

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING AND
REEVES COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (RCGCD)
119 South Cedar St., Pecos, Texas 79772
Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., Meeting Agenda**

1. President, Ben Burnham, called meeting to order **5:00** p.m. and declared meeting open to the public. A quorum of directors was present. Present were Ginny Barmore, Nancy Martinez, Luke Brown, and Cecil Lee. Absent: David Dominguez. Emily Rogers, attorney for the District, was also present.
2. Public Comment.
 - a. No Public Comments
3. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of February 20, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.
 - a. **Motion** was made by Cecil Lee and seconded by Ginny Barmore to approve minutes of the February 20, 2025, meeting. No discussion. All voted in favor, 5-0.
4. Discussion and possible action on financial statements.
 - a. Nancy Martinez questioned discrepancy from budgeted line item "Advertising" \$300 but spent \$4,000. Amber Redden explained that the item was for TAGD budgeted item that was paid early to get the full color RCGCD logo on the TAGD sponsorship bags. Nancy also asked about "Software and IT" budget going over budget. Amber explained that we are trying to update the software on our own network, once it is all updated the budget will be correct for the following year.
 - b. Motion was made by Luke Brown and seconded by Nancy Martinez to approve the February & March financial statements. No discussion. All voted in favor, 5-0.
5. Discussion and possible action on payment of bills.
 - a. Motion was made by Ginny Barmore and seconded by Cecil Lee to approve the February & March payment of bills. No discussion. All voted in favor, 5-0.
6. General Manager's Report:
 - a. Current stakeholder meetings, conferences attended & correspondence.
 - b. Operations report (bank, tax & investment statements; drilling report; drought map).
 - c. Current well registrations/permits.
 - i. No Action on General Manager's Report.
7. Discussion and possible action on request by Cactus Water Services LLC for RCGCD to send an amicus curiae brief or a letter in support of Cactus Water Services, LLC to the Texas Supreme Court.
 - a. Emily Rogers gave an update on the case. It has gone to the Texas supreme court, but she can't remember if they have had oral argument or not. RCGCD does not have a direct stake in this case. RCGCD would only be submitting an amicus brief to support stakeholders in Reeves County. Luke Brown said we need to stay in the purview of our Board. Emily stated we don't have to do anything. This case does not change what the Railroad Commission requires in terms of the oil producers still having to dispose of the produced water. Ginny Barmore stated RCGCD should keep an eye on it and see where the case goes.
 - b. The motion was made by Nancy Martinez and seconded by Luke Brown to decline brief request. All voted in favor, 5-0.

8. Discussion and possible action on meeting at KC7 Ranch concerning possible MOU between RCGCD, Jeff Davis County UWCD and Culberson County GCD.
 - a. No Action Taken.
9. Discussion and possible action on Modeling update for RCGCD as it pertains to GMA3 and TWDB.
 - a. James Beach, Jordan Vega, and Isaac Johnson from Advanced Groundwater Solutions, LLC presented an overview of water quality data in Reeves County. They discussed the distribution of wells with water quality data across different aquifers, noting that the Pecos Valley Alluvium has the highest number of wells, followed by the Edwards Trinity Plateau. James pointed out the lack of Rustler wells in the western part of the county. They also reviewed the regularly gauged wells by RCGCD, totaling approximately 37. The team is working on compiling historical water quality data to help plan future sampling efforts, and they will seek input from the board on which constituents are most important to monitor, particularly considering concerns about fracking's impact on water quality. They provided an update on modeling for GMA 3 and the district model. They discussed the discrepancy between the Water Development Board's estimates of water use for oil and gas activities and the data from the FracFocus database. The FracFocus data shows significantly higher water usage for fracking, peaking at over 40,000 acre-feet in 2019 compared to the Board's estimate of about 3,000 acre-feet. They highlighted uncertainties in the data, including the source of water (produced vs. groundwater) and its geographical origin. The team plans to incorporate this new data into the model, making assumptions about water sources and running sensitivity analyses to improve calibration. They discussed the need to improve the calibration metrics of their model to capture the decline in calibration over the last 10 years. They also discussed the need to recalibrate the model using previous methods. James mentioned that they had provided input to Bill Hutchison for the next GMA 3 meeting. They also discussed the need to update the desired future conditions for Reeves County by May of next year. They asked two questions: whether the assumption about most frac water coming from a local source was correct, and what portion of the water used for fracking had been converted from water used for irrigation. Amber asked for an explanation of the process, which led to the discussion about the need to update the GMA every five years. The goal is to resample wells with old water quality data to assess any changes. They also discussed the possibility of expanding to all gauged wells and other wells where access can be gained. The next steps include finalizing a list of constituents to sample for and providing cost estimates for sampling and laboratory expenses.
 - b. No Action Taken.
10. Discussion and possible action on 1st Quarter Investment Report.
 - a. Motion was made by Nancy Martinez and seconded by Ginny Barmore to approve the 1st Quarter Investment Report. All voted in favor, 5-0.
11. Discussion and possible action on 1st Quarter Drought Report.
 - a. Motion was made by Luke Brown and seconded by Ginny Barmore to acknowledge the 1st Quarter Drought Report. All voted in favor, 5-0.
12. Discussion and possible action on Scholarship applications.
 - a. Ben Burnham will present the Balmorhea scholarships at The Balmorhea Graduation and Ginny Barmore & Amber Redden will present the Pecos scholarships at the Purple & Gold Night at Pecos High school.
 - b. Motion was made by Ben Burnham and seconded by Ginny Barmore to award \$1,000 scholarships to 16 qualifying applicants, totaling \$16,000, which is \$6,000 more than the originally budgeted amount.

c. \$1,000 scholarship for the following 16 applicants:

1. Alexsandra M Navarrete (PBTISD)
2. Amara L Garcia (PBTISD)
3. Annalyn L Torres (PBTISD)
4. Ayhner B Elpedez (PBTISD)
5. Carmela Justine P Tapac (PBTISD)
6. Hannah S Fierro (PBTISD)
7. Iliana M Centreras (PBTISD)
8. Kaelynn S Salcido (PBTISD)
9. Kelly S Jaimez (PBTISD)
10. Kirsten R Parker (BISD)
11. Monte R Shackeford (BISD)
12. Ryan M Garcia (PBTISD)
13. Ryan J Mendoza (PBTISD)
14. Rylie A Dominguez (PBTISD)
15. Victoria R Amaya (BISD)
16. Yarali Hidalgo (PBTISD)

All voted in favor, 5-0.

13. Discussion and possible action on correspondence received.

- a. Maria Jaco PBTISD – Invitation to Purple & Gold Night
- b. Odessa College – 4th Annual Champions Luncheon Sponsorship
- c. TCEQ – Notice Of A Public Meeting And A Proposed Renewal Of General Permit TXG640000 Authorizing The Discharge Of Wastewater
- d. Region F Regional Water Planning Group – Notice of Public Hearing on the Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) of the Regional Water Plan of the Region F Regional Water Planning Group. Deadline 7/7/2025

14. Discussion and possible action on date and time of the next Board Meeting and items to consider at next Board meeting.

- a. Next Meeting May 15th, 2025
- b. Items to consider
 - i. Rebecca C. Smyth

15. Discussion and possible action to adjourn.

- a. Adjourn at 6:29 PM

Dated the 17th day of April 2025.


Benjamin Burnham, President


Ginny Barmore, Secretary