



**Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
January 9, 2023**

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, January 9, 2023.

**Board Members Present:**

Precinct #2: Harry Hamilton  
Precinct #2: Roy Vannoy  
Precinct #3: Jody White  
Precinct #3: John Langston  
Precinct #4: Bobby Brown  
Precinct #4: Emily Whitworth  
At Large: Ryan Ellis

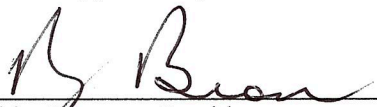
**Board Members Absent:**

Precinct #1: Ken Ragle

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

1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:01 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 Roy Vannoy as Board Director of his appropriate precinct.
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 November 14, 2022.
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for November 2022 and December 2022.
  - General Manager's Report for November 2022 and December 2022
  - 1st Quarter Investment Report for FY 2022/2023.
5. John Langston moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. Harry Hamilton a second. There was unanimous consent.
6. Discussion and possible action to be a sponsor for the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program: Emily Whitworth made a motion to be a sponsor at the \$500 level and John Langston provided a second. The consent was unanimous.
7. Establish date and time of next meeting, February 13, 2023 at 3pm:
8. 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:

  
Bobby Brown – President



**Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
February 13, 2023**

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, February 13, 2023.

**Board Members Present:**

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

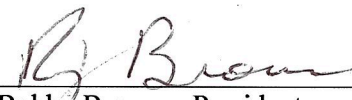
**Board Members Absent:**

Precinct #3	John Langston
At Large	Ryan Ellis

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

1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm by President, Bobby Brown, who also 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.
  - Review and consider approval of minutes for the regular meeting held January 9, 2023.
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for January 2023.
  - General Manager's Report for January 2023.
  - 1st Quarter Budget Report for FY 2022/2023.
4. Roy Vannoy moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. Ken Ragle provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
5. Discussion and possible action to reduce stage level of District's Drought Contingency Plan: Harry Hamilton made a motion to reduce from Stage 2 of the Drought Plan and return to normal status. Emily Whitworth provided a second. The consent was unanimous.
6. Discussion and possible action to consider appointment of director due to vacancy. After discussion Harry Hamilton advised he would speak with a gentleman he knew of that was interested and would invite him to the next board meeting in March.
7. Establish date and time of next meeting, March 13, 2023 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:

  
Bobby Brown – President



**Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
March 13, 2023**

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 13, 2023.

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Precinct #3:	John Langston
Precinct #4	Emily Whitworth
At Large	Ryan Ellis

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

1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm by Chairman Brown, who also led the invocation.
2. Annual Financial Audit presented by Morgan LaGrone: A motion was made by Ken Ragle and seconded by Harry Hamilton 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 Miley reported on the following items:
  - Review and consider approval of minutes for Regular Board meeting – February 13, 2023.
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for February 2023.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Report FY 22\_23.
  - General Manager's Reports for February 2023.
  - Roy Vannoy moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. Jodie White provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
5. Discussion and possible action to authorize General Manager, David Miley, to obtain either a \$100,000.00 or \$150,000.00 CD with the District's funds and manage all District Investments/CD's in the future. Roy Vannoy made a motion to allow General Manager, David Miley to move and adjust District funds as needed, to include purchasing of CD's and Harry Hamilton seconded it. The consent was unanimous.
6. Discussion and possible action to appoint a member and an alternate to the GMA 11 Board: Ken made a motion that Harry Hamilton remain on the GMA 11 board and General Manager David Miley serve as his alternate.
7. Discussion and possible action to consider appointment of director due to vacancy: After a short discussion it was decided to hold off on any decisions until the board has heard back from a possible candidate.
8. Establish date and time of next meeting, April 10, 2023 at 3pm.
9. Adjourn: Ken Ragle moved to adjourn the meeting and Harry Hamilton seconded it. There was unanimous consent.



**Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
March 13, 2023**

Minutes approved by:

  
Bobby Brown – Board Chairman





## **Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting April 10, 2023**

The Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors held a regular meeting at the District Boardroom at 500 N High St. Henderson, Texas on Monday, April 10, 2023.

**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
Precinct #4:	Bobby Brown
At Large	Ryan Ellis

**Board Members Absent:** There were no board members absent

**District Staff Present:** David Miley, General Manager and Diana Martinez, Office Manager.  
Also present was William Roberson

1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm by Chairman Brown, who also 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 Miley reported on the following items:
  - Review and consider approval of minutes for Regular Board meeting – March 10, 2023.
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for March 2023.
  - General Manager's Reports for March 2023.
  - GM David Miley advised the board that the District's 2010 Ford F150 was requiring some substantial repairs. The board discussed whether to repair vehicle or to purchase a new vehicle due to it's age. Ken Ragle made a motion to have the repairs done on the vehicle and John Langston provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Report
  - Harry Hamilton moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. Emily Whitworth provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
4. Discussion and possible action to consider appointment of director due to vacancy: Chairman Brown declared an executive session at 3:30 pm to discuss the candidates. The session ended at 3:39 pm. A motion was made by Harry Hamilton to offer the position to William E. Roberson as a board director for the vacant Precinct # 1 position and Ken Ragle provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
5. Establish date and time of next meeting, May 8, 2023 at 3pm.
6. Adjourn: Ken Ragle moved to adjourn the meeting and Ryan Ellis seconded it. There was unanimous consent.



**Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
April 10, 2023**

Minutes approved by:

  
Bobby Brown – Board Chairman



**Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
May 8, 2023**

The Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors held a regular meeting at the District Boardroom at 500 N High St. Henderson, Texas on Monday, May 8, 2023.

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Precinct #2:	Roy Vannoy
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**District Staff Present:** David Miley, General Manager and Diana Martinez, Office Manager.

1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm by Chairman Brown and Harry Hamilton led the Invocation.
2. Public Comment: No visitors were present for comment.
3. William Roberson took the Oath of Office.
4. Consent Agenda: There were no requests to remove a Consent Agenda item for separate discussion and action. GM Miley reported on the following items:
  - Review and consider approval of minutes for Regular Board meeting – April 10, 2023.
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for April 2023.
  - 2023 Estimated Tax Values.
  - General Manager's Report for April 2023.
  - John Langston moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. Ken Ragle provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
5. Discussion and possible action about hail damage to District's vehicles. After discussion it was decided to table for later, giving time to hear back from Insurance Company.
6. Appointment of Directors to the District's Budget-Finance Committee: After discussion, it was decided to keep all the existing members – Ken Ragle, Harry Hamilton, and John Langston on the committee and Ryan Ellis as an alternate to the committee.
7. 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 2023 tax year: After discussion, Emily Whitworth moved to grant the exemptions and Ryan Ellis seconded it. There was unanimous consent.
8. Establish date and time of next meeting, June 12, 2023 at 3pm.
9. Adjourn: Ken Ragle moved to adjourn the meeting and Ryan Ellis seconded it. There was unanimous consent.



**Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
May 8, 2023**

Minutes approved by:

  
Bobby Brown – Board Chairman





**Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
June 12, 2023**

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 12, 2023.

**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:	William Roberson
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**District Staff Present:** David Miley, General Manager.

1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm by President, Bobby Brown.
2. General Manager David Miley led the invocation.
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 Miley reported on the following items:
  - Review and consider approval of minutes for Regular Board meeting – May 8, 2023.
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for May 2023.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Report FY 22\_23
  - General Manager's Report for May 2023.
  - Ken Ragle moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. Ryan Ellis provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
5. Review and Possible Action on District's Retirement Rate for 2024: After discussion, Roy Vannoy made a motion to continue paying 6.84% as we are currently paying, and Ken Ragle provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
6. Review and Possible Action on District's TML Health Insurance Plan for FY 23-24: After discussion, it was decided to table the matter for now to give General Manager, David Miley time to gather quotes from other insurance carriers.
7. Establish date and time of next meeting, July 10, 2023, at 3pm.
8. Adjourn: Ken Ragle moved to adjourn the meeting and Emily Whitworth seconded it. There was unanimous consent.

