MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD FOR THE KINNEY COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to order.
   Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Wes Robinson.

2. Establish a quorum.
   A quorum was established with all directors present: Wes Robinson, Randy Schott, Ben Lewis, Perry Menley, and David Palmer. Matt Bland entered the meeting at 6:03.
   Absent: Blake Ward
   Greg Ellis, attorney, was also in attendance.
   Staff present: Genell Hobbs, Bonnie Brotherton, and Martina Payne.
   Also in attendance: a number of observers.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.
   The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Robinson.

4. Public Comments.
   None

5. Discussion/Possible Action: Approve minutes from the August 25,2026 board meeting
   Randy Schott made a motion to approve with corrected spelling of his name #5.
   2nd: Robinson Vote: 6-0 Motion passed.

6. Call for annual audit.

7. Discussion/Possible Action: Proposed Budget, FY 2026-2027, set time/date for a public hearing on proposed budget 2026-2027 annual budget.
   David Palmer made a motion to set the public hearing on September 29, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. 2nd: Ben Lewis Vote: 6-0 Motion passed.

8. Discussion/Possible Action: Proposed Tax Rate, set time/date for a public hearing on proposed tax rate.
   Palmer made a motion to set the public hearing on September 29, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
   2nd.: Lewis Vote: 6-0 Motion passed.

9. Discussion/Possible Action : Proposed fee schedule, set time/date for a public hearing to set a proposed fee schedule.
   Lewis made a motion to set the public hearing on September 29,2026 at 6:00 p.m.
   To set the proposed fee schedule. 2nd: Randy Schott Vote: 6-0 Motion passed.

10. Discussion/Possible Action: On-Call Hydrogeological Consulting Services Contract Budget and scheduled amendment with Freese and Nichols.

Lewis made a motion to add another $50,000 to Freese and Nichols for consulting.
2nd.: Bland Vote: 6-0 Motion passed.

11. Discussion/Possible Action: FY 2026 Hydrogeological Consulting Services Contract schedule amendment with Freese and Nichols.
Lewis made a motion to amend the schedule with Freese and Nichols.
2nd: Schott Vote: 6-0 Motion passed.

12. Discussion/Possible Action: TWDB Science Grant Contract with Freese and Nichols.
Lewis made the motion to pay Freese and Nichols $110,000 for consulting.
2nd: Schott Vote: 6-0 Motion passed.

13. Discussion/Possible Action: Water infrastructure and possible grant and funding opportunities.
No Action taken. Grant management proposal on next agenda.

14. Discussion/Possible Action: Donation to the Little League project.
Bland made the motion to table . 2nd.: Lewis Vote: 6-0 Motion passed.

15. Discussion/Possible Action: Assistant general manager position.
Bland made a motion to table this item. 2nd: Schott Vote: 6-0 Motion passed.

16. Discussion/Possible Action: Hamilton test well.
Lewis made a motion to address the item with a letter sent to Hamilton, followed by Farther correspondence if needed. 2nd: Robinson Vote: 6-0 Motion passed.

17. Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution in opposition of draft bill regarding rural residency.
Bland made a motion to accept the resolution. 2nd.: Robinson Vote: For (4) Bland, Lewis, Robinson, Schott Against (2) Menley, Palmer Motion passed.

18. Report: Greg Ellis-legislative and litigation update.
Ellis reported groundwater continues to be a hot topic in the legislature and data centers and groundwater marketing are also prime items of discussion.

19. General Manager's Report.
A. Exempt well applications.
B. Attendance at meetings (past), present, & upcoming.
C. Upcoming events.
Hobbs stated no exempt well applications had been filed. She also reported GMA 10 met on Monday, September 21, and GMA7 would be meeting on October 22. Region J has not set a meeting date at this time.

20. Review TWDB Drought Index and aquifer monitoring data.

21. Discussion/Possible Action: Financial statements for August 2026.

Motion to file for audit: Bland 2nd.: Schott Vote: 6-0 Motion passed.

22. Review Monthly Investment Report.

23. Discussion/Possible Action: Invoices received and invoices paid.
Motion to approve: Schott 2nd.: Bland Vote: 7-0 Motion passed.

24. Director requests for items on the Next or Future Agenda.
Lewis made a motion to get update on Hamilton test well. 2nd: Robinson
Vote: 6-0 Motion passed.
Robinson made a motion to get information on the 765 Power line project.
2nd.: Lewis Vote: 6-0 Motion passed.
Robinson made a motion to secure a contract with EcoKai for the grant work planned.
2nd: Lewis Vote: 6-0 Motion passed.

25. Adjourn. 8:05
Perry Menley made a motion to adjourn. 2nd: Robinson Vote: 6-0
Motion passed.

APPROVED:

Wes Robinson, President

Date: 10/27/26

ATTEST:

Matt Bland, Secretary

Date: 10-27-2026