



Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District

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Board Meeting and Public Hearing Minutes

Thursday, July 16, 2026

Present: President Jimmy Klepac, Vice President Tom Murrah, Directors George Cofran and Gregory Stevens. (Director James Sultemeier – absent)

Staff: Erik Kubinski (GM)

Citizens: Sign-In Sheets filed separately

1. Call to Order

President Jimmy Klepac called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM at the District Office, 601 W. Main Street, Johnson City, Texas.

2. Invocation

The invocation was led by Director Greg Stevens, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2026

b. Monthly Financial Reports

c. Quarterly Financial Reports

d. Monthly Operational Reports

The General Manager highlighted changes to the District's banking collateral program and QuickBooks billing schedule. *Director Cofran moved approval of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Director Stevens. Motion carried.*

5. Discuss and Possible Action on Revising Production Reporting Rule 4.1.D

The General Manager reported that the required notice period prevented a public hearing at this meeting. *Director Stevens moved to authorize posting of public notices and schedule a*

public hearing on the proposed amendments at the August meeting. Seconded by Director Murrah. Motion carried.

6. Discuss and Possible Action on Draft FY27 Budget

The General Manager presented preliminary FY27 revenue projections, grant funding, and cash reserve estimates. A complete budget draft including expenditures will be presented in August. No action was taken.

7. Discuss and Possible Action on District Drought Status and Drought Conditions

The General Manager reviewed current watershed conditions, indicating both watersheds are in Drought Stage 2. *Director Murrah moved to change the District's drought status from Stage 3 to Stage 2. Seconded by Director Cofran. Motion carried.*

8. Discuss and Possible Action on Blanco CAD Proposed Budget

The General Manager reviewed the proposed Blanco CAD budget and recommended no action. No action was taken.

9. General Managers Report

a. Update on Lagom Ranch Permit P-20250112

The General Manager reported that a preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 20, 2026, and that staff will review the judge's findings for Board consideration at the August meeting as the permit application continues through the administrative review process.

b. Update on TWDB 2026 GCD Grant Submission

The District has been awarded a \$180,000 Texas Water Development Board grant, and project planning is underway with the selected vendor as implementation activities begin.

c. Update on McCar Materials

The General Manager reported receipt of correspondence from the Veterans of Stallion Estates Coalition regarding the McCar Materials quarry and noted that no substantive response has



been received following the District's reply, leaving the matter unchanged pending further communication.

d. Update on Capitol Visits

The General Manager and General Counsel reported on meetings with legislative offices regarding rural data centers and possible amendments to the Public Funds Investment Act as part of the District's continuing engagement with state policymakers on issues affecting groundwater districts and local government finances.

e. Legislative Committee Update

The Legislative Committee discussed quarry permitting authority and proposed legislation that would provide the District additional regulatory authority as legislative options are evaluated in advance of the next legislative session.

f. Cybersecurity Awareness Training

The General Manager reminded Directors and staff that annual cybersecurity training must be completed by August 31, 2026, and reported that the District remains on schedule to meet state training requirements.

g. Update on Permit Fee Waiver

Staff have initiated public outreach efforts regarding the permit fee waiver, including mailings, social media posts, and media coverage to encourage eligible well owners to take advantage of the waiver period.

h. City of Blanco Resolution 2026-R-010

The General Manager reported that the City of Blanco adopted a resolution establishing a cooperative relationship with the District regarding well permitting information, strengthening coordination on groundwater-related matters.

i. TAGD Summit 2026

The General Manager announced the upcoming TAGD Summit and encouraged Board participation in what is expected to provide educational and networking opportunities on groundwater management issues.

j. TCEQ Rule Change - Petition for Inquiry and Waste Minimization

The General Manager reviewed recent TCEQ rule changes of potential interest to the District and noted that staff will continue monitoring regulatory developments affecting District operations and groundwater management activities.

k. TWDB Water Awareness Campaign

The General Manager discussed the statewide "This is Texas Water" public education campaign and possible local participation opportunities that may enhance public outreach and water conservation education efforts.

l. Edwards Aquifer Authority Celebrates 30 Years

The General Manager highlighted educational resources available through the Edwards Aquifer Authority's outreach center and noted the importance of continued public education and aquifer stewardship.

m. Don't Drain Texas Coalition

The General Manager reported receiving a request that the District join a statewide coalition petition and advised that policy concerns are more appropriately addressed through existing groundwater district associations and legislative channels.

n. Latest News from Local Newspapers and Industry Publications

The General Manager reviewed recent regional and industry news items, including utility development, data center activity, and groundwater litigation, noting that staff continue to monitor developments that may affect groundwater management in the region.

10. Executive Session: 551.074 (Personnel Matters) Regarding the General Manager's Annual Review. No Final Action or Decision will be made in Executive Session.

The Board entered Executive Session at 2:34 PM pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074 for the General Manager's annual review and returned to open session at 3:15 PM. No action was taken in Executive Session.

11. Discuss and Possible Action on General Manager's Annual Review

Following deliberation, Director Cofran moved to approve a 7% salary increase for the General Manager and authorize District funding for completion of a professional public speaking program. Seconded by Director Murrah. Motion carried 3-0. Director Stevens recused himself, due to his other role as a contractor for the District, reporting to the General Manager.

12. Set future Meeting Dates and Propose Future Agenda Items

The next regular meeting was set for August 20, 2026. The September meeting was rescheduled to September 24, 2026. Director Cofran requested a future agenda item regarding transportation reimbursement.

13. Adjournment

Director Murrah moved to adjourn, seconded by Director Cofran. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.



Jimmy Klepac, Board President

Date Signed: August 20, 2026



Gregory Stevens, Board Secretary-Treasurer

Date Signed: August 20, 2026

