

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

Tuesday, August 25, 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 6 directors present: Wes Robinson, Randy Schott, Ben Lewis, David Palmer, Blake Ward, and Matt Bland.
Absent: Perry Menley
Greg Ellis, attorney, Jim Burton, and Carlos Carreon were also in attendance.
Vince Clause and Alysia Sule attended remotely.
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
Several observers addressed the board regarding item #10.
5. Discussion/Possible Action: Approve minutes from the July 28, 2026, board meeting.
Matt Bland moved to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2026, Board meeting as presented; Randy Schott seconded the motion. David Palmer moved to amend the minutes to include the comments he made during the July 28, 2026, Board meeting. The motion did not receive a second.
Vote on the original motion: 5 in favor, 1 opposed (Palmer). Motion passed.
6. General Manager's Report.
 - A. Exempt well applications.
 - B. Attendance at meetings (past), present, & upcoming.
 - C. Upcoming events.Genell Hobbs presented the General Managers Report, including that no applications were filed since the last board meeting; no meetings are scheduled at this time, but GMA7 and GMA10 should be holding meetings in October, and Region J will meet in late October or early November.
7. Review TWDB Drought Index and aquifer monitoring data.
Jim Burton presented a slide presentation of the monitoring network throughout the county, including the indicator wells and water levels.
8. Report by Vince Clause.

Vince Clause explained the technical memorandum provided in the director's packet. Clause is continuing to develop a technical foundation and framework for better management and policy. Clause is developing a conceptual model – not a numerical model.

9. Report-Greg Ellis- legislative and litigation update.
Ellis said groundwater remains a hot topic in the legislature. Groundwater marketing and exports are being discussed, as well as large, concentrated groundwater demand industries such as data centers.

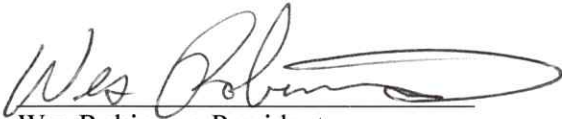
The President called the directors into executive session beginning at 8:05 pm.

The Board resumed the regular session at 8:25 pm. No action was taken in executive session.

10. Discussion/Possible Action: Donation to Little League Complex- Judge Schuster.
Bland made a motion to table. 2nd.: Schott. Vote: 6-0. Motion passed.
11. Discussion/Possible Action: Move the November and December meeting dates due to Thanksgiving and Christmas.
Lewis moved to change the meeting dates to November 17 and December 15.
2nd.: Blake Ward. Vote: 6-0 Motion passed.
12. Discussion/Possible Action: Assistant Manager position.
Tabled. Lewis made the motion to table. 2nd.: Robinson. Vote: 6-0
Motion passed.
13. Discussion/Possible Action: Financial statements for July 2026.
Motion by Bland to file the Financial Statements for audit: Schott 2nd.: Lewis. Vote: 6-0.
Motion passed.
14. Review monthly investment report.
Ms. Hobbs presented the Monthly investment report.
15. Discussion/Possible Action: Invoices received and invoices paid.
Motion to approve: Schott 2nd.: Bland. Vote: 6-0. Motion passed.
16. Director requests for items on the next or future agenda.
Lewis moved to put the Hamilton test well on the next agenda. 2nd.: Robinson. Vote: 6-0.
Motion passed.
Robinson moved to have a special called meeting on September 8 to set a public hearing for proposed budget, tax rate, and fee schedule FY 2026-2027. 2nd.: Bland
Vote: 6-0. Motion passed.
Robinson moved to have the resolution in opposition to the draft bill regarding rural residency on the next agenda. 2nd.: Bland Vote: 6-0 Motion passed.
17. Adjourn. 8:40 p.m.

Lewis made a motion to adjourn. 2nd.: Schott Vote: 6-0

APPROVED:



Wes Robinson, President

Date: 9/22/26

ATTEST:



Matt Bland, Secretary

Date: 9-22-2026