

MINUTES
Real-Edward Conservation & Reclamation District
PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FOR BADER RANCH OPERATING PERMIT
and
REGULAR QUARTERLY OPEN MEETING
July 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.
RECRD Office, 234 S. Evergreen St., Leakey, TX 78873

The following RECRD Board members were present for the PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REQUEST FOR BADER RANCH OPERATING PERMIT: Tooter Trees, Beatsie Rubio, Sam Epperson, Stan Cottle, Glynn Hendley, Rudy Gonzalez, and Dub Suttle. ABSENT were Volney Hough and Curry Campbell. **WITH SEVEN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT, QUORUM WAS MET.** Also present: Consulting Manager, Joel Pigg; Field Technician, Brian Leiker; and Office Assistant, Tina Ashley. There were no guests present.

1. Board President, Tooter Trees, ascertained quorum of Board Members with seven members in attendance. Public Hearing was called to Order at 6:05 p.m.
2. Requested Bader Ranch Operating Permit was UNCONTESTED. Bader Ranch Operating Permit seeks 40-acre feet of water to combine 10-acre feet for domestic; 5-acre feet for livestock; and 25-acre feet for irrigation of coastal Bermuda fields using spray irrigation. Consulting Manager, Joel Pigg, recommended granting operating permit with requirements **(1)** to install water level monitoring device to ensure that over pumping of the aquifer does not occur; **(2)** to install water meter at the well head to account for water usage; **(3)** to timely repair any leaks that may occur; **(4)** to account for weather when irrigating crops [example: not irrigating on windy days or rainy days]; and **(5)** to abide by the District's Drought Contingency Management Plan.
3. Motion was made by Glynn Hendley and second by Rudy Gonzalez to adjourn the Public Hearing.

Motion approved: 7-0

Public Hearing adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING of the Real-Edwards Conservation & Reclamation District: Tooter Trees, Beatsie Rubio, Sam Epperson, Stan Cottle, Glynn Hendley, Rudy Gonzalez, and Dub Suttle. ABSENT were Volney Hough and Curry Campbell. **WITH SEVEN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT, QUORUM WAS MET.** Also present: Consulting Manager, Joel Pigg; Field Technician, Brian Leiker; and Office Assistant, Tina Ashley. There were no guests present.

1. President Tooter Trees called to order the Regular Quarterly Board Meeting of the Real-Edwards Conservation & Reclamation District at 6:17 p.m. at the RECRD office, 234 Evergreen, in Leakey, Texas.

2. PLEDGE of Allegiance was led by Tooter Trees.
3. No visitors were in attendance.
4. Consider for Approval of Minutes from April 20, 2022, Regular Board Meeting.
No modifications to Minutes.
Motion to approve Minutes by Rudy Gonzalez / Second by Glynn Hendley
Motion Approved: 7-0
5. Consider for Approval the Request for Bader Ranch Operating Permit.
Motion to approve Bader Ranch Operating Permit by Sam Epperson / Second by Stan Cottle.
Motion Approved: 7-0
6. Reports:
 - a. Financial Statements and Financial Reports were generated and reported by Joel Pigg. Financial status is secure including Operating Account and Money Market Account at Peoples State Bank, 2 CDs at TXN Bank [*\$25,000 was added to CD#...950 in June*], and two CDs at First State Bank of Uvalde.
 - b. Operating Permit and FY2021 Pumping Report by Tina Ashley. Sixteen operating permits across the District. Two pumping reports are overdue. **Letter of acknowledgement was mailed to all 16 operating permit holders notifying of drought stage change to Stage 4 requiring reduction in pumping by 40-percent.**
 - c. Well Report generated by Brian Leiker. Several new wells were completed and several more wells are pending in both Edwards and Real counties.
 - d. Water Quality Screening Report: 6 water samples were collected during 3rd Quarter.
 - e. River Flows Report by Brian Leiker. River measurement data reveals low water levels and decreased flow rates.
 - f. Rainfall Report / Drought Assessment for Real and Edwards counties presented by Brian Leiker. **District drought status is at Stage 4.**
7. Discussion and Appointment of Joel Pigg as Chief Fiscal Officer.
Motion to appoint Joel Pigg as CFO made by Glynn Hendley / Second by Dub Suttle.
Motion Approved: 7-0
8. Discussion and Appointment of District Budget Committee for FY2023.
No committee. Joel will draft FY2023 budget then contact each Director to discuss the budget and make any adjustments as requested.

9. Discussion of needs and/or wants for FY2023 Budget.

Suggestions: additional well monitoring equipment and possible weather stations for each monitor site.

10. Discussion and Action on Appointment of Officer to Calculate 2022 Tax Rate for Edwards County.

Motion to appoint Edwards County Chief Appraiser, Renn Rudasill Riley, made by Sam Epperson / Second by Glynn Hendley.

Motion Approved: 7-0

11. Discussion and Action on Appointment of Officer to Calculate 2022 Tax Rate for Real County.

Motion to appoint Real County Tax Assessor/Collector, Terrie Pendley, made by Dub Suttle / Second by Stan Cottle.

Motion Approved: 7:0

12. Discussion and Action on Setting Veteran Exemptions for 2022 Tax Year in both Edwards County and Real County.

Motion to establish Veteran Exemptions for 2022 Tax Year in both counties made by Sam Epperson / Second by Rudy Gonzalez.

Motion Approved: 7-0

13. Discussion and Action on Early Discount Payment of Taxes in Edwards County and Real County.

Motion to establish Early Discount Payment of Taxes in both Edwards County and Real County made by Stan Cottle / Second by Rudy Gonzalez.

Motion Approved: 7-0

14. Discussion and Action on setting Public Hearings for FY2023 Budget and Proposed 2022 Tax Rate.

Motion recommending Wednesday, September 14, 2022, as date for Public Hearings for FY2023 Budget and Proposed 2022 Tax Rate made by Rudy Gonzalez / Second by Glynn Hendley.

Motion Approved: 7-0

15. Update on status of Annual Cybersecurity Training.

Only one director has not completed the training video.

16. Discussion reminding those Board members of expiring term in December 2022.

There are 5 members with expiring terms: Sam Epperson (Edwards Co., Position #5); Beatsie Rubio (Real Co., Position #6); Stan Cottle (Edwards Co., Position #7); Tooter Trees (Real Co., Position #8); and Rudy Gonzalez (Position At-Large).

17. 2022 TAGD Groundwater Summit schedule for August 30-September 1.

Dub Suttle requested to attend Summit. Tina Ashley will procure registration and hotel accommodations. No one was interested in virtual attendance.

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

MAY REQUIRE CLOSED SESSION UNDER CHAPTER 555:074

No discussion.

19. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting. (SEPTEMBER 2022)

Directors' and General Manager's Comments. (No substantive deliberation or action will be addressed on this agenda item. This item is on the agenda to provide an opportunity to bring to the public and each other's attention prominent 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.)

September 14, 2022, is recommended date for Public Hearings on FY2023 Budget and Proposed 2022 Tax Rate to be held in Rocksprings, Tx.

20. Adjourn.

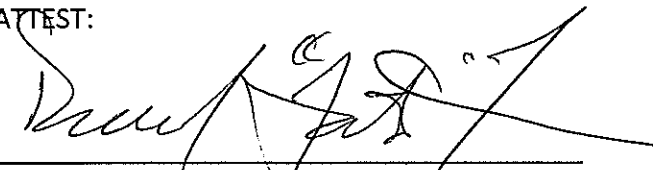
Motion to adjourn meeting by Sam Epperson / Second by Rudy Gonzalez.

Motion Approved: 7-0


Meeting Adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

THEREFORE, ON THIS THE 25th DAY OF ^{July} ~~SEPTEMBER~~ 2022, THESE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REQUEST BY BADER RANCH FOR OPERATING PERMIT AND REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING HELD ON JULY 13TH, 2022, ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

ATTEST:



RECRD Board President, Roland "Tooter" Trees



RECRD Board Secretary, Pablo "Beastie" Rubio