



**Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
February 8, 2021**

The Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors held a regular meeting at the building on corner of Webster and Marshall Streets on Monday, February 8, 2021.

**Board Members Present:**

Precinct #1: Ken Ragle  
Precinct #2: Harry Hamilton  
Precinct #2: Roy Vannoy  
Precinct #3: John Langston  
Precinct #3: Jody White  
Precinct #4: Bobby Brown  
Precinct #4: Emily Whitworth

**Board Members Absent:**

At-Large David Powell

District Staff Present: Dr. Robert Thornton, General Manager, and Diana Martinez, Office Manager.

1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chairman Brown, who called on Ken Ragle to lead the invocation.
2. Public Comment: No visitors were present for comment; Sammy Nichols, a resident of Precinct 1 was present.
3. Consent Agenda: There were no requests to remove a Consent Agenda item for separate discussion and action. GM Thornton reported on the following items:
  - No comments or revisions to Minutes from regular Board meeting held December 14, 2020
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for December 2020 and January 2021.
  - General Manager's Reports for December 2020 and January 2021.
  - Quarterly Report on Investments 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY 20-21
  - Budget Report for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY 2020/2021
  - John Langston moved to accept and approve consent agenda items, seconded by Harry Hamilton, with all approving unanimously.
4. Discussion and possible action to reorganize District Board. After a brief discussion, Ken Ragle made a motion to keep the same officers by acclamation. There were no objections. The 2021 officers include: President – Bobby Brown, Vice President – David Powell, Secretary/Treasurer – John Langston



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5. Discussion and possible action to be a sponsor for the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program. After a brief description of program, Ken Ragle made a motion to be a sponsor at the \$500 level. Emily Whitworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Annual Financial Audit by Morgan LaGrone. A motion was made by Ken Ragle to accept the report and seconded by Jody White. There was unanimous consent.
7. It was announced that the next meeting date is March 8, 2021.
8. There was unanimous consent to adjourn.

Minutes approved by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Bobby Brown". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Bobby Brown – Board Chairman



**Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District  
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March 15, 2021**

The Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors held a regular meeting at the building on corner of Webster and Marshall Streets on Monday, March 15, 2021.

**Board Members Present:**

Precinct #1: Ken Ragle  
Precinct #1: Sammy Nichols  
Precinct #2: Harry Hamilton  
Precinct #2: Roy Vannoy  
Precinct #3: John Langston  
Precinct #3: Jody White  
Precinct #4: Bobby Brown

**Board Members Absent:**

Precinct #4: Emily Whitworth  
At-Large David Powell

**District Staff Present:** Dr. Robert Thornton, General Manager.

1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm by Chairman Brown, who then lead the invocation.
2. Public Comment: No visitors were present for comment; Sammy Nichols, a resident of Precinct 1 was present.
3. Discussion and possible action on appointment of Director Vacancy. A motion was made by Ken Ragle and seconded by Jody White to appoint Mr. Sammy Nichols to the District Board. There was unanimous approval.
4. Consent Agenda: There were no requests to remove a Consent Agenda item for separate discussion and action. GM Thornton reported on the following items:
  - No comments or revisions to Minutes from regular Board meeting held February 8, 2021
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for February 2021.
  - Committed Funds.
  - General Manager's Report.
  - Harry Hamilton moved to accept and approve consent agenda items, seconded by Roy Vannoy, with all approving unanimously.
5. Texas Legislative update by GM Thornton. No action taken.
6. Discussion and possible action on bids for house/office foundation repair. After discussion on the issue, Sammy Nichols made a motion to accept the Olshan bid and it was seconded by Roy Vannoy with all approving unanimously.
7. Discussion and possible action to appoint an alternate to the GMA 11 Board. After a brief discussion, Harry Hamilton volunteered to be the alternate to GMA 11 Board. Ken Ragle made a motion by acclamation to appoint Mr. Hamilton, and there were no objections.



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8. Discussion and possible action to convert the Water Education Room into the District Boardroom. Chairman Brown asked the Board if they would like the District to get bids on remodeling at District expense, if ok with Judge Hale. There were no objections to further investigation. No action taken.
9. It was announced that the next meeting date is April 12, 2021.
10. There was unanimous consent to adjourn.

Minutes approved by:

  
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Bobby Brown – Board Chairman



**Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District  
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April 13, 2021**

The Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors held a regular meeting at the building on corner of Webster and Marshall Streets on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

**Board Members Present:**

Precinct #1: Ken Ragle  
Precinct #2: Harry Hamilton  
Precinct #2: Roy Vannoy  
Precinct #3: John Langston  
Precinct #3: Jody White  
Precinct #4: Bobby Brown  
Precinct #4: Emily Whitworth

**Board Members Absent:**

Precinct #1: Sammy Nichols  
At-Large David Powell

**District Staff Present:** Dr. Robert Thornton, General Manager.

1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:06 pm by Chairman Brown, who then asked Emily Whitworth to lead the invocation.
2. Public Comment: No visitors were present for comment.
3. Consent Agenda: There were no requests to remove a Consent Agenda item for separate discussion and action. GM Thornton reported on the following items:
  - No comments or revisions to Minutes from regular Board meeting held March 15, 2021.
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for March 2021.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Report FY 20\_21
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Report FY 20\_21
  - General Manager's Report.
  - John Langston moved to accept and approve consent agenda items, seconded by Ken Ragle, with all approving unanimously.
4. Discussion and possible action of historic site properties all or part of assessed value, exempted from taxation by the District for qualified properties for the 2021 tax year: After a brief discussion, Harry Hamilton made a motion to approve the exceptions. Emily Whitworth provided a second. There was unanimous approval.
5. It was announced that the next meeting date is May 10, 2021.
6. There was general consensus to adjourn.





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Bobby Brown – Board Chairman



**Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District  
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May 10, 2021**

The Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors held a regular meeting at the building on corner of Webster and Marshall Streets on Tuesday, May 10, 2021.

**Board Members Present:**

Precinct #1: Ken Ragle  
Precinct #1: Sammy Nichols  
Precinct #2: Harry Hamilton  
Precinct #3: John Langston  
Precinct #3: Jody White  
Precinct #4: Bobby Brown  
Precinct #4: Emily Whitworth

**Board Members Absent:**

Precinct #2: Roy Vannoy  
At-Large David Powell

District Staff Present: Robert Thornton, General Manager and Diana Martinez, Office Manager.

1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:14 pm by Chairman Brown, who then led the invocation.
2. Public Comment: No visitors were present for comment.
3. Oath of Office for Sammy Nichols: Mr. Nichols was sworn in by Chairman Brown.
4. Consent Agenda: There were no requests to remove a Consent Agenda item for separate discussion and action. GM Thornton reported on the following items:
  - No comments or revisions to Minutes from regular Board meeting held April 13, 2021.
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for April 2021.
  - 2021 Estimated Tax Values.
  - John Linder Operating Co LLC v. Rusk County Appraisal District.
  - General Manager's Report.
  - Harry Hamilton moved to accept and approve consent agenda items, seconded by John Langston. All approved unanimously.
4. Appointment of Directors to the District's Budget-Finance Committee: After a brief discussion, Ken Ragle, John Langston, and Harry Hamilton were all reappointed by acclamation.
5. Review of the District's Drought Contingency Plan: GM Thornton proposed a change to some wording. Chairman Brown advised that we should wait to make any changes until the current legislative session ends.
6. It was announced that the next meeting date is June 14, 2021 and the hearing date for DFC comments is July 12, 2021.
7. There was consensus to adjourn.



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Bobby Brown – Board Chairman





**Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District  
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June 14, 2021**

The Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors held a regular meeting at the building on corner of Webster and Marshall Streets on Monday, June 14, 2021.

**Board Members Present:**

Precinct #1: Ken Ragle  
Precinct #2: Roy Vannoy  
Precinct #3: John Langston  
Precinct #3: Jody White  
Precinct #4: Bobby Brown  
Precinct #4: Emily Whitworth

**Board Members Absent:**

Precinct #2: Harry Hamilton  
Precinct #1: Sammy Nichols  
At-Large David Powell

**District Staff Present:** Robert Thornton, General Manager and Diana Martinez, Office Manager.

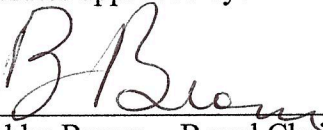
1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm by Chairman Brown, who then led the invocation.
2. Public Comment: No visitors were present for comment.
3. Consent Agenda: There were no requests to remove a Consent Agenda item for separate discussion and action. GM Thornton reported on the following items:
  - No comments or revisions to Minutes from regular Board meeting held May 10, 2021.
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for May 2021.
  - Midcoast G&P (East Texas) L.P. ETAL v. Rusk County Appraisal District
  - Committed Funds Report May 2021.
  - Budget Report for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY 2020-2021.
  - General Manager's Report.
  - John Langston moved to accept and approve consent agenda items and it was seconded by Ken Ragle. All approved unanimously.
4. Discussion and possible action to authorize RCGCD Directors as account signators on all accounts at Texas Bank. After discussion, there was a motion by Ken Ragle, and seconded by John Langston, to authorize the following Directors as signators on all RCGCD accounts at Texas Bank: Bobby Brown, John Langston, Ken Ragle, Emily Whitworth, and Harry Hamilton. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Budget Committee Report: Committee members gave an overview of the FY 21\_22 Budget process. No action was taken.
6. Review and possible action on District's retirement rate for 2022: No action was taken.
7. Review and possible action on District's TML Health Insurance plan for FY 21-22: No action taken.



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8. Establish date and time of tax rate hearing, August 23, 2021 at 3pm: After discussion, it was decided to have one August meeting at end of month.
9. The Board went into Executive Session at 4:04 pm to discuss personnel matters. The session ended at 4:35 pm.
10. There was general consensus to adjourn: Ken Ragle made a motion to adjourn and Emily Whitworth provided the second.

Minutes approved by:

  
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Bobby Brown – Board Chairman