Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: June 9, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: 110 W California Street, Texas, 76380

Directors Present
David Albus, President
Chris Orsak - Secretary
Jim Cowsert
Kenny Cockrell
Ross Short
Jerry Bob Daniel

Directors Absent
Loy Studer
Jimmy Burson
Freddie, Livingston, Jr

District Staff Present
Lynn Smith, PG, General Manager

Others Present
None

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting was called to order by Chris Orsak, Board Secretary, at 6:17 PM.

David Albus, Board President arrived at 6:22 PM during the minutes review and led the remainder of the meeting.

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held May 12, 2026, were reviewed for accuracy and completeness. Following review, a motion was made by Chris and seconded by Ross to approve the minutes, as written. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Financial Statements for April 2026 were presented. Following review and discussion a motion was made by Chris and seconded by Kenny to approve the financial statements as presented. Motion carried.

The current budget and total expenditures were reviewed.

Permits 282, 283, 286, and 288 were presented by Lynn. The motion to approve all permits was made by Jim, seconded by Chris, all ayes and motion passed.

Lynn presented the Manager's Report.

A report was given by Lynn on the District's Recharge Program. He discussed the status of the existing sites and explained that Mr. Adkins requested him to meet regarding a potential location he owns. That meeting was planned for Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

Lynn also detailed the option for District staff to begin clearing brush at the Myers Site which would allow us more control regarding avoiding bird nesting sites as required by statute as stated in TPWD's permit memo. We could then hire a contractor to finish whatever was left in mid-September after the nesting protection expires. There was no opposition to that suggestion.

Jerry Bob moved to authorize the General Manager to take action for the good of the District regarding Knox CAD Trust Properties and other properties where the taxing entities of Knox County hold an interest, second by Chris, all ayes.

The District Investment Policy was reviewed. After some discussion, the motion was made by Jim to amend the policy by adding Stripe, LLC as a authorized broker/dealer and to approve the amended policy by resolution. Second by Ross, motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was had on potential 2026 Rules update due to recent legislation and changes in water demands. In particular, the draft rules as edited by District Counsel was reviewed. All draft language was deemed acceptable with the exception of the minimum size of a Groundwater management Zone. The current draft described it as being a minimum of 10 square miles. The Board proposed that language be modified such that the minimum area be not less than five square miles so long as it covered more than one landowner within the proposed zone. That one section will be returned to counsel for further consideration. Jerry Bob moved to set a Rules Hearing for 2 PM on July 14, 2026, and to post the required notices for same. Chris seconded. Jerry Bob asked that the vote be conducted by show of hands. All hands were raised in support of calling the Rules Hearing with none opposed and none abstaining, motion passed.

Lynn discussed the draft proposed DFCs along with the joint planning process in general. Chris moved to call a Hearing to receive public comments on the draft proposed DFCs and to hold that hearing on July 14, 2026, after the Rules Hearing is finished. Second by Jim, all ayes.

It was determined that the next meeting would be set for July 14, 2026, after the two hearings are concluded. Due to the potential for a large crowd at the hearings, it was suggested that the hearings and meeting be held at the Baylor County AgriLife building if it is available. Lynn will check on that and make all necessary arrangements.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jerry Bob and seconded by Ross, all ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Minutes were approved on 7/16/26 at a regular Board meeting.

ATTEST: David Albus

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