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**REAL-EDWARDS CONSERVATION & RECLAMATION DISTRICT**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Regular Open Meeting**

**July 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.**

**District Office, 234 Evergreen, Leakey, Texas**

**Six (6) Board members were present:** Curry Campbell, Sam Epperson, Rudy Gonzalez, Glynn Hendley, Volney Hough, and Dub Suttle. Absent Board members: Kent Dunbar, Tooter Trees, and vacant Board Position #6.

**Staff in attendance:** Joel Pigg as Consulting Manager, Brian Leiker as Field Technician, and Tina Ashley as Office Manager.

**Guests present:** Mike Turner as concerned Real County citizen.

1. Vice-President, Glynn Hendley determined QUORUM with six Board members present, and called the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Regular Open Meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Glynn Hendley, and moment of silence for District President Tooter Trees recovering in the hospital, and for the family of our deceased District Secretary Beatsie Rubio. Announcement of Beatsie’s memorial service on July 13th
3. Welcome visitors and guests. Allow for public comment. Mike Turner introduced himself as a new resident of Real County and communicated he was interested in being involved in community topics.
4. Consider for Approval Minutes from 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Regular Meeting on April 17, 2024. No edits required.

Motion to Approve Minutes by Dub Suttle and Seconded by Rudy Gonzalez

**Motion Approved: 6-0**

5. Consider and/or act upon Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Report.

Board members took a moment to review FY23 audit report. Asked if Joel was satisfied, and how much the audit cost (\$4,500). No further questions or comments.

Motion to approve FY 2023 Audit Report by Dub Suttle and seconded by Volney Hough.

**Motion Approved: 6-0**

**6. Consider and/or act upon appointing Chief Financial Officer for District.**

Consulting Manager, Joel Pigg, has been the District CFO in past years. No changes going forward.

Motion to Approve the District position General Manager and/or Consulting Manager as Chief Financial Officer by Glynn Hendley and seconded by Dub Suttle.

**Motion Approved: 6-0**

**7. Discussion regarding District Reports:**

a. Financial Statements and Financial Reports.

All District financial reports prepared by Joel Pigg, and reviewed by Board members.

b. Operating Permit Report presented by Tina Ashley.

c. Upcoming Events presented by Tina Ashley.

i. Annual Cybersecurity Awareness Training.

ii. 2024 Texas Groundwater Summit, August 2024. District is sponsoring desserts and drinks for an evening event.

d. Well Report presented by Brian Leiker.

e. Water Quality Screen Report presented by Brian Leiker.

f. River Flows Report reveals flow is decreasing presented by Brian Leiker.

g. Rainfall Record and Drought Assessment of the District. *Drought Stage 4 (as of June 2022) status remains in effect.*

**8. Consider 2024 expiring terms of Board members.**

Tina reminded Curry, Volney, Glynn and Dub that their District positions term will expire and they each need to review their application and sign if they so choose to enter the election process.

**No action or motion required.**

**9. Consider and/or act on Field Technician position.**

District Field Technician, Brian Leiker, presented his resignation to the District. The District advertised employment opportunity on the District website and the District public space on the office door for from June 17 – July 2, 2024 (two weeks).

**No action/motion required.**

**10. Consider and/or act upon Revised District Policy for Financial Investments.**

Financial Investments Policy was reviewed.

Motion to Approve revised District Policy for Financial Investments by Sam Epperson and seconded by Glynn Hendley.

**Motion Approved: 6-0**

**11. Consider and/or act upon tax exemptions in Edwards County.**

Motion to Approve tax exemptions for veterans and early discount for payment in whole, and any other standard tax exemptions by Sam Epperson and seconded by Glynn Hendley.

**Motion Approved 6-0**

**12. Consider and/or act upon approval/rejection of 2025 Real Central Appraisal District proposed budget.**

RCAD proposed 2025 budget reviewed.

Motion to Reject the 2025 Real Central Appraisal District's proposed budget by Volney Hough and seconded by Dub Suttle.

**Motion Approved: 6-0**

**13. Consider and/or act upon the proposed District Tax Rate of \$0.0185/\$100.00 valuation for the 2024 tax collection year.**

Discussion to lower tax rate to 0.070 or 0.0175 and possible District budget using these numbers. Public hearing for the proposed District tax rate scheduled for August 7, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at the District office.

Motion to Approve the proposal of District Tax Rate of \$0.0175/\$100.00 valuation for the 2024 tax collection year and set public hearing for such on August 7, 2024 by Glynn Hendley and seconded by Dub Suttle.

**Motion Approved: 6-0**

**14. Consider and/or act upon appointment of District Committee for FY2025 budget.**

All Board members along with Joel Pigg will be included in FY2024 budget planning.

Motion to Approve FY2025 budget planning including all Board members by Glynn Hendley and seconded by Volney Hough.

**Motion Approved 6-0**

**15.** Consider items for District proposed budget.

Board members will review budget and advise Joel as needed.

**No action/motion necessary.**

**16.** Consider and/or act upon Water Availability Study.

No discussion. No action/motion.

**17.** Consider and/or act upon Personnel/Budget Issues.

Board requested Joel to look into suitable raise (3% or higher) for existing employees based on current cost of living inflation. To be reviewed during budget planning.

Board requested review of Board and Staff coverage of emergency air and ground medical transport. Motion and action to follow with more information.

Motion to approve suitable raise for existing employees by Glynn Hendley and seconded by Curry Campbell.

**Motion Approved 6-0**

**18.** Set Time and Date for Next Meeting.

Wednesday, August 7, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at District office in Leakey.

**19.** Motion to Adjourn at 7:17 P.M. by Sam Epperson and seconded by Dub Suttle.

THEREFORE, ON THIS THE 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF ~~AUGUST~~ <sup>September</sup> 2024, THESE MINUTES OF 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER REGULAR DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON July 9, 2024, ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

President  
Board Position

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Signature