## **MINUTES**

## Real-Edward Conservation & Reclamation District REGULAR QUARTERLY OPEN MEETING

January 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

RECRD Office at 234 Evergreen, Leakey, Tx 78873 & Virtual thru Zoom

The eight (8) members were present for the REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING of the Real-Edwards Conservation & Reclamation District. One member was present at the office: Beatsie Rubio. Attending via Zoom were Tooter Trees, Sam Epperson, Stan Cottle; Glynn Hendley, and Curry Campbell. Volney Hough was absent. Six board members were present resulting in met quorum. Dub Suttle was appointed to fill vacant position, and Director Rudy Gonzalez joined virtually the meeting at 6:28 p.m. Consulting Manager, Joel Pigg, was present through virtual video (Zoom), and Office Assistant, Tina Ashley, was also present at District office. 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 6:01 p.m. through virtual attendance with other Board members.
- 2. PLEDGE of Allegiance was led by Tooter Trees.
- 3. There were no visitors.
- 4. Appoint Replacement for Vacant Board Position.

Dub Suttle was nominated. There was no other discussion.

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Motion to Approve Dub Suttle for Vacant Position by Stan Cottle /Second by Glynn Hendley

Motion Approved: 6-0

- 5. Newly appointed Director Dub Suttle, and re-elected Directors Curry Campbell and Glynn Hendley were sworn-in by Tina Ashley reading first the Statement of Officer and then the Oath of Office. All three Directors swore that they had not received any bribe or promised to give any favors for their position as Director, as well as to uphold and execute their duties at Director of the Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District. Absent Director, Volney Hough, will be sworn-in at a later date.
- **6.** Election of Officers for the Board of Directors.

For the office of President, Tooter Trees was again nominated. For office of Vice-President, Glynn Hendley was nominated, and for the office of Secretary, Beatsie Rubio was nominated.

Motion to Approve such nominations by Sam Epperson / Second by Curry Campbell

Motion Approved: 7-0

7. Consider for Approval Minutes from October 27, 2020, Regular Board Meeting.

No corrections or additions.

Motion to approve Minutes by Stan Cottle / Second by Glynn Hendley

Motion Approved: 7-0

## 8. Reports:

- a. Financial Statements and Financial Reports were generated and reported by Joel Pigg. Financial status is secure including two CDs at Hondo National Bank, and two CDs at First State Bank of Uvalde. At the time of the meeting the District was still waiting on tax remittance money and information from Real County.
  - i. The title of Chief Fiscal Officer was considered for Consulting Manager, Joel Pigg, as he prepares and generates financial materials and reports.

Motion to approve Joel Pigg as Chief Fiscal Officer by Glynn Hendly/Second by Sam Cottle.

Motion Approved: 7-0

6:28 p.m. Rudy Gonzalez joined meeting virtually on Zoom.

ii. To update signatures on bank accounts, Tooter Trees, Glynn Hendley, Beatsie Rubio, Joel Pigg and Tina Ashley were nominated to be signatures for all financial accounts at Peoples State Bank, First State Bank of Uvalde, and Hondo National Bank.

Motion to approve stated persons as signers on accounts at stated financial institutes by Rudy Gonzalez / Second by Dub Suttle

Motion Approved: 8-0

- b. There was no river flow data to review.
- c. Well Report and Water Screening Report were generated and reported by Tina Ashley. Thirty-two new wells were completed (including 2 dry holes) with twenty-three wells pending during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. There were 26 water samples completed, 9 samples from TWON program in October 2020.
- d. Operating Permit renewal status and FY2020 Pumping Report was reported by Tina Ashley. There are 4 operating permits due for renewal in FY2021. Tina will generate renewal application forms and mail in a timely fashion by permit owner to appropriately respond. Six pumping reports have been received at the office. Tina will send second notice requesting pumping reports in early February.
- e. Rainfall Report generated approximately 2.5 inches of rain plus a few inches of snow for the 1st Quarter (October, November, December). Rudy Gonzalez, Curry Campbell and Glynn Hendley offered to help monitor rainfall so that there would a wide coverage of data for the District. Drought Assessment for Real and Edwards counties presented jointly by Joel Pigg and Tina Ashley. District drought status is currently at Stage 3.

Directors agreed that status should stay at Stage 3.

- f. FY2020 Reports on newspaper articles and website postings was presented by Tina Ashley. There were 19 articles sent to the Tx Rocksprings Mohair Weekly, and the Canyon Broadcaster, as well as many updates including notices of meetings and signed minutes to the website all in compliance with the District Management Plan.
- **9.** Discussion and Possible Action on Approval/Denial of Bid for Purchase of Property Held in Trust by Edwards County.

District received letter from Perdue Brandon attorneys at law stating that a parcel of land with delinquent property taxes is now being sought for purchase. Two bids for property #15546 were presented for us to approve/deny.

Motion to approve bid in the amount of \$3,000 by Buddy Evans by Glynn Hendley / Second by Sam Epperson

Motion Approved: 8-0

- **10.** There was no update on GMA 7 Proposed Resolution for Reassignment of Boundaries between GMA7 and GMA8.
- 11. The annual required cybersecurity certificate for each Board Director and all personnel is due May 28, 2021. Tina will send email to all Directors and Consulting Manager with information to complete cybersecurity training next week. Each person must review the training video, complete the test, and return the certificate of completion to Tina. When all have completed the training, Tina will notify TWDB.
- 12. Discussion and Possible Action on Personnel/Budget Issues:

MAY REQUIRE CLOSED SESSION UNDER CHAPTER 555:074

- \* Legislative session for 2021 has begun with focus on state budget, redistricting and census data, COVID response, police reform and election reform. Currently, there are 5 bills that pertain to groundwater. None will adversely impact us.
- \* Sam asked about the status of the Billy Mitchell operating permit. Joel stated he is waiting on the driller (Matt Fry) to produce pumping reports for well.
- 13. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting

Directors' and Consulting 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 of next Board of Directors meeting to be determined as needed, or for date to be scheduled in April 2021.

## 14. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Sam Epperson / Second by Tooter Trees

**Motion Approved: 8-0** 

THEREFORE, ON THIS THE ABY OF April 2021, THESE MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 27, 2021, ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND
ADOPTED.
ATTEST:  Pablo "Beatsie" Rubio, Secretary
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Dub Suttle, Board Member