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The meeting of the Texana Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors convened at 411 N. Wells, Edna, Texas 77957 on Thursday, August 31, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

The following representatives of Texana Groundwater Conservation District attended the meeting:

Precinct 1:	Kenneth Koop	Present
Precinct 2:	Michael Skalicky	Present
Precinct 3:	Clifford Born	Present
Precinct 4:	Robert Gendke Jr.	Present
At Large:	Jim Revel	Present
At Large:	Johnny Dugger	Absent
At Large:	Fredrick Woodland	Absent
General Manager:	Tim Andruss	Present
Legal Counsel:	Jim Allison of Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP	Absent

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

**Meeting Discussion:** Mr. Skalicky called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

**Board Action:** None.

Agenda Item 2: Receive public comments.

**Meeting Discussion:** Mr. Skalicky offered to accept public comment from attendees.

No comments were made at this time.

**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.

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

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 on matters related to groundwater policy including the Management Plan of the District and the Rules of the District.

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 is scheduled for October 19, 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 and 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.

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

**Board Action:** Mr. Revel 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. Skalicky seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 9.2 - Tax Rate for Tax Year 2023

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

On August 18, 2022, the Board of Directors met and adopted a proposed tax rate of \$0.00770/\$100 for Tax Year 2022.

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

- No-New-Revenue Tax Rate: \$0.00740/\$100

- Voter-Approval Tax Rate: \$0.00790/\$100

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

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**Board Action:** The public hearing regarding the proposed tax rate was opened and closed after receiving no public comment. Mr. Skalicky moved to approve and adopt the proposed tax rate as the adopted tax rate by order. Mr. Born seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9.3 - Appraisal Roll for Tax Year 2023

Meeting Discussion: None.

**Board Action:** Mr. Skalicky moved to accept and approve the appraisal roll for Tax Year 2023 and adopt the Order Approving the 2023 Appraisal Roll. Mr. Born 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. Skalicky moved to adjourn the meeting after concluding all business of the District. Mr. Koop seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

**District Director** 

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