Minutes approved by:

  
Bobby Brown – President



**Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
July 10, 2023**

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, July 10, 2023.

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Precinct #2:	Roy Vannoy
At Large	Ryan Ellis

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

Other people present: Sammy Nichols


1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm by President, Bobby Brown.
2. Emily Whitworth led the invocation.
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 Miley reported on the following items:
  - Review and consider approval of minutes for Regular Board meeting – June 12, 2023.
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for June 2023.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Investment Report.
  - District Committed Funds.
  - General Manager's Report for June 2023.
  - Groundwater Production Report.
5. Ken Ragle moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. Jody White provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
6. Upon discussion about the displays in the Water Room, John Langston made a motion with Harry Hamilton seconding it, to authorize General Manager, David Miley, to meet with Panola County GCD to work out a joint agreement with Panola County GCD allowing them to take possession of the displays for their display trailer and Rusk County GCD to use the trailer also. There was unanimous consent.
7. Review and Possible Action on District's TML Health Insurance Plan for FY 23-24. After reviewing the plans, Emily Whitworth made a motion with Ken Ragle seconding it, to drop General Manager, David Miley from the policy and choose the option 1 with Census Change and to pay General Manager Miley the amount needed for insurance premiums with his spouse. There was unanimous consent.
8. Discussion and possible action to review and amend the FY 2022/2023 Budget. Upon discussion it was decided to not take any action at this time.
9. Review and possible approval of the Proposed FY 2023/2024 Budget as recommended by Budget Committee. Upon discussion it was decided to take no action at this time.



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10. Review and possible approval of the Proposed Tax Rate of \$.005/\$100.00 assessed property value for FY 2023/2024 as recommended by Budget Committee. Upon discussion Will Roberson made a motion with Ken Ragle seconding it to approve a tax value not to exceed \$.005/\$100.00. There was unanimous consent.
11. Sammy Nichols was presented a plaque recognizing him for his service to the District.
12. Establish date and time of next meeting, August 14, 2023, at 3pm.
13. Adjourn: Ken Ragle moved to adjourn the meeting and Emily Whitworth seconded it. There was unanimous consent.

Minutes approved by:

  
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Bobby Brown – President



**Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
August 14, 2023**

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, August 14, 2023.

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

At Large:	Ryan Ellis
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District Staff Present: David Miley, General Manager and Diana Martinez, Office Manager.


1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm by President, Bobby Brown, who also 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 David Miley reported on the following items:
  - Review and consider approval of minutes for Regular Board meeting – July 10, 2023.
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for July 2023.
  - General Manager's Report for July 2022.
4. John Langston moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. Harry Hamilton provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
5. Discussion and possible action to review and amend the FY 2022/2023 Budget. GM David Miley provided an overview of the proposed amendments and after a short discussion, Ken Ragle made a motion to amend the FY 2022/2023 Budget by moving \$3000 from Legal (6190) to Automobile (6110) and \$1200 from Legal (6190) to Travel (6350). Emily Whitworth provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
6. Review and possible approval of the Proposed FY 2023/2024 Budget as recommended by Budget Committee: After an overview by Chairman Brown, a motion was made by John Langston to approve the budget and Jody White gave a second. There was unanimous consent.
7. Review and possible approval of the Proposed Tax Rate of \$.004568/\$100.00 assessed property value for FY 2023/2024 as recommended by Budget Committee: After a brief discussion, Harry Hamilton moved to approve the proposed tax rate of \$.004568/\$100.00 assessed property value for FY 2023/2024. A second was given by Roy Vannoy. There were 7 ayes and 1 nays.
8. Review and discussion of draft amendments for the District's Rules. No action was taken.
9. Establish date and time of tax rate hearing, August 24, 2023, at 3pm: There was consensus for the date.
10. There was unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting.





**Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
August 14, 2023**

Minutes approved by:

  
Bobby Brown – President



**Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District  
Board of Directors Special Meeting & Public Hearings  
August 24, 2023**

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 24, 2023.

**Board Members Present:**

Precinct #1: Ken Ragle  
Precinct #3: Jody White  
Precinct #3: John Langston  
Precinct #4: Emily Whitworth  
Precinct #2: Roy Vannoy  
At Large: Ryan Ellis

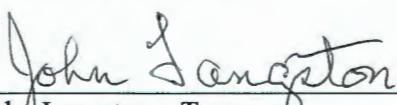
**Board Members Absent:**

Precinct #1: William Roberson  
Precinct #2: Harry Hamilton  
Precinct #4: Bobby Brown

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

1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Treasurer, John Langston, who asked Ken Ragle to lead the invocation.
2. A public hearing to consider the proposed FY 2023/2024 Budget.
3. A public hearing to consider the proposed tax rate of \$0.004568 per \$100.00 of appraised taxable value for FY 2023/2024.
4. Public Comments. There was no public present for comments.
5. Consider adoption of the proposed FY 2023/2024 Budget. A motion was made by Emily Whitworth to adopt the proposed Budget and Ken Ragle provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
6. Consider adoption of the proposed tax rate of \$0.004568 per \$100.00 of appraised taxable value for FY 2023/2024 via Resolution 2023-01. Emily Whitworth made a motion to adopt the proposed tax rate and Ken Ragle provided a second. Approval was unanimous.
7. Discussion and possible action to consider the District's Proposed Management Plan. There was no action taken.
8. Establish date and time of regular meeting and Public Hearing for District Rules amendment, September 11, 2023, at 3pm: There was consensus for the date.
9. Adjourn: Ken Ragle made a motion to adjourn, Ryan Ellis seconded. There was unanimous consent.

**Minutes approved by:**

  
John Langston – Treasurer



## **Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting and Public Hearing September 11, 2023**

The Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors held a regular meeting and Public Hearing at the District Boardroom at 500 North High St., Henderson, Texas, on Monday, September 11, 2023.

**Board Members Present:**

Precinct #1: William Roberson  
Precinct #1: Ken Ragle  
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: Harry Hamilton  
Precinct #2: Roy Vannoy

**District Staff Present:** David Miley, General Manager

1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm by President, Bobby Brown, who also led the invocation.
2. A public hearing to consider adoption of the District's Proposed Management Plan and Resolution 2023-02 adopting the District's Management Plan. General Manager, David Miley presented the proposed District's Management Plan and Resolution 2023-02. There was a short discussion and Director Ken Ragle made a motion to adopt the Management Plan with a second by Director John Langston. There was unanimous consent.
3. A public hearing to consider the adoption of Draft Amendments for the District's Rules. General Manager, David Miley presented the amendments to the District's Rules and after a short discussion Director Ken Ragle made a motion to adopt the amended rules with a second by Director John Langston. There was unanimous consent.
4. Public Comment: Wesley Virden was present but did not have any comments.
5. Consent Agenda: There were no requests to remove a Consent Agenda item for separate discussion and action. GM David Miley reported on the following items:
  - Review and consider approval of minutes for Regular Board meeting – August 14, 2023 and August 24, 2023.
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for August 2023.
  - General Manager's Report for August 2023.
6. Director Emily Whitworth moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. Jody White provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
7. Discussion and possible action to initiate District's Drought Contingency Plan. General Manager, David Miley reported the current drought conditions in the District's area and recommended enacting Stage II of the District's Drought Contingency Plan. There was a short discussion and Director John Langston made a motion to enact Stage II of the District's Drought Contingency Plan. Director Ryan Ellis provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
8. Establish date and time of regular meeting, October 9, 2023, at 3pm.



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9. There was unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes approved by:

  
Bobby Brown – President