

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING
REEVES COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
119 South Cedar St., Pecos, Texas 79772
Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., Meeting Agenda**

1. President, Benjamin Burnham, called meeting to order **5:03** p.m. and declared meeting open to the public. A quorum of directors was present. Present were Ginny Barmore, Cecil Lee, Lee Young, Luke Brown and Nancy Martinez. Absent: David Dominguez. Emily Rogers, attorney for the District was also present, And James Beach from AGS was also present via Zoom.
2. Public Comment:
 - a. Chris Harich, representing NGL, introduced himself to the board and staff. He informed the Board that earlier this week, he visited the RCGCD office and met Greg in person. He also noted that NGL is currently working on a water permit in the Victor area.
3. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes of the June 19, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.
 - a. **Motion** was made by Nancy Martinez and seconded by Ginny Barmore to approve minutes of the June 19, 2025, meeting. No discussion. All voted in favor, 6-0.
4. Discussion and possible action on financial statements.
 - a. Motion was made by Ginny Barmore and seconded by Lee Young to approve the June 2025 financial statements. No discussion. All voted in favor, 6-0.
5. Discussion and possible action on payment of bills.
 - a. Motion was made by Ginny Barmore and seconded by Nancy Martinez to approve the June 2025 payment of bills. No discussion. All voted in favor, 6-0.
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 taken on General Manager's Report.
7. Public Hearing on Drilling Permit and Production Permit:
 - a. Drilling Permit #RC6426 and Production Permit #RC3235, Well RC3427, Ashley Giesbrecht, 683 acres, requesting 4,098 AF/YR (MAX), 600 GPM. AB 1140 BLK 13 SEC 250 H&GN. 2.48 miles NE of CR 112 & HWY17 intersection in Reeves County, Texas. Irrigation, Oil & Gas Rig Supply, Fracking Use.
 - i. Public Hearing Opened at 5:17pm
 - ii. No Public Comment
 - iii. Public Hearing Closed at 5:20pm
8. Discussion and possible action on Drilling Permits and Production Permits.

- a. Motion was made by Luke Brown and seconded by Cecil Lee to approve the Drilling Permit RC6426 and Production Permit RC3235, WellRC3427, Ashley Giesbrecht Farms. No Discussion. All voted in favor, 6-0.

9. Discussion and possible action on 2nd Quarter Investment Report.

- a. Motion was made by Ginny Barmore and seconded by Nancy Martinez to approve the 2nd Quarter Investment Report. No discussion. All voted in favor, 6-0.

10. Discussion and possible action on 2nd Quarter Drought Report.

- a. Motion was made by Nancy Martinez and seconded by Ginny Barmore to approve the 2nd Quarter Drought Report. No discussion. All voted in favor, 6-0.

11. Discussion and possible action on proposed 2026 RCGCD Budget.

- a. The board reviewed the proposed 2026 budget, focusing on several key items. Nancy Martinez asked about the increase in the Software/IT/Website line item, which rose to \$30,000 from \$11,550 in the 2024 budget. Amber Redden explained that the increase reflects planned system upgrades, website enhancements, and ADA compliance requirements. The board discussed allocating funds for potential land and/or building purchase, noting that RCGCD's current lease expires at the end of 2027 and rent is expected to increase. After considering whether to include the allocation now or amend the budget later, the board agreed to designate the remaining Reserve Fund toward "Land Purchase" for future property acquisition. Greg Perrin proposed budgeting for "Special Projects," including water quality research and potential collaboration with Sul Ross State University's water conservation department. He outlined a plan to sponsor graduate students to assist with research. James Beach noted that Texas currently does not offer a dedicated hydrology degree program. Ben Burnham recommended increasing the fuel and mileage budget to \$10,000 and the vehicle maintenance budget to \$3,000, citing rising costs. Amber Redden added that, during budget preparation, she monitors Greg's fuel usage and increases the allocation when necessary to ensure he does not exceed the budgeted amount. Ben Burnham also proposed increasing Amber Redden's salary by 15% instead of the previously suggested 8.63%, while maintaining her current car allowance. Ginny Barmore agreed, stating that Amber's compensation should reflect her job responsibilities. The board also discussed retirement benefits and health insurance for employees. There was brief discussion regarding the possibility of providing Amber with a company vehicle in lieu of her car allowance, contingent upon the purchase of Greg's next truck. No decision was made on this matter. The board agreed to leave the current tax rate unchanged and plans to vote on the final budget at the next scheduled meeting. Emily Rogers raised concerns about the legal appropriateness of sponsoring the West of the Pecos Rodeo, suggesting it may not serve a valid public purpose. The board agreed to remove the Rodeo sponsorship from the proposed budget.

12. Discussion and possible action on correspondence received.

- a. Trans Pecos Weather Modification Association – Daily forecast for July, 6th 2025
- b. June's Cloud seeding operations Report by Todd Flanagan
- c. Letter from Joyce Anne Stevens "Water Water Everywhere!?"
- d. Scholarship "Thank You" card from Balmorhea ISD Student, Kirsten Parker
- e. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality – NOTICE: Annual Joint Groundwater Monitoring and Contamination Report; and Notification of Groundwater Contamination
- f. Underwood Law Firm – Notice of the intention of Reeves County, Texas to enter into a tax abatement agreement with Pecos Power Plant LLC

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

- a. Next meeting August 22nd, 2025, at 5PM
- b. Proposed Budget
- c. Proposed Tax Rate for year 2025

14. Discussion and possible action to adjourn.

- a. Motion was made by Ginny Barmore and seconded by Nancy Martinez to Adjourn at 6:12PM. All voted in favor, 6-0

Dated the 17th day of July 2025.

Ben Burnham
Ben Burnham, President

David Dominguez
Ginny Barmore, Secretary
David Dominguez, Vice President