



MINUTES OF REAL-EDWARDS CONSERVATION & RECLAMATION DISTRICT
3rd Quarter Regular Open Meeting on July 26, 2023
RECRD Office in Leakey, Texas – 6:00 p.m.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Six (6) board members were present resulting in met quorum for the 3rd Quarter Regular Meeting. Those present were Curry Campbell, Rudy Gonzalez, Volney Hough, Beatsie Rubio, Dub Suttle and Tooter Trees. Those absent from the meeting were Kent Dunbar, Sam Epperson and Glynn Hendley. Staff in attendance were Joel Pigg, Consulting Manager, Brian Leiker, Field Technician, and Tina Ashley, Assistant.

Guests/public present were Shawn Gray, Real County Commissioner, and Bradly Hart, Real County Commissioner.

1. President Tooter Trees determined MEET QUORUM with a total six (6) Board members present. With quorum met, President Trees proceeded to CALL TO ORDER the 3rd Quarter Regular Open Meeting at 6:00 P.M.
2. President Trees led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Guests/public were welcomed and allowed reasonable time for their comments and questions. Both County Commissioners stated they were speaking as individual citizens and as County Commissioners. They are concerned about decreasing water levels in the Frio and Nueces rivers and more wells being drilled with “subdivisions” being developed. Both wanted to know where the line between County and the District’s authority is and what can be implemented to help with the increasing development of Real County.
4. Consider for Approval Minutes from 2nd Quarter Regular Meeting on April 12, 2023.
Discussion: The draft of the Minutes was reviewed and deemed correct.
Motion to approve Minutes from the 2nd Quarter Regular Meeting on April 12, 2023, were made by Rudy Gonzalez / second by Dub Suttle.

Motion Approved: 6-0

5. Discussion regarding District Reports:

- a.* Financial Statements and Financial Reports.

Joel Pigg presented the financial statements and reports. All indicate the District is financially sound. Board members and staff discussed getting bids for a new District vehicle and using 1st State Bank-Uvalde CD#20012567 along with Jeep trade-in value to finance the new vehicle.

A motion to approve financial statements, reports and proceeding with plan for new District vehicle was presented by Dub Suttle / second by Volney Hough.

Motion Approved: 6-0

- b. Operating Permit Renewal Report. All renewals for 2023 are administratively complete except for City of Leakey OP#012413-1OP which should be returned to the District by August 13, 2023.
- c. Website review. Website is up to date.
- d. Annual Cybersecurity Awareness Training. All Board members but one, and all staff have completed the training video. Must be completed by August 31, 2023.
- e. 2023 Texas Groundwater Summit in August 29-31 in San Antonio. District is sponsoring desserts and drinks for an evening event.
- f. Well Report. There are a total of 4,938 wells in the District.
- g. Water Quality Screen Report. There were 10 water samples screened during the 3rd Quarter.
- h. River Flows Report. Rivers are not flowing well because of heat and drought.
- i. Rainfall Record and Drought Assessment of the District. *Drought Stage 4 (as of June 2022) status remains in effect.*

6. Discussion and Possible Action Appointing District Budget Committee.

Discussion: No committee so Joel will email all Board members with draft of budget for their comments.

No Motion/action necessary.

7. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding any wants or needs for the District Budget.

Discussion: Board members will send comments after reviewing draft of FY2024 budget.

No Motion/action necessary.

8. Discussion and Possible Action Appointing Officer to Calculate FY223 Tax Rate for Edwards County.

Discussion: In the past, the District has appointed the Edwards County Chief Appraiser who is Renn Riley.

Motion to appoint Renn Riley as Officer to Calculate FY2023 Tax Rate for Edwards County made by Dub Suttle / Seconded by Rudy Gonzalez.

Motion Approved: 6-0

9. Discussion and Possible Action Appointing Officer to Calculate FY2023 Tax Rate for Real County.

Discussion: In the past, the District has appointed the Real County Tax/Assessor Collector who is Terrie Pendley.

Motion to appoint Terrie Pendley as Officer to Calculate FY2023 Tax Rate for Real County made by Dub Suttle / Seconded by Rudy Gonzalez.

Motion Approved: 6-0

10. Discussion and Possible Action to Allow for Veteran Exemptions for FY2023 in both Edwards and Real counties.

Discussion: In the past years, the District has allowed for this exemption.

Motion to approve Veterans Exemptions for FY2023 in both Edwards County and Real County was made by Dub Suttle / Seconded by Curry Campbell.

Motion Approved: 6-0

11. Discussion and Possible Action to Allow Early Discount Payment for FY2023 Taxes in Edwards and Real counties.

Discussion: In past years, the District has allowed this exemption.

Motion to approve Early Discount Payment for FY2023 Taxes in Edwards County and Real County was made by Curry Campbell / seconded by Volney Hough.

Motion Approved: 6-0

12. Discussion and Possible Action on setting date for Public Hearings for FY2024 District Budget and FY2023 Tax Rate.

Discussion: Board discussed different dates and tentatively scheduled the meeting for Wednesday, September 20, 2023. Location options included Rocksprings, Garven store or Camp Wood.

Motion to set date tentatively for September 20, 2023, and location to be determined for Public Hearings on both FY2024 District Budget and set FY2023 Tax Rate was made by Rudy Gonzalez / seconded by Dub Suttle.

Motion Approved: 6-0

13. Discussion and Possible Action on FY2022 Audit from Neffendorf & Blocker.

Discussion: FY2022 financial audit complete with no changes to the District practices.

Motion to approve completion of FY2022 Audit made by Dub Suttle / seconded by Rudy Gonzalez.

Motion Approved: 6-0

14. Discussion and Possible Action on Personnel/Budget Issues.

Discussion: Board members went into Executive Session at 7:24 p.m., ending session at 7:35 p.m. Certified Agenda was completed and placed in envelop by President Tooter Trees.

Motion to approve FY2024 pay increase of 3.5% to all employees was presented by Curry Campbell / seconded by Volney Hough.

Motion Approved: 6-0

15. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting.

Tentative date scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

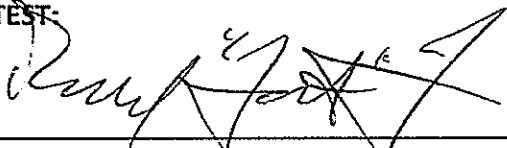
16. Adjourn at 7:42 P.M.

Motion to adjourn by Beatsie Rubio / seconded by Rudy Gonzalez.

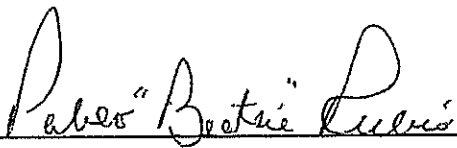
Motion Approved: 6-0

THEREFORE, ON THIS THE 18th DAY OF ^{October} ~~SEPTEMBER~~ 2023, THESE MINUTES OF 3rd QUARTER REGULAR DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON July 26, 2023, ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

ATTEST:



PRESIDENT, ROLAND "TOOTER" TREES



SECRETARY, PABLO "BEATSIE" RUBIO

ALTERNATE BOARD OFFICER (IF CASE OF ABSENCE OF PRESIDENT/SECRETARY):

VICE PRESIDENT, GLYNN HENDLEY