

Minutes of the Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting on Wednesday February 12, 2025 at the Guadalupe Basin Natural Resources Center – Boardroom 125 Lehmann Dr., Kerrville, Texas.

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1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, and Certification of Quorum in Compliance with Texas Open Meetings Law.

Directors Present: Chris Childs – Precinct 2, President
Laurie Lowe – Precinct 4, Vice-President
John Elliott – At Large, Secretary/Treasurer
Kenneth Wilke – Precinct 3
Jeffrey Wendling – Precinct 1

Staff Present: Gene Williams, Monica Thibodeaux, Deneise Harris, Michael Mann
Other: Richard Mosty, HGCD Attorney

2. Public Comment - Any person may address the Board at any time on any agenda item of this meeting. Non-agenda items may only be addressed during the Public Comment section of this meeting; no formal action will be taken on the non-agenda items.

Janet Buchert – 625 Dove Valley, Center Point

3. Consent Agenda

1. **Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes** (January 15, 2025)
2. **Approval of Paying of the Bills**
3. **Receiving the Treasurer’s Report** (January 2025)
4. **Public Funds Investment Policy Reporting** (January 2025)
5. **Receiving the Groundwater Report**

Director Elliott motioned to Accept the Consent Agenda. Director Lowe seconded the motion. Director Childs, Director Lowe, Director Elliott, Director Wilke and Director Wendling all voted in favor. The motion passed.

4. **Discussion, Response and Action to Petition for Rulemaking regarding Amended Petition Rule Changes to Rule #12.C in the Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District Rules (Revised July 10, 2024).**

Public Speakers:

Ronnie Buchert – 625 Dove Valley, Center Point (Petitioner)

Jerry Wolff – 503 N Buckboard, Kerrville

Director Lowe motioned to Discuss and Respond to Petition for Rulemaking regarding Amended Petition Rule Changes to Rule #12.C. Director Elliott seconded the motion. Director Lowe voted to grant the Petition, and asked about possible amendment to Rule 12.C. Director Childs, Director Elliott, Director Wilke and Director Wendling all voted to deny the Petition. The Petition was denied.

5. **Discussion and Appointments for Committees:**

- **Rules Committee**
- **Drought Plan Committee**
- **Budget Committee**

Rules Committee:

Laurie Lowe

Chris Childs

Drought Plan:

Kenneth Wilke

Chris Childs

Budget Committee:

Laurie Lowe

Jeffrey Wendling

Legislative Committee (New Committee):

John Elliott

Gene Williams

Monica Jacobs

6. **Discussion only on Modeling and Other Reporting on West Kerr Edwards-Trinity**

Director Lowe asked Gene Williams to give a definition of Modeling. Modeling is defined as computer models of groundwater flow systems used by hydrologists and groundwater models used to simulate groundwater conditions. Using computer software with the 1-mile grid system that is already modeled, they generate mathematical assumptions in most instances, this accounts for some variations seen in models. In regards to West Kerr, his contact with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), Natalie Ballew, P.G., stated that TWDB is inputting the current water level data provided by Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District's field technician, Michael Mann. His data is being forwarded to the TWDB modeler and compared with existing information. A new model is expected in early 2025, and the goal is to get a TWDB modeler or hydrologist to come and explain the new modeling of West Kerr and the possible effects on the Edwards-Trinity aquifer.

Discussion Only – No Action Taken

7. **Discussion only Rule 7: Production Caps**

Public Comments:

Jeff Holt – Kerr County Commissioner, Pct 3 – 3855 Cypress Creek Rd, Comfort

Janet Buchert – 625 Dove Valley, Center Point

PowerPoint presentation by Chris Childs comparing current Production Caps in Kerr County and surrounding counties

Discussion Only – No Action Taken

8. **General Managers Report**

- **Drought Stage Outlook.**

Discussion Only – No Action Taken

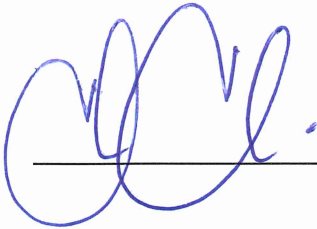
9. **Directors Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting.**

Director Lowe requested updates from the Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District legal team.

10. **Adjournment**

Director Wendling motioned to Adjourn. Director Lowe seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

APPROVED:



Chris Childs
Board of Directors, President



Laurie Lowe
Board of Directors, Vice-President