



MINUTES FROM
REAL-EDWARDS CONSERVATION & RECLAMATION DISTRICT
4th Quarter Regular Open Meeting
Wednesday, October 29, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
District Office, 234 Evergreen, Leakey, Texas

Board Members present: Sam Epperson, Volney Hough, Rudy Gonzalez, Dub Suttle, and Tooter Trees

Board Members absent: Kent Dunbar, Lindsay Leinweber, Glynn Hendley, and Ryan Shanklin

Staff present: Tim Marlin, Field Technician, and Tina Ashley, Assistant
Available by telephone: Joel Pigg, Consulting Manager

Guests present: Allison McDonald of Collier Consulting, briefly joined the District meeting via Teams meeting invite.

1. President Trees determine there were (5) Board Members present which met quorum requirements . He proceeded to call to order the 4th Quarter Open Meeting at 6:29 P.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Welcome visitors and guests.
4. Consider possible action on Minutes from the September 10, 2025, Public Hearing on FY26 District Budget, Public Hearing on 2025 Tax Rate, and Special Called District Meeting.
No corrections or additions.

Motion to approve minutes from the September 10, 2025, public hearings and special called meeting by Rudy Gonzalez and seconded by Dub Suttle.

Motion Approved: 5 -0 no one voted against, no one abstained

5. Consider possible action on any amendments to FY2025 District budget.
Directors reviewed the amendments and saw no errors.

Motion to approve amendments to the Fiscal year 2025 District budget as presented by Sam Epperson and seconded by Dub Suttle.

Motion Approved: 5 – 0 no one voted against, no one abstained

6. Reports:

- a. Financial Statements and Reports: Board members reviewed financial statements and discussed opening two certificates of deposit with 1st State Bank of Uvalde, Leakey Branch. Also discussed ways to use accumulated funds for science data, etc.
- b. Operating Permits: Request for the annual pumping reports to be mailed in January. There are 5 operating permits for renewal in 2026. Paperwork is already being prepared and will be mailed in a timely fashion.
- c. Website Report: normal activity on the website.
- d. Well Report: there are a total of 5,263 registered wells within the District boundaries.
- e. Water Quality Screening Report: Water quality screening were low in number this quarter.
- f. River Flows: Flows showed an increase after the July rain events and are beginning to slightly decrease.
- g. Rainfall Record and Drought Assessment: currently Stage 4 (since June 2022): The District office rain meter registered 29.96 inches of rain for 2025 with most of the rain events happening in July – October.
- h. Monitor Well Report: new report was a good visual on 3 of the wells being monitored for water level purposes.
- i. FY2025 Annual Report on Media & Information Published by District: We met our management plan performance standard actions. A new challenge is that news articles and river flows are sometimes deemed by the newspaper editor as optional and therefore do not make in into the edition for that week. District office staff will continue to email articles, and river flows every month to follow our management plan performance standards. Staff will look at ways to modify this challenge going into the future.

7. Consider possible action regarding progress of the Water Availability Study in Edwards County. Allison McDonald of Collier Consulting met with us via Teams video conference and discussed challenges to the planned water availability study in Edwards County. Challenges are absentee landowners, permission from landowners, low-producing wells, and character of a limestone aquifer. She presented a power point that showed the project history timeline from start to present explaining various hurdles and challenges impeding progress. She proposed 3-4 different possible tests that might result in some data. The usual pumping test (4-36 hours),

nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), acoustic televiewer, and possibly a slug test. Each test has its own challenges in resulting data. Going forward, \$75,000 could result in very little data collection.

Allison will continue to discuss possibilities for testing with her colleagues and contacts. Tim will continue to identify potential wells and attempt to contact landowners.

No Motion.

8. Consider possible action regarding engaging Kuntz, Smith & Co. for the FY2025 audit. Board members reviewed the engagement letter dated September 16, 2025. District has used them in the past and has been satisfied with their work.

Motion to approve and sign the engagement letter by Sam Epperson and seconded by Dub Suttle.

Motion Approved: 5 – 0 no one voted against, no one abstained

9. Consider possible action on the resolution for banking signatures and assigned rights. Directors also want to open two certificates of deposit with 1st Statement Bank of Uvalde. One will be a year-to-year rate, and one will be month to month (possibly to use for water availability study).

Motion to approve the updated Resolution for banking signatures and assigned rights, and to open two certificates of deposit with First State Bank of Uvalde by Rudy Gonzalez and seconded by Volney Hough.

Motion Approved: 5 – 0 no one voted against, no one abstained

10. Consider possible action regarding the bid for purchase of property held in trust by Edwards County.

Motion to accept bid for purchase of property held in trust by Edwards County as stated in the September 8, 2025, letter from Perdue Brandon by Rudy Gonzalez and seconded Dub Suttle.

Motion Approved: 5 – 0 no one voted against, no one abstained

11. Consider possible action on any personnel/budget issues.
Add Starlink to the District Jeep for Tim.

Motion to purchase Starlink by Volney Hough and seconded by Rudy Gonzalez.

Motion Approved: 5 – 0 no one voted against, no one abstained

12. Consider possible dates for the next District meeting in January 2026. No action necessary.
Dates and time to be determined.

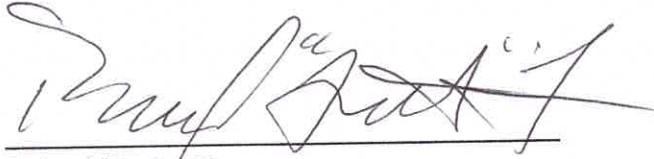
13. Consider action to adjourn 4th Quarter District Meeting.

Motion by Sam Epperson to adjourn meeting and seconded by Rudy Gonzalez.

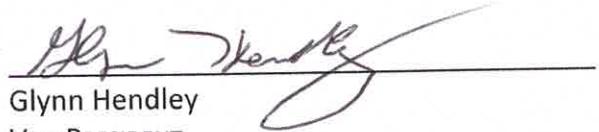
Motion Approved: 5 – 0 no one voted against, no one abstained

4th Quarter District Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

THEREFORE, ON THIS _____ DAY OF JANUARY 2026, THESE MINUTES OF THE 4TH QUARTER DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 29, 2025, ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED.



Roland Tooter Trees
PRESIDENT



Glynn Hendley
VICE PRESIDENT