

MINUTES

Real-Edward Conservation & Reclamation District REGULAR QUARTERLY OPEN MEETING

July 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

RECRD Office, 234 Evergreen, Leakey, Tx 78873 & Virtually by Zoom

Five (5) Board members, Tooter Trees, Beatsie Rubio, Rudy Gonzalez, Volney Hough, Curry Campbell, began the meeting, two (2) Board members, Stan Cottle and Same Epperson, joined late at 6:17 p.m., and one (1) Board member, Curry Campbell, was disconnected through Zoom at 6:38 pm due to weather complications. Glynn Hendley and Dub Suttle were absent. **A beginning total of five Board members resulted in a quorum.** The meeting continued and concluded with six (6) Board members. Consulting Manager, Joel Pigg, joined via Zoom. Field Technician, Brian Leiker, and Office Assistant, Tina Ashley, were present at the RECRD office.

No guests or public were present.

1. President Tooter Trees called to order the regularly scheduled Board meeting at 6:11 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tooter Trees.
3. No visitors were present.
4. Consider for Approval Minutes from April 28, 2021, Regular Board Meeting.

No corrections or additions.

Motion to approve Minutes by Curry Campbell / Second by Rudy Gonzales.

Motion Approved: 5-0

5. Reports:

- a. Financial quarterly statements and reports were generated and reported by Joel Pigg. Financial status is secure including two CDs at Hondo National Bank (maturity January 2022 / July 2022), and two CDs at First State Bank of Uvalde (maturity May 2022 / August 2021).
 - i. Recent projects include rainwater harvest tank, gutters, and completion of connection to city septic system.
- b. Well Report, Operating Permit Report, and Water Quality Screening Report were generated and reported by Tina Ashley.
 - i. Edwards county has seen increased drilling. Real county stays steady with only some drilling being presented to the District.
 - ii. There were four Operating Permits due for renewal in 2021. Three have completed the renewal process according to District Rules officially being renewed for the next five-year term. The last one will be completed by the end of September.
 - iii. There were seven water samples screened by the District during the 3rd quarter.

- c. River Flows Report was presented by Brian Leiker. All rivers show shifting flows due to sporadic rainfall.
- d. Rainfall Report generated approximately 9.5 inches of rain during the 3rd quarter. Drought assessment for Real and Edwards counties is currently at Stage 3. Board members agreed to re-examine the status at the next meeting due to fluctuating rainfall and temperatures.
- e. Texas Groundwater Summit presented by Joel Pigg. Summit will be in San Antonio, August 31 – September 2, 2021, any Board members are welcome to attend along with Joel and Brian.

6. Discussion and Appointment of District Budget Committee for FY2022.

Board members discussed not appointing committee. All members will review the draft budget for 2022 and relay thoughts to Joel Pigg. Draft budget, changes, and comments will be discussed and decided upon at the August special called meeting.

7. Discussion of FY2022 Budget (Needs/Wants).

Communicate any District needs, wants or thoughts about the FY2022 budget to Joel.

8. Discussion and Action on Appointment of Officer to Calculate 2021 Tax Rate for Edwards County.

In the past, the Board has appointed Renn Rudasill Riley, Edwards County Chief Appraiser, as officer to calculate the tax rate for Edwards County.

Motion to appoint Renn Rudasill Riley as officer to calculate the 2021 tax rate for Edwards County was made by Sam Epperson / Second by Volney Hough.

Motion Approved: 6-0

9. Discussion and Action on Appointment of Officer to Calculate 2021 Tax Rate for Real County.

In the past, the Board has appointed the Real County Tax Assessor/Collector to calculate the tax rate for Real County. Terrie Pendley is the newly elected Real County Tax A/C.

Motion to appoint Terrie Pendley as officer to calculate the 2021 tax rate for Real County was made by Rudy Gonzalez / Second by Stan Cottle.

Motion Approved: 6-0

10. Discussion and Action on Setting Veteran Exemptions for 2021 Tax Year in Edwards and Real counties.

In the past, the District has offered this exemption.

Motion was made to set veteran exemptions for the 2021 tax year in both Edwards and Real counties by Beatsie Rubio / Second by Tooter Trees.

Motion Approved: 6-0

11. Discussion and Action on Early Discount Payment of Taxes in Edwards and Real counties.

In the past, the District has offered this exemption.

Motion to set early discount payment for taxes in Edwards and Real counties was made by Rudy Gonzalez / Second by Volney Hough.

Motion Approved: 6-0

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

Date offered for public hearing was August 25, 2021.

Motion to call for Public Hearing on Budget and proposed tax rate on August 25, 2021, was made by Sam Epperson / Second by Stan Cottle.

Motion Approved: 6-0

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

MAY REQUIRE CLOSED SESSION UNDER CHAPTER 555:074

Governor Abbott has issued notice that the suspensions of certain provisions of the Open Meetings Act will lift at 12:01 a.m. on September 1, 2021. No longer will the District Board members be able to meet virtually for open meetings.

14. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting.

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 to 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.)

Next meeting set and approved in previous action item.

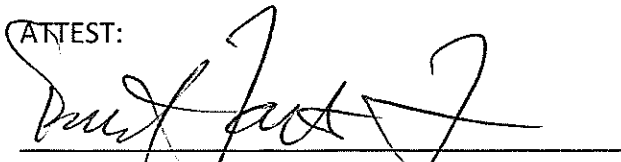
15. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Stan Cottle / Second by Rudy Gonzalez.

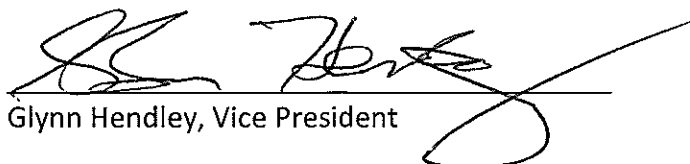
Motion Approved: 6-0

THEREFORE, ON THIS THE 27 DAY OF October 2021, THESE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING HELD ON JULY 21, 2021, ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

ATTEST:



Roland "Tooter" Trees, President



Glynn Hendley, Vice President