief Appraiser, Renn Rudasill Riley, as officer to calculate 2020 tax rate for Edwards County by Sam Epperson / Second by Bob Burditt.

Motion Approved: 5-0

12. Discussion and Action to Appoint Officer to Calculate 2020 Tax Rate for Real County.

Motion to appoint Real County Tax Assessor/Collector, Donna Brice, as officer to calculate 2020 tax rate for Real County by Bob Burditt / Second by Volney Hough.

Motion Approved: 5-0

13. Discussion and Action on Setting Veteran Exemption for 2020 Tax Year in Edwards and Real Counties.

Motion to approve setting veteran exemption for 2020 tax year in Edwards and Real Counties by Rudy Gonzalez / Second by Bob Burditt.

Motion Approved: 5-0

14. Discussion and Action on Early Discount Payment of Taxes in Edwards and Real Counties.

Motion to approve early discount payment of taxes in Edwards and Real Counties by Sam Epperson / Second by Rudy Gonzalez.

Motion Approved: 5-0

15. Discussion and Action on Calling for Public Hearings on Budget and Proposed Tax Rate.

Motion to set date of September 16, 2020 for public hearings on budget and proposed tax rate by Bob Burditt / Second by Sam Epperson.

Motion Approved: 5-0

16. Discussion and Action on Rule 8.2 (b) and (c) Exceptions to Spacing Requirements for Utopia Sales and Service Well in Real County.

Utopia Sales & Service requests variance to drill well in limited space and without signed waivers from neighbors as the property has no available water. Utopia has suggested limiting pump rate to ease water usage. Board discussed District Rule 8.1 (Required Spacing), Rule 8.2 (Exceptions to Spacing Requirements), along with possible outcomes, exceptions, limitations

and consequences of approving or denying variance. Due to weightiness of the issue, Board suggested conferring with legal counsel before approving or denying variance.

Motion to confer with District's legal counsel (Mike Gershon) regarding details and legality of approving/denying variance by Sam Epperson / Second by Rudy Gonzalez.

Motion Approved: 5-0

17. Discussion and Possible Action on Personnel/Budget Issues:

MAY REQUIRE CLOSED SESSION UNDER CHAPTER 555:074

Camera and monitor system (Ring) was installed in early July to safeguard building and employees. Joel and Tina maintain App on phone.

18. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting. (SEPTEMBER 2020)

Directors' and General Manager's Comments. (No substantive deliberation or action will be taken on this agenda item. This item is on the agenda to provide an opportunity to bring to the public's and each other's attention important issues pertinent to the District. Any substantive deliberation and formal action on any of these issues will be conducted under a specific item on a future agenda.)


Date tentatively set for September 16, 2020.

19. Adjourn.


Motion to adjourn meeting by Sam Epperson / Second by Rudy Gonzalez.

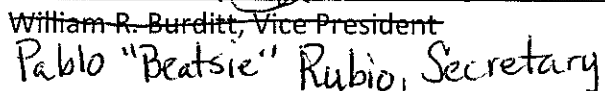
THEREFORE, ON THIS THE 27th DAY OF OCTOBER 2020, THESE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING HELD ON JULY 22, 2020, ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

ATTEST:



Roland "Tooter" Trees, President



William R. Burditt, Vice President

Pablo "Beatsie" Rubio, Secretary