



Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District

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Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 19, 2026

Present: President Jimmy Klepac, Vice President Tom Murrah, James Sultemeier, George Cofran, Gregory Stevens

Staff: Erik Kubinski (GM), Joyce Waldroup (Records Manager)

Greg Ellis, Natasha Martin (legal counsel – remote connection)

Citizens: Sign-In Sheets filed separately

- 1. Call to Order:** President Jimmy Klepac called the Regular Board Meeting of the Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District to order on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 1:30 PM.
- 2. Invocation:** Gregory Stevens led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Swearing-in of Board Director Gregory L. Stevens – Precinct 4:** County Judge Brett Bray administered the oath of office to Gregory L. Stevens as the newly appointed Director for Precinct 4.
- 4. Public Comments:** President Klepac noted that no requests for public comment were received for general matters.
- 5. Consent Agenda:**

President Klepac raised a correction to the January meeting minutes regarding approval of the Johnson City settlement agreement and pump test. General Manager Erik Kubinski confirmed the permit was approved once the settlement agreement was fully executed. *Motion to approve the consent agenda, with the exception of the meeting minutes, as amended was made by Director James Sultemeier and seconded by Director George Cofran. Motion carried unanimously*
- 6. Discuss and possible action on Johnson City Permit Amendment #20240028:**

General Manager Kubinski reported that the pump test was completed without major issues over a 24-hour period with no observed impacts to nearby wells. City Consultant Mike Keester summarized the test results, noting rapid recovery times and aquifer behavior consistent with a karst system. A final report is expected within one week. No action was taken, and the item will return next month.
- 7. Public Hearing for Lagom Ranch LLC Permit P-20250112:**

The public hearing opened at 1:48 PM. Kubinski provided an overview of the permit application requesting authorization to withdraw up to three acre-feet annually to serve 20 commercial lodging cabins. He explained that the application was administratively

complete prior to the district's temporary suspension of new permits, but an administrative error occurred in posting the public notice to the district website. Proposed permit conditions were reviewed. Six citizens spoke in opposition. The public hearing closed at 2:16 PM.

8. Discuss and possible action on Permit P-20250112 for Lagom Ranch LLC:

Kubinski advised that no action could be taken due to pending protests requiring a public conference and improper public notice. No action was taken, and the item will be rescheduled with corrected notice.

9. Public Hearing for CB Wine Tourism Permit P-20050110:

The public hearing opened at 2:18 PM. Kubinski explained that the application is not administratively complete due to the absence of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity. Project details and groundwater availability findings were presented. Three citizens spoke in opposition. The public hearing closed at 2:34 PM. No action was taken.

10. Discuss proposed Rule changes:

Kubinski reported that proposed rule changes are still under review and not ready for board consideration. No action was taken.

11. Discuss and possible action on appointing a Board Secretary-Treasurer:

Kubinski noted that the Secretary-Treasurer position had been vacant since July. *Motion to appoint Gregory Stevens as Secretary-Treasurer, effective immediately, was made by Director George Cofran and seconded by Director Tom Murrah. Motion carried unanimously.*

12. Discuss and possible action on updating bank authorization signatures:

Kubinski requested approval to update authorized banking signatures to add Gregory Stevens and remove the former board member.

Motion to approve Board Order No. 20260219-2 was made by Director James Sultemeier and seconded by Director George Cofran. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Discuss and possible action on TWDB GCD grant opportunity:

Kubinski presented a Texas Water Development Board grant opportunity supporting groundwater research and data collection.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 20260219-3 authorizing submission of the grant application was made by Director James Sultemeier and seconded by Director Gregory Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Discuss and possible action on district drought status and drought conditions:

Kubinski reported that district well levels have fallen below the proposed Stage 4 drought threshold.

Motion to declare Stage 4 drought conditions and initiate required public communications was made by Director George Cofran and seconded by Director Gregory Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

15. General Manager's Report:

Kubinski reported on banking agreements, conference attendance, legislative meetings with Senator Pete Flores, increasing water demands related to data centers, and upcoming GMA 9 meetings.

16. Set future meeting dates and propose future agenda items:

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2026, with public hearings planned for the Lagom Ranch and CB Wine Tourism permits.


17. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Director Tom Murrah and seconded by Director James Sultemeier. Motion passed without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 3:24 PM.



Gregory Stevens, Secretary-Treasurer, Director Precinct 1



Jimmy Klepac, Board President, Director At-large

