

Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting February 14, 2022

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 14, 2022.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Precinct #1: Sammy Nichols Precinct #3: John Langston

District Staff Present: Robert Thornton, General Manager and Diana Martinez, Office Manager. Also present was Ryan Ellis.

- 1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm by Chairman Brown, who asked Ken Ragle to lead the invocation.
- 2. Annual Financial Audit presented by Morgan LaGrone: A motion was made by Ken Ragle and seconded by Emily Whitworth to accept the report. There was unanimous consent.
- 3. Public Comment: No visitors were present for comment.
- 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:
 - Review and consider approval of minutes for Regular Board meeting December 13, 2021.
 - Review and consider revision of minutes for Regular Board meeting July 26, 2021.
 - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills December 2021 and January 2022.
 - 1st Quarter Budget Report FY 21 22.
 - Investment Report 4th Quarter FY 2021.
 - General Manager's Reports for December 2021 and January 2022.
 - Emily Whitworth moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. Ken Ragle provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 5. Consider adoption of the Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) of the relevant aquifers in Rusk County, which were adopted by GMA 11 in its resolution and explanatory report and deemed administratively complete by the Texas Water Development Board: Ken Ragle made a motion to adopt the DFCs and Harry Hamilton seconded it. The consent was unanimous.
- 6. Discussion and possible action to be a sponsor for the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program: Ken Ragle made a motion to be a sponsor at the \$500 level and Harry Hamilton provided a second. The consent was unanimous.
- 7. Discussion and possible action to consider appointment of director due to vacancy: Chairman Brown declared an executive session at 3:56 pm to discuss the candidates. The session ended at 4:12 pm. A motion was made by Roy Vannoy to offer the position to Ryan Ellis as a board director for the at large position and seconded by Emily Whitworth. There was unanimous consent.



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- 8. Establish date and time of next meeting, March 14, 2022: Due to several conflicts with the week and date, Chairman Brown asked GM Thornton to suggest dates to the board.
- 9. Adjourn: Ken Ragle moved to adjourn the meeting and Harry Hamilton seconded it. There was unanimous consent.

Minutes approved by:

Bobby Brown – Board Chairman



Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting March 7, 2022

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 7, 2022.

Board Members Present:

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

At Large: Ryan Ellis

Board Members Absent:

Precinct #2: Roy Vannoy

District Staff Present: Robert Thornton, General Manager and Diana Martinez, Office Manager. Also present was Ryan Ellis.

- 1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm by Chairman Brown, who led the invocation.
- 2. Public Comment: No visitors were present for comment.
- 3. Oath of Office for Ryan Ellis: Mr. Ellis 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:
 - Review and consider approval of minutes for Regular Board meeting February 14, 2022.
 - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for February 2022.
 - General Manager's Report for February 2022.
 - John Langston moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. Emily Whitworth provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 5. Discussion and possible action to consider and approve revised bid from Clean Cut General Contractors: After discussion, Sammy Nichols made a motion to approve a change order on the original work proposal to box in the rafters for an additional cost of \$3,400. A second was provided by Emily Whitworth. Eight members voted in favor of the motion, and one voted against Ken Ragle.
- 6. Discussion and possible action to amend and update the District Fee Schedule and consider Resolution 2022-01 for adopting fee schedule: After discussion, John Langston moved to adopt the District Fee Schedule. Jody White gave a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 7. Discussion and possible action regarding enforcement issues related to Hydroline Drilling, LLC: Sammy Nichols made a motion to delegate authority to Robert Thornton to proceed with enforcement issues related to having the well in question plugged, including writing a letter and assessing a fine. A second was made by Ryan Ellis. The consent was unanimous.
- 8. Establishment of date and time of next meeting, April 11, 2022
- 9. There was unanimous consent to adjourn.



Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting March 7, 2022

Minutes approved by:

Bobby Brown – Board Chairman



Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting April 11, 2022

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, April 11, 2022.

