Culberson County Groundwater Conservation District Minutes of Lobo Stakeholder Meeting Wednesday, September 14, 2022- 6:00pm PM CST 1300 W. Broadway Van Horn, Texas

- <u>1.</u> <u>Call to Order</u> Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Chairman Lane Brewster. This meeting was held in person and was also available through GoTo Meeting.
- <u>2.</u> <u>Determination of a Quorum</u> Members present were Chairman Lane Brewster, Vice Chairman George Strickhausen, Director Lacey Koehn, Director Jaime Hudson, and Director Cruz Parada. Also present General Manager Summer Webb, Assistant General Manager and Attorney Steve Mitchell. A quorum was determined. Members of the public and interested parties present are listed on the sign in sheet attached.
- 3. Proof of Notice of Meeting Proof of notice of the meeting was posted appropriately and timely.
- <u>4.</u> <u>Public Comment</u>- Jackson stated the Wildhorse Draw ran with water for nine days straight and really wishes that could have been captured and helped recharge the Lobo Aquifer.
- <u>5.</u> <u>Discuss: Presentation by PGF Lobo Aquifer Recharge</u> Luzius, presented a PowerPoint that will be attached the minutes, that discussed having a "working committee" to head up the Lobo Aquifer Recharge plan. Webb noted that the board needed to be in contact with the Hydrogeologists, Steve Finch, and not anyone outside of the board. Webb also noted that she has been in touch with legal personnel, Deborah Trejo and she also agrees that anything the Groundwater District will be paying for needs to go through the Board for the Board to make final decision on any project. Jackson also questioned who funded Hudspeth Counties recharge wells. Easley stated we have a great starting point, we just need to follow through and get as much water back in the Lobo Aquifer; also reach out to Gary Fuentes with NRCS for help with government assistance.
- 6. Open Forum Lobo Stakeholder Discussion No action will be taken during the Lobo Stakeholder Meeting Luzuis idea of first step is getting Steve Finch moving and getting studies done for us. He questioned if the Board would be able to fund all the bills for the Hydrogeologists and if assistances from government would be needed. If so, then Board should decide what steps to take next to help recharge the aquifer. Luzius wants the Board to ask Mr. Finch direct questions and let him know what needs to be done. Jackson wants the board to look into getting injection wells. Easley confirmed what Jackson said about water running for the nine days straight and it would have helped recharge the aquifer. Webb stated we could have Mr. Finch run a study of the aquifer, and then present that to any outside entities that could help fund.
- <u>7.</u> <u>Public Comment</u>- Jackson stated that working together as Stakeholders and the Board so it will all be done correctly, and also getting in contact with Gary Fuentes from the NRCS to get assistance. Brewster reminded all that going through government assistance will take longer but we need to take the slower approach to protect everyone.
- <u>8.</u> <u>Adjournment-</u> Chairman Brewster called for a motion to adjourn, Director Koehn made a motion to adjourn; with a second by Director Parada. All members were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Chairman, Lane Brewster

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Member, Jaime Hudson