



# Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District

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## **RESOLUTION NO. 20260416-4**

### **STATE OF TEXAS**

### **COUNTY OF BLANCO**

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE WITH DELEGATED BILL SELECTION AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, the Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District (hereinafter "the District") operates under the authority of Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code and is committed to responsible groundwater management and advocacy for the interests of its constituents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Legislature convenes regular sessions biennially and interim sessions as called, during which legislation affecting groundwater conservation districts, water rights, regulatory frameworks, and related matters is considered; and

**WHEREAS**, effective legislative advocacy requires coordinated policy development, strategic bill selection, and consistent communication with legislative bodies to advance the District's mission and protect the interests of landowners, water users, and the aquifer systems within the District's jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors recognizes the need for a dedicated committee to oversee legislative matters, develop policy positions, and coordinate with the General Manager and legal counsel on proposed legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a Legislative Committee with specific delegated authority will ensure focused, timely attention on legislative priorities while maintaining appropriate oversight and accountability to the full Board of Directors;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District as follows:

### **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

A Legislative Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") is hereby established as a standing committee of the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 2. COMPOSITION**

The Committee shall consist of three (3) voting members:

1. Two (2) elected members of the Board of Directors
2. The General Manager of the District

The Board President shall designate the two (2) Board members serving on the Committee. The General Manager shall serve ex officio with full voting privileges.

### **SECTION 3. TERM OF SERVICE**

Board members appointed to the Committee shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. The General Manager shall serve as long as they hold that position.

### **SECTION 4. RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES**

The Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

#### **4.1 Legislative Monitoring and Review**

- Monitor and review all legislative topics discussed during regular legislative sessions and interim legislative sessions that may affect the District, groundwater conservation, or related water management issues
- Track proposed bills, resolutions, and other legislative actions at the Texas Legislature that impact GCD operations, authority, funding, or regulatory requirements

## 4.2 Policy Development

- Develop and recommend policy positions to the full Board regarding pending or proposed legislation
- Coordinate with the General Manager and legal counsel to ensure policy positions are legally sound and aligned with District objectives
- Prepare policy briefs and position statements for Board consideration prior to legislative action

**4.3 Bill Selection and Co-Authorship Authority** The Committee is hereby authorized to independently evaluate proposed written bills for potential introduction to the Texas Legislature and to determine which bills warrant District support and co-authorship. Upon the Committee's determination that a bill aligns with District goals, Texas Water Code requirements, and applicable legal standards, the Committee shall authorize the General Manager and legal counsel to execute the co-authorship of said bill. The full Board shall exercise oversight through a post-hoc ratification process, wherein the Committee shall report all authorized co-authorships to the Board for record-keeping and confirmation at the next regular Board meeting, unless the Committee determines that immediate legislative action is required to prevent irreparable harm, in which case the action shall be reported to the Board within five (5) business days.

## 4.4 Legislative Coordination

- Meet regularly with the General Manager and legal counsel to discuss legislative strategy and priorities
- Maintain communication with legislative staff, other GCDs, and stakeholder organizations
- Represent the District at legislative hearings, meetings, and related events as authorized by the Board

#### **4.5 Reporting Requirements**

- Provide regular reports to the full Board of Directors on Committee activities, legislative developments, and recommendations
- Submit written reports prior to each regular Board meeting
- Present findings and recommendations for Board vote on legislative matters requiring full Board approval (excluding those delegated under Section 4.3)

#### **4.6 Additional Typical Duties**

- Conduct research on legislative proposals and their potential impact on the District
- Engage with constituent stakeholders regarding legislative priorities
- Coordinate with other groundwater conservation districts on shared legislative interests
- Review and comment on proposed rulemaking by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) or other relevant agencies
- Maintain records of all Committee meetings, decisions, and communications related to legislative matters

### **SECTION 5. MEETING REQUIREMENTS**

The Committee shall meet as necessary to fulfill its duties, with a minimum of one (1) meeting per quarter. Meetings may be conducted in person, by telephone, or via video conference. All meetings shall comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

### **SECTION 6. AUTHORITY LIMITATIONS AND OVERSIGHT**

The Committee shall have advisory authority on general policy positions and legislative strategy, which shall require approval by a majority vote of the full Board of Directors. However, regarding the selection and co-authorship of specific bills, the Committee is granted independent decision-making authority as outlined in Section 4.3. The full Board retains ultimate oversight and the right to revoke this delegated authority or overturn specific decisions through a majority vote if such actions are deemed contrary to the District's best interests, provided such revocation is communicated in writing to the Committee and the General Manager.



**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**SECTION 8. REPEALER**

Any prior resolutions or policies inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**ADOPTED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026, by the Board of Directors of the Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District.

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**Jimmy Klapec**, Board President

Date: April 16, 2026

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**Greg Stevens**, Board Secretary

Date: April 16, 2026