Board Members Present:

Precinct #1:

Ken Ragle

Precinct #2:

Roy Vannoy

Precinct #2:

Harry Hamilton

Precinct #3:

Jody White

Precinct #3:

John Langston

Precinct #4:

Bobby Brown

Precinct #4:

Emily Whitworth

At Large:

Ryan Ellis

Board Members Absent:

Precinct #1:

Sammy Nichols

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

- 1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm by Chairman Brown, who 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:
 - Review and consider approval of minutes for Regular Board meeting March 7, 2022.
 - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for March 2022.
 - General Manager's Report for March 2022.
 - John Langston moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. Harry Hamilton provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 4. Discussion and possible action to appoint a board member and alternate member to the GMA 11 Board: After discussion to appoint Harry Hamilton as a regular board member and Robert Thornton as an alternate member. Ken Ragle made a motion to appoint Hamilton and Thornton to the respective positions on GMA 11 Board. Emily Whitworth provided a second.
- 5. Discussion and possible action regarding District's logging equipment and use of outside vendors for logging of rig supply wells: After discussion, no action was taken.
- 6. Discussion and possible action giving authority of District's General Manager to work remotely one day per week: After discussion, it was decided that more time would be given to Board to consider the item.
- 7. Establishment of date and time of next meeting, May 9, 2022
- 8. There was unanimous consent to adjourn.

Minutes approved by:

Harry Hamilton - Vice President



Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting May 9, 2022

The Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors held a regular meeting at the District Boardroom at 500 North High St., Henderson, Texas, on Monday, May 9, 2022.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Precinct #1: Sammy Nichols
Precinct #4: Bobby Brown
At Large: Ryan Ellis

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

- 1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm by Vice President, Harry Hamilton, who 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:
 - Review and consider approval of minutes for Regular Board meeting April 11, 2022.
 - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for April 2022.
 - 2nd Ouarter Budget Report FY 21 22.
 - Investment Report 1st Quarter 2022.
 - 2022 Estimated Tax Values.
 - General Manager's Report for April 2022.
 - John Langston moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. Ken Ragle provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 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 2022 tax year: After discussion, Ken Ragle moved to grant the exemptions and John Langston seconded it. There was unanimous consent.
- 5. Appointment of Directors to the District's Budget-Finance Committee: After discussion, Ken Ragle moved to keep all the existing members Ken Ragle, Harry Hamilton, and John Langston on the committee and to add Ryan Ellis as an alternate to the committee. Emily Whitworth gave a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 6. The date of next meeting was established as June 13, 2022.
- 7. There was unanimous consent to adjourn after Emily Whitworth made a motion to adjourn and Roy Vannoy seconded it.



Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting May 9, 2022

Minutes approved by:

Harry Hamilton – Vice President



Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting June 13, 2022

The Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors held a regular meeting at the District Boardroom at 500 North High St., Henderson, Texas, on Monday, June 13, 2022.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Precinct #4: Emily Whitworth

Bobby Brown

At Large: Ryan Ellis

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

1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm by President, Bobby Brown, who led the invocation.

2. Public Comment: No visitors were present for comment.

Precinct #4:

- 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:
 - Review and consider approval of minutes for Regular Board meeting May 9, 2022.
 - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for May 2022.
 - 3rd Quarter Budget Report FY 21 22
 - General Manager's Report for May 2022.
 - Sammy Nichols moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. Roy Vannoy provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 4. Budget Committee Report: Ken Ragle and John Langston provided an overview of the recent committee meeting on the FY 22-23 Budget. No action taken.
- Review and Possible Action on District's Retirement Rate for 2023: After discussion, Harry Hamilton made a motion to accept the retirement rate for 2023 and Sammy Nichols provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- Review and Possible Action on District's TML Health Insurance Plan for FY 22-23: After discussion, Sammy Nichols moved to accept the insurance plan with Harry Hamilton giving a second. The consent was unanimous.
- 7. Review of District's Drought Plan and Possible Action on Revision of Wording: The plan was reviewed. The changing of wording was postponed. No action taken.
- 8. Establish date and time of tax rate hearing, August 22, 2022, at 3pm: August 22, 2022, was tentatively set as the meeting date.
- 9. Establish date and time of next meeting, July 18, 2022, at 3pm: July 18, 2022, was tentatively set as the meeting date.



Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting June 13, 2022

Minutes approved by:



Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting July 26, 2022

The Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors held a regular meeting at the District Boardroom at 500 North High St., Henderson, Texas, on Tuesday, July 26, 2022.

