

Refugio Groundwater Conservation District

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The Board of Directors of the Refugio Groundwater Conservation District convened a meeting on August 29, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the First Baptist Church of Woodsboro Fellowship Hall, 309 Johnson Street, Woodsboro, Texas 78393

Meeting Attendance:

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| Precinct 1: | Mr. John Snyder, Treasurer | Present |
| Precinct 2: | Mr. Carroll Borden, President | Present |
| Precinct 3: | Vacant | |
| Precinct 4: | Mr. Fredric Biery, Secretary | Present |
| At Large: | Mr. Scott Carter, Vice President | Absent |
| General Manager: | Mr. Timothy Andruss | Present |
| Legal Counsel: | Mr. James Allison | Absent |

Agenda Item 1: Call the meeting to order and welcome guests.

Meeting Discussion: Carroll Borden called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

Board Action: No action taken.

Agenda Item 2: Receive public comments.

Meeting Discussion: None.

Board Action: None.

Agenda Item 3: Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater management including the efforts and activities of the District regarding permitting, complaints, investigations, violations, and enforcement cases associated with permitting.

Agenda Item 4: Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater protection including complaints, investigations, violations, and enforcement cases related to groundwater contamination and waste.

Agenda Item 5: Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater monitoring.

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Agenda Item 6: Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater conservation.

Agenda Item 7: Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater resource planning including Groundwater Management Area 15 Joint Planning and regional water planning.

Agenda Item 8: Consideration of and possible action of matters related to groundwater policy including the Management Plan on the District, the proposed Management Plan of the District, the Rules of the District, petitions to amend the Rules of the District, and fee schedule.

Agenda Item 9: Consideration of and possible action on matters related to administration and management including the minutes of previous meetings, the annual budget of the district, bank accounts, investments, financial reports of the district, bills and invoices of the district, management goals and objectives of the district, administrative policies, staffing, consultant agreements, interlocal cooperation agreements, and support services provided to and from other groundwater conservation districts.

9.0 – Report regarding Administration and Management

Meeting Discussion: Mr. Andruss explained the next meetings of the Board are scheduled for October 16, 2023, with each meeting to convene at 6:00 PM. Regular meetings will be rescheduled as necessary and special meeting may be scheduled to address unforeseen issues.

Board Action: None.

9.1 – FY2024 Budget

Meeting Discussion: Mr. Andruss explained staff developed a budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, that attempts to fund the operations of the District in a manner that provides for 1) the accomplishment of the management plan goals and objectives, 2) the completion of certain projects and tasks associated with the administration of the district, groundwater conservation, groundwater management and permitting, groundwater monitoring, groundwater policy development, groundwater protection, groundwater research, and groundwater resource planning, and 3) avoid a budget deficit in Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Staff developed the proposed budget anticipating the continued cooperation with and support of the staff of the Victoria County Groundwater Conservation to be

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achieved through the approval of a revised interlocal cooperation agreement that includes an increase to the monthly fees for service equal to 5%.

Staff developed the proposed budget anticipating the commitment of the monies of the Reserve Fund in Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in accordance with the following schedule:

Groundwater Conservation: 5%

Groundwater Management: 10%

Groundwater Monitoring: 25%

Groundwater Protection: 25%

Groundwater Research: 5%

Groundwater Resource Planning: 5%

Legal Contingencies: 25%

Staff developed the proposed budget anticipating the approval of a tax rate equal to the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate calculated by the Tax Assessor - Collector for Tax Year 2023. The proposed expense budget exceeds the proposed revenue (anticipated revenue) by \$30,000.00. In order to avoid a budget deficit, staff proposes the budgeting \$30,000.00 for operating revenue from the reserve funds of the district (approximately 2.1% percent of the anticipated total fund balance as of September 30, 2023).

Board Action: Mr. Borden moved to adopt the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2024 by order and authorize the presiding officer to execute the draft interlocal agreement with Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District, as presented. Mr. Snyder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9.2 – Tax Rate for TY2023

Meeting Discussion: Mr. Andruss explained the District completed the public notice requirements related to the required public hearing regarding the proposed tax rate for tax year 2023.

On September 6, 2022, the Board of Directors met and adopted a tax rate of \$0.01519/\$100 for Tax Year 2022.

Based on calculations completed by the Refugio County Tax Assessor-Collector, the following tax rates exist for the District for Tax Year 2023:

- No-New-Revenue Tax Rate: \$0.013740/\$100

- Voter-Approval Tax Rate: \$0.014230/\$100

The proposed tax rate for Tax Year 2023 is equal to the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate.

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Board Action: Public hearing regarding the proposed tax rate was opened at approximately 6:15 PM.

Mr. Biery moved to close the public hearing after accepting public comment regarding the proposed tax rate. Mr. Borden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Public hearing was closed at approximately 6:16 PM.

Mr. Snyder moved to approve and adopt the proposed tax rate as the adopted tax rate by order. Mr. Borden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9.3 – Appraisal Roll for Tax Year 2023

Meeting Discussion: None.

Board Action: Mr. Borden moved to accept and approve the appraisal roll for Tax Year 2023 and adopt the Order Approving the 2023 Appraisal Roll. Mr. Biery seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 10: Consideration of and possible action on matters related to legal counsel report.

Agenda Item 11: Adjourn.


11.0 – Adjourn Meeting

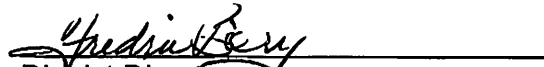
Meeting Discussion: None.

Board Action: Mr. Borden moved to adjourn the meeting after concluding all business of the District at approximately 6:44 PM. Mr. Biery seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The above and foregoing minutes were read and approved on this the 16 day of October, 2023.

ATTEST:


District Director


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