

MINUTES

Real-Edward Conservation & Reclamation District PUBLIC HEARINGS and REGULAR QUARTERLY OPEN MEETING

April 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Seven (7) members were present for the PUBLIC HEARING and REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING of the Real-Edwards Conservation & Reclamation District. Two members were present at the office: Beatsie Rubio and Dub Suttle. Attending via Zoom were Sam Epperson, Stan Cottle; Glynn Hendley, Curry Campbell, and Volney Hough. Rudy Gonzalez and Tooter Trees were absent. **Seven board members were present resulting in met quorum.** Consulting Manager, Joel Pigg, was present through virtual video (Zoom), Field Technician, Brian Leiker, and Office Assistant, Tina Ashley, were also present at District office. Guests were financial auditors Keith Neffendorff and Hayley Blocker.

1. Vice-President Glynn Hendley CALLED TO ORDER the Public Hearing on Operating Permit Requested by Billy Mitchell of Edwards County, and for Public Comment on Proposed Desired Future Conditions at 6:01 p.m.
2. Visitors in attendance were Keith Neffendorff and Hayley Blocker but neither had comment.
3. The operating permit for Billy Mitchell was uncontested. There were no public comments or questions regarding the Proposed Desired Further Conditions.
4. Motion was made by Sam Epperson and second by Curry Campbell to adjourn the Public Hearing.

Motion approved: 7-0

Public Hearings adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED RECRD BOARD MEETING

1. Vice President Glynn Hendley CALLED TO ORDER the Board Meeting at 6:10 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Glynn Hendley.
3. Guests, Keith Neffendorff and Hayley Blocker, were welcomed.
4. Newly hired Field Technician, Brian Leiker, introduced himself.
5. Consider for Approval Minutes from January 27, 2021, Regular Board Meeting.

No corrections or additions.

Motion to approve Minutes by Sam Epperson / Second by Stan Cottle

Motion Approved: 7-0

6. FY 2020 Financial Audit Report was presented by Keith Neffendorff and Hayley Blocker.

RECRD passed the audit. Documents were provided timely and efficiently from Joel Pigg and Tina Ashley. No new practices were suggested.

7. 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. In May 2021, the District will add funds to one of the CDs held by First State Bank of Uvalde.
- b. Brian Leiker presented river flow data. All rivers show obvious signs of drought.
- c. Well Report and Water Screening Report were generated and reported by Tina Ashley.
- d. Operating Permit renewal status and FY2020 Pumping Report was reported by Tina Ashley. All pumping reports have been received, and all show normal use. There are 4 operating permits due for renewal in FY2021. Real County Water Supply and H.E.B. Foundation have supplied their renewal documents with no changes to the permit and fee was collected which completes their respective Operating Permit renewals. Duane Wilson (June 2021) and Crown Mountain Water Supply (August 2021) will receive their renewal forms later in 2021.
- e. Rainfall Report generated approximately 3.75 inches of rain plus a few inches of snow for the 2nd Quarter (January, February, March). 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.**

8. Discussion and Possible Action on the Operating Permit application from Billy Mitchell of Edwards County.

The application was uncontested during the Public Hearing. Mr. Mitchell was asked to conduct a pump test on the well to show drawdown effects. Since no adverse effects from pumping were shown in the tests, Joel Pigg spoke with the neighbors. All neighbors agreed that the operating permit was agreeable to them.

Motion to approve Operating Permit for Billy Mitchell by Stan Cottle / Second by Dub Suttle

Motion Approved: 7-0

9. Update and Discussion on Draft 2022 State Water Plan.

Joel stated that there was little to no change for Edwards and Real counties. There will be a public hearing on May 24, 2021, 1:00 p.m. Attendance by webinar.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on GMA 7 and Proposed Desired Future Conditions during the public hearing.

There was no discussion or comment during the public hearing. Public comment will remain open until June 24, 2021. Public comment can be made by email to manager@recrd.org or by written letter to the District office at PO Box 1208, Leakey, Texas 78873.

11. Update Cyber Security training, and upcoming events.

Rudy Gonzalez, Glynn Hendley, Volney Hough, Dub Suttle and Tooter Trees still need to complete the cybersecurity training video.
Upcoming events include TWCA Water Conference at Horseshoe Bay Resort, June 9-11; TAGD Groundwater Summit in San Antonio, Aug. 31-Sep. 2; and TWDB Water for Texas Conference in Austin, Sep. 27-29.

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

MAY REQUIRE CLOSED SESSION UNDER CHAPTER 555:074

*2021 Legislative report - focus on state budget, redistricting and census data, COVID response, police reform, election reform, electric grid, and natural disaster response. The Natural Resource Committee is discussing a groundwater district for Val Verde County.

* Sam asked if we would be able to continue to meet virtually as this is beneficial to several of our Board members.

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 publics 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 July 2021.

14. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Sam Epperson / Second by Curry Campbell

Motion Approved: 7-0

THEREFORE, ON THIS THE 21 DAY OF July 2021, THESE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING HELD ON ~~JANUARY 27, 2021~~, ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED. April 28, 2021

ATTEST:


Pablo "Beatsie" Rubio, Secretary



Rudy Gonzalez, Board Member