Board Members Present:

Precinct #1:

Sammy Nichols

Precinct #2:

Harry Hamilton

Precinct #3:

Jody White

Precinct #3:

John Langston

Precinct #4:

Bobby Brown

At Large:

Ryan Ellis

At Large Board Members Absent:

Precinct #4:

Emily Whitworth

Precinct #1:

Ken Ragle

Precinct #2:

Roy Vannoy

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

- 1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:09 pm by President, Bobby Brown, who asked Harry Hamilton 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:
 - Review and consider approval of minutes for Regular Board meeting June 13, 2022.
 - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for June 2022.
 - 2nd Quarter Investment Report
 - General Manager's Report for June 2022.
 - i. Groundwater Production Report 2021
 - Sammy Nichols moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. Jody White provided a second.
 There was unanimous consent.
- 4. Discussion and possible action to Order 2022 Elections for the District: After a brief discussion, Sammy Nichols moved to order the 2022 Elections for the District. Jody White gave a second and there was unanimous consent.
- 5. Discussion and possible action to initiate District's Drought Contingency Plan: After GM Thornton's review of the Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) and considerable discussion, Ryan Ellis moved to initiate Stage II, Moderate Drought of the District's DCP. Sammy Nichols provided a second and there was unanimous consent
- 6. Discussion and possible action to review and amend the FY 2021/2022 Budget: Sammy Nichols made a motion to add \$18,717.00 to the Repairs and Maintenance line item of budget. John Langston provided a second and the consent was unanimous.
- 7. Review and possible approval of the Proposed FY 2022/2023 Budget as recommended by Budget Committee: After an overview by Chairman Brown, a motion was made by Sammy Nichols to approve the budget and Jody White gave a second. There was unanimous consent.



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- 8. Review and possible approval of the Proposed Tax Rate of \$.005/\$100.00 assessed property value for FY 2022/2023 as recommended by Budget Committee: After a brief discussion, John Langston moved to approve the proposed tax rate of \$.005/\$100.00 assessed property value for FY 2022/2023. A second was given by Sammy Nichols. The consent was unanimous.
- 9. Discussion and possible action to hire Morgan LaGrone, CPA, to conduct the District's Annual Financial Audit for FY 2021/2022: After a brief discussion, Sammy Nichols moved to hire Morgan LaGrone, CPA, to conduct financial audit for FY 2021/2022. Jody White provided a second. The consent was unanimous.
- 10. Establish date and time of regular meeting and tax rate hearing, August 22, 2022, at 3pm: There was consensus for the date.
- 11. There was unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes approved by:

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Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Special Meeting August 3, 2022

The Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors held a special meeting at the District Boardroom at 500 North High St., Henderson, Texas, on Wednesday, August 3, 2022.

Board Members Present:

Board Members Absent:

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

Precinct #2: Roy Vannoy

District Staff Present: Diana Martinez, Office Manager.

- 1. The board meeting was called to order at 9:32 am by President, Bobby Brown, who asked Ken Ragle to lead the invocation.
- 2. Public Comment: No visitors were present for comment.
- 3. The Board went into Executive Session at 9:35 am to discuss personnel matters. The session ended at 10:34 am.
- 4. After returning to open public session, a motion was made by John Langston and seconded by Sammy Nichols to accept the resignation of General Manager Dr. Robert Thornton with all members present approving.
- 5. Adjourn: Sammy Nichols made a motion to adjourn and Emily Whitworth provided a second. There was unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes approved by:



Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Special Meeting & Public Hearings August 29, 2022

The Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors held a special meeting and public hearings at the District Boardroom at 500 North High St., Henderson, Texas, on Monday, August 29, 2022.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Precinct #2: Roy Vannoy At Large: Ryan Ellis

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

- 1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by President, Bobby Brown, who asked visitor Worth Whitehead to lead the invocation.
- 2. A public hearing to consider the proposed FY 2022/2023 Budget.
- 3. A public hearing to consider the proposed tax rate of \$0.004747 per \$100.00 of appraised taxable value for FY 2022/2023.
- 4. Public Comment: Worth Whitehead was present for comment.
- 5. Consider adoption of the proposed FY 2022/2023 Budget. Robert Thornton, GM provided an overview of the proposed Budget. A motion was made by Harry Hamilton to adopt the proposed Budget and Sammy Nichols provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 6. Consider adoption of the proposed tax rate of \$0.004747 per \$100.00 of appraised taxable value for FY 2022/2023 via Resolution 2022-02. After brief discussion, Emily Whitworth made a motion to adopt the proposed tax rate and Jody White provided a second. Approval was unanimous.
- 7. Discussion and possible action to review and amend the FY 2021/2022 Budget. GM Robert Thornton provided an overview of the proposed amendments. A motion was made by John Langston to amend the FY 2021/2022 Budget and Ken Ragle provided a second with all approving.
- 8. Consent Agenda: There were no requests to remove a Consent Agenda item for separate discussion and action. GM Robert Thornton reported on the following items:
 - Minutes of the regular board meeting held July 26, 2022, and special called meeting held August 3, 2022.
 - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for July 2022.
 - Contract for Election Services, November 8, 2022 Rusk County Elections: Chairmen Brown stated that no action was necessary, due to the Board Candidates being unopposed.
 - General Manager's Report.
- 9. Consider adoption of consent agenda items. After brief discussion, Sammy Nichols made a motion to adopt consent agenda items and Emily seconded the motion. There was unanimous consent.



Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Special Meeting & Public Hearings August 29, 2022

- 10. Discussion and possible action to cancel Elections for the District & Certify Candidates are Unopposed and declare the elected candidates. After discussion Ken Ragle made a motion to cancel Elections for the District & Certify Candidates are Unopposed and declare the elected candidates. John Langston provided a second with all approving.
- 11. Discussion and possible action to review and amend District Fee Schedule via Resolution 2022-03. GM Robert Thornton proposed a change to the fee schedule. After discussion Sammy Nichols made a motion to amend District Fee Schedule via Resolution 2022-03. Ken Ragle seconded the motion, there was unanimous consent.
- 12. Review District Investment Policy. GM Robert Thornton had no proposed changes to the Investment Policy. After brief discussion, John Langston made a motion to accept the current Investment Policy. Sammy Nichols provided a second. Consent was unanimous.
- 13. The Board went into Executive Session at 3:52 pm to discuss personnel matters. The session ended at 4:41 pm.
- 14. After returning to open public session, Chairman Brown stated no action is needed.
- 15. Adjourn: There was unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes approved by:



Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting September 12, 2022

The Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors held a regular meeting at the District Boardroom at 500 North High St., Henderson, Texas, on Monday, September 12, 2022.

Board Members Present:

Precinct #1:

Sammy Nichols

Precinct #1:

Ken Ragle

Precinct #2:

Harry Hamilton

Precinct #3:

Jody White

Precinct #3:

John Langston

Precinct #4:

Bobby Brown

Precinct #4:

Emily Whitworth

At Large:

Ryan Ellis

Board Members Absent:

Precinct #2:

Roy Vannoy

District Staff Present: Diana Martinez, Office Manager.

- 1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm by President, Bobby Brown, who asked Ken Ragle 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.
 - Review and consider approval of minutes for the special meeting and public hearings August 29, 2022.
 - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for August 2022.
 - General Manager's Report for August 2022.
 - Sammy Nichols moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. Ken Ragle provided a second.
 There was unanimous consent.
- 4. Discussion and possible action to create a new committed fund called "Equipment Replacement Fund." After discussion, Ken Ragle made a motion to create a committed fund for Equipment Replacement with Sammy Nichols giving a second. The consent was unanimous.
- 5. The Board went into Executive Session at 3:30 pm to discuss personnel matters. The session ended at 3:55 pm.
- 6. After returning to open public session, Chairman Brown stated no action is needed.
- 7. Establish date and time of next meeting, October 10, 2022, at 3pm:
- 8. Adjourn: Ken Ragle made a motion to adjourn and Emily Whitworth provided a second. There was unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes approved by:



Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Special Called Meeting September 28, 2022

The Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors held a special called meeting at the District Boardroom at 500 North High St., Henderson, Texas, on Wednesday, September 28, 2022.

Board Members Present:

Precinct #1: San

Sammy Nichols

Precinct #1:

Ken Ragle

Precinct #2:

Harry Hamilton

Precinct #3:

Jody White

Precinct #3:

John Langston

Precinct #4:

Bobby Brown

Precinct #4:

Emily Whitworth

At Large:

Ryan Ellis

Board Members Absent:

Precinct #2:

Roy Vannoy

District Staff Present: Diana Martinez, Office Manager.

- 1. The board meeting was called to order at 11:01 am by President, Bobby Brown, who led the invocation.
- 2. Consider a recommendation for the General Manager Position:

Executive Session: The board moved into executive session to discuss employment of a General Manager at 11:03 a.m. and returned at 11:50 a.m.

Out of executive session a motion was made by John Langston and seconded by Ken Ragle to extend an employment offer to David Miley to become the District's General Manager. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Adjourn: Emily Whitworth made a motion to adjourn and Harry Hamilton provided a second. There was unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes approved by:



Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting October 10, 2022

The Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors held a regular meeting at the District Boardroom at 500 North High St., Henderson, Texas, on Monday, October 10, 2022.

Board Members Present:

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

At Large: Ryan Ellis

Board Members Absent:

Precinct #2: Roy Vannoy
Precinct #4: Emily Whitworth
Precinct #3: John Langston

District Staff Present: Diana Martinez, Office Manager.

- 1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm by President, Bobby Brown, who asked Sammy Nichols 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.
 - Review and consider approval of minutes for the regular meeting held September 12, 2022 and the special meeting held September 28, 2022.
 - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for September 2022.
 - District Committed Funds.
 - 3rd Quarter Investment Report for 2022.
 - Sammy Nichols moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. Ryan Ellis provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 4. Consider and act on personnel evaluations in accordance with District Rule 3.1: The Board went into Executive Session at 3:22 pm to discuss personnel matters. The session ended at 3:32 pm.
 - Out of executive session a motion was made by Sammy Nichols and seconded by Ken Ragle provide a one-time stipend to Diana Martinez for extra work during time of vacancy for General Manager. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Establish date and time of next meeting, November 14, 2022, at 3pm:
- 6. Adjourn: Ken Ragle made a motion to adjourn and Sammy Nichols provided a second. There was unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes approved by:



Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting November 14, 2022

The Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors held a regular meeting at the District Boardroom at 500 North High St., Henderson, Texas, on Monday, November 14, 2022.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Precinct #2: Roy Vannoy

District Staff Present: David Miley, General Manager & Diana Martinez, Office Manager.

- The board meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm by President, Bobby Brown, who also led the invocation.
- 2. Public Comment: No visitors were present for comment.
- 3. Oath of Office for elected Directors. Chairman Brown swore in Jody White, Ryan Ellis, Sammy Nichols, John Langston and Emily Whitworth as Board Directors of their appropriate precincts.
- 4. Consent Agenda: There were no requests to remove a Consent Agenda item for separate discussion and action.
 - Review and consider approval of minutes for the regular meeting held October 10, 2022.
 - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for October 2022.
 - Review of FY 21-22 Annual Report
 - General Manager's Report for October 2022.
 - John Langston moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. Ken Ragle provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 5. Reorganization of Board and Election of Board Officers: After discussion, it was decided by acclamation that Harry Hamilton would remain vice president of the Board. Also by acclamation, it was decided that Bobby Brown would remain the president and John Langston would remain the secretary/treasurer.
- 6. Discussion and possible action to amend and update the District's Employee Policy Manual pertaining to the District providing insurance. Sammy Nichols made a motion to adopt the proposed amendment and John Langston provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 7. Discussion and possible action to consider Resolution 2022-04 to authorize the District's GM and Investment Officer, David Miley to inquire on all District accounts with Texas Bank: After discussion, Sammy Nichols moved to adopt Resolution 2022-04. John Langston gave a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 8. The Board went into Executive Session at 3:32 pm to discuss personnel matters. The session ended at 3:48 pm.
- 9. After returning to open public session, Ken Ragle made a motion to provide District General Manager, David Miley and District Office Manager, Diana Martinez a one-time stipend of \$250.00 in appreciation of their successful transition in leadership of the District. The motion also approved closing the District office December 22, 23, 26,27 &28. John Langston provided a second. There was unanimous consent.



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- 10. Sammy Nichols advised he would need to resign his position due to him being elected to another position which would cause a conflict of interest. Ken Ragle made a motion to accept his resignation and Ryan Ellis provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 11. Establish date and time of next meeting, December 12, 2022, at 3pm:
- 12. Adjourn: Ken Ragle made a motion to adjourn and Emily Whitworth provided a second. There was unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes approved by: