

### Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting January 13, 2025

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 13, 2025.

**Board Members Present:** 

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

At Large: Ryan Ellis

**Board Members Absent:** 

Precinct #4: Bobby Brown

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

- 1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Vice President, Harry Hamilton, 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 regular meeting held November 11, 2024.
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for November 2024 and December 2024.
  - General Manager's Report for November 2024 and December 2024
  - 1st Quarter Investment Report for FY 2024/2025.
- 4. 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 be a sponsor for the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program: Ryan Ellis made a motion to be a sponsor at the \$500 level and John Langston provided a second. The consent was unanimous.
- 6. Discussion and possible action to start a Rusk County GCD Scholarship program. After a short discussion John Langston made a motion to approve the policies and application which were presented as long as adding to the application that it must be postdated by due date if mailed and to request transcript be submitted with application, Ken Ragle provided a second. There was unanimous consent
- 7. Establish date and time of next meeting, February 10, 2025 at 3pm:
- 8. Ken Ragle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 pm, John Langston provided a second. There was unanimous consent.

Minutes approved by:

Harry Hamilton - Vice President



#### Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting February 10, 2025

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 10, 2025.

**Board Members Present:** 

Precinct #1: Ken Ragle

Precinct #1: William Roberson

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 & Diana Martinez, Office Manager.

- 1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:00 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 13, 2025.
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for January 2025.
  - General Manager's Report for January 2025.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Budget Report for FY 2024/2025.
- 4. John Langston moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. Emily Whitworth provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 5. Establish date and time of next meeting, March 10, 2025 at 3pm:
- 6. Adjourn: There was unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting

Minutes approved by:



# Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District oard of Directors Regular Meeting and Public Export Fee Hearing March 10, 2025

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, March 10, 2025.

**Board Members Present:** 

Precinct #1 Ken Ragle

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

**Board Members Absent:** 

Precinct #4 Emily Whitworth

At Large Ryan Ellis

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

- 1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by President, Bobby Brown, who also led the invocation.
- 2. A Public hearing to consider the District's proposed export fee and fee schedule.
- 3. Public Comment: No visitors were present for comment.
- 4. Consider adoption of District's export fee and fee schedule via Resolution 2025-01. After a short discussion, John Langston made a motion to adopt the export fee and fee schedule as presented. Roy Vannoy provided a second. There was unanimous consent
- 5. 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 February 10, 2025.
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for February 2025.
  - General Manager's Report for February 2025.
  - Ken Ragle moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. John Langston provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 6. Establish date and time of next meeting, April 14, 2025 at 3pm:
- 7. Adjourn: Ken Ragle made a motion to adjourn, There was unanimous consent

Minutes approved by:



### Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting April 14, 2025

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 14, 2025.

#### **Board Members Present:**

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

At Large Ryan Ellis

**Board Members Absent:** 

Precinct #4 Bobby Brown

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

**Emily Whitworth** 

- 1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Vice President Harry Hamilton, who also led the invocation.
- 2. Annual Financial Audit presented by Morgan LaGrone.

Precinct #4

- 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 March 10, 2025.
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for March 2025.
  - General Manager's Reports for March 2025.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Report for FY 2024/2025
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Report FY 2024/2025
  - Committed Funds Report
- 5. Emily Whitworth moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. Ken Ragle provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 6. Discussion and possible action on Scholarship Committee's recommendation on scholarship recipient. General Manager David Miley presented to the board the Scholarship Committee's recommendation of Olivia Clifton to be the scholarship recipient. Ken Ragle moved to accepted the committee's recommendation of Olivia Clifton. Ryan Ellis provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 7. Discussion on well spacing and allowed production rate per acre. The board discussed the current spacing rules and after a short discussion General Manager David Miley advised he could contact Hydrogeologist Bill Hutchinson and invite him to attend a board meeting in the future in person or by phone conference to discuss the District's well spacing rules and production limits
- 8. Establish date and time of next meeting, May 12, 2025 at 3pm.
- 9. Adjourn: Emily Whitworth moved to adjourn the meeting and John Langston seconded it. There was unanimous consent.



## Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting April 14, 2025

Minutes approved by:)

Harry Hamilton - Board Vice President



### Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting May 12, 2025

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 12, 2025.

**Board Members Present:** 

Precinct #1: William Roberson

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

Board Members Absent:

Precinct #2 Roy Vannoy
Precinct #3: John Langston
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 2:59 pm by Chairman Brown who asked Ken Ragle to lead the Invocation.
- 2. Presentation of Rusk County GCD Scholarship to recipient. The Rusk County GCD scholarship was presented to Olivia Clifton by Director Emily Whitworth.
- 3. Public Comment: Janet Clifton voiced her thanks for her daughter receiving the Rusk County GCD scholarship.
- 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 14, 2025.
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for April 2025.
  - 2025 Estimated Tax Values.
  - General Manager's Report for April 2025.
- 5. Ken Ragle moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. Harry Hamilton provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 6. Appointment of Directors to the District's Budget-Finance Committee: After discussion, it was decided by acclamation to appoint Harry Hamilton, John Langston and Ken Ragle to be 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 2025 tax year: After discussion, Emily Whitworth moved to grant the exemptions and Ken Ragle seconded it. There was unanimous consent.
- 8. Establish date and time of next meeting, June 16, 2025 at 3pm.
- 9. Adjourn: There was unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting.



# Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting May 12, 2025

Minutes approved by:

Bobby Brown – Board Chairman



## Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting June 16, 2025

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 16, 2025.

**Board Members Present:** 

Precinct #1: Ken Ragle

Precinct #1: William Roberson
Precinct #2: Harry Hamilton
Precinct #3: John Langston
Precinct #4: Bobby Brown
At Large Ryan Ellis

Board Members Absent:

Precinct #3: Jody White
Precinct #2: Roy Vannoy
Precinct #4: Emily Whitworth

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 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 Miley reported on the following items:
  - Review and consider approval of minutes for Regular Board meeting May 12, 2025.
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for May 2025.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Report FY 24\_25
  - General Manager's Report for May 2025.
- 4. John Langston moved to accept Consent Agenda items as presented. Ryan Ellis provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 5. Review and Possible Action on District's Investment Policy. After a short discussion Will Roberson made a motion to keep the District's Investment Policy as is without any changes. Harry Hamilton provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 6. Review and Possible Action on District's Drought Contingency Plan. After a short discussion, Ken Ragle made a motion to keep the District's Drought Contingency Plan as is without making changes. Harry Hamilton provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 7. Establish date and time of next meeting, July 14, 2025, at 3pm.
- 8. Adjourn: Ken Ragle moved to adjourn the meeting and John Langston seconded it. There was unanimous consent.

Minutes approved by:



## Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting July 14, 2025

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 14, 2025.

**Board Members Present:** 

Precinct #1: Ken Ragle

Precinct #1: William Roberson

Precinct #3: Jody White

Precinct #3: John Langston

Precinct #4: Emily Whitworth

Precinct #4: Bobby Brown

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Ryan Ellis

Board Members Absent:

Precinct #2: Roy Vannoy

Precinct #2: Harry Hamilton

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

- 1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:06 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 Miley reported on the following items:
  - Review and consider approval of minutes for Regular Board meeting June 9, 2025.
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for June 2025
  - General Manager's Report for June 2025.
  - Groundwater Production Report.
- 4. John Langston moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. Ken Ragle provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 5. Establish date and time of next meeting, August 11, 2025, at 3pm and tax rate hearing August 25, 2025 at 3:00 pm
- 6. Adjourn: Ken Ragle moved to adjourn the meeting and Emily Whitworth seconded it. There was unanimous consent.

Minutes approved by:



### Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting August 11, 2025

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 11, 2025.

**Board Members Present:** 

Precinct #1: William Roberson

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

At Large: Ryan Ellis

Board Members Absent:

Precinct #3: Jody White 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 3:12 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. GM David Miley reported on the following items:
  - Review and consider approval of minutes for Regular Board meeting July 14, 2025.
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for July 2025
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> QTR Investment Report for FY 2024/2025
  - Committed Funds Report
  - General Manager's Report for July 2025.
- 4. Emily Whitworth moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. Ken Ragle provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 5. Discussion and possible action to review and amend the FY 2024/2025 Budget. GM David Miley provided an overview of the proposed amendments and after a short discussion, Will Roberson made a motion to amend the FY 2024/2025 Budget as recommended by the Budget Committee, which was to take \$2,500.00 from Legal and distribute it as follows: adding \$1000.00 to Accounting & Bookkeeping, adding \$1,000.00 to Water Center/Student Education and adding \$500.00 to Rusk County Appraisal District. John Langston provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 6. Review and possible approval of the Proposed FY 2025/2026 Budget as recommended by Budget Committee: GM David Miley presented the proposed budget as recommended by the Budget Committee. The board requested to go into executive session at 1556 hours to discuss personnel matters. The board returned from executive session at 1603 hours. There was no action taken. Will Roberson then made a motion to approve the proposed budget for FY 2025/2026 as recommended by the Budget Committee and Harry Hamilton provided a second. There was unanimous consent.



#### Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting August 11, 2025

- 7. Review and possible approval of the Proposed Tax Rate of \$.005000/\$100.00 assessed property value for FY 2025/2026 as recommended by Budget Committee: After a brief discussion, Harry Hamilton moved to approve the proposed tax rate of \$.005000/\$100.00 assessed property value for FY 2025/2026. A second was given by Roy Vannoy. There were 6 ayes and 1 nay.
- 8. Establish date and time of tax rate hearing, August 25, 2025, at 3pm: There was consensus for the date.
- 9. Ken Ragle moved to adjourn. Emily Whitworth provided a second. Ther was unanimous consent.

Minutes approved by:



#### Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Special Meeting & Public Hearings August 25, 2025

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 25, 2025.

**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

Precinct #4: At Large:

Ryan Ellis

Board Members Absent:

Precinct #2: Roy Vanoy

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

- 1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Board President, Bobby Brown who also led the invocation.
- 2. A public hearing to consider the proposed FY 2025/2026 Budget.
- 3. A public hearing to consider the proposed tax rate of \$0.005000 per \$100.00 of appraised taxable value for FY 2025/2026.
- 4. Public Comments. There was no public present for comments.
- 5. Consider adoption of the proposed FY 2025/2026 Budget. A motion was made by John Langston to adopt the proposed Budget and Will Roberson provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 6. Consider adoption of the proposed tax rate of \$0.005000 per \$100.00 of appraised taxable value for FY 2025/2026 via Resolution 2025-02. Emily Whitworth made a motion to adopt the proposed tax rate, and Harry Hamilton provided a second. There were 7 ayes, and 1 nay.
- 7. Establish date and time of regular meeting and Public Hearing for District Rules amendment, October 13, 2025, at 3pm: There was consensus for the date.
- 8. Adjourn: There was unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes approved by:



#### Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting October 13, 2025

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 13, 2025.

#### **Board Members Present:**

Precinct #1: Will Roberson
Precinct #1: Ken Ragle
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

Visitors present: Monique Norman, Bill Hutchison, Janet Clifton and Abigail Clifton

- 1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by President, Bobby Brown, who also led the invocation.
- 2. Public Comment: Janet Clifton voiced her thanks for the District's support of the 4H Water Ambassadors Program.
- 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 meetings held August 11, 2025 and Special meeting and Public meeting held August 25, 2025.
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for August 2025 and September 2025.
  - General Manager's Report.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Investment Report for FY24 25
  - 4th Quarter Budget Report FY 24 25.
- 4. Harry Hamilton moved to accept and approve consent agenda items. John Langston provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 5. Discussion of joint planning in Groundwater Management Area 11 under §36.108, Texas Water Code. Hydrogeologist Bill Hutchison gave a brief overview of the upcoming water planning within GMA 11.
- 6. Discussion of amendments to the District's Rule's, including, but not limited to statutory updates and production acreage and spacing requirements for wells. Monique Norman, who is the District's attorney gave a brief overview of some changes to the District's rules that would need to be made due to legislative changes. The board then entered Executive Session at 3:41 pm to consult with Attorney Monique Norman. The board completed Executive Session at 5:02 pm with no action needing to be taken.
- 7. Establish date and time of next meeting, November 10, 2025, at 3pm:
- 8. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.



# Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting October 13, 2025

Minutes approved by:



#### Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting November 10, 2025

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 10, 2025.

**Board Members Present:** 

Precinct #1: Will Roberson
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: David Miley, General Manager and Diana Martinez, Office Manager.

1. The board meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm by President, Bobby Brown, who led the invocation.

- 2. Public Comment: Abigail Clifton was present but did not wish to make any comments.
- 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 October 13, 2025.
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report and pay bills for October 2025.
  - Review of FY 24-25 Annual Report
  - General Manager's Report
- 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 add to District's Equipment Replacement Fund. There was a short discussion and Jody White then made a motion to add \$90,000 to the equipment replacement fund bringing it to \$150,000. Emily Whitworth provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 6. The Board went into Executive Session at 3:39 pm to discuss personnel matters. The session ended at 4:09 pm. After returning to open public session, Will Roberson made a motion to authorize District General Manager, David Miley and District Office Manager, a one-time net payment of \$1000.00 each as a performance bonus, John Langston provided a second. There was unanimous consent. Will Roberson also made a motion for District Staff to have two additional days off, one being December 26, 2025 and one being January 2, 2026. Emily Whitworth provided a second. There was unanimous consent.
- 7. Consider and act on personnel evaluations in accordance with District Rule 3.1. The board asked General Manager David Miley to email the forms to board members in PDF format so they can be filled out and returned to Board President, Bobby Brown, so they can be reviewed and acted on in December's meeting.
- 8. Reorganization of Board and Election of Board Officers. There was a short discussion, and it was decided to not take any action at this time.
- 9. Establish date and time of next meeting, December 8, 2025, at 3pm:
- 10. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 4:19 pm.



# Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting November 10, 2025

Minutes approved by: