

Culberson County Groundwater Conservation District
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 6, 2023- 2:00pm PM CST
1300 W. Broadway
Van Horn, Texas 79855

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm by Chairman Lane Brewster. This meeting was held in person and was also available through GoTo Meeting.
2. Determination of a Quorum – Members present were Chairman Lane Brewster, Secretary Lacey Koehn, Director Cruz Parada, and Director Jaime Hudson. Also, present General Manager Haley Davis, 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.
4. Public Comment- None.
5. Discuss/Act On: Approval of Minutes
 - a. August 9, 2023, Regular Meeting – Director Parada made a motion to accept the minutes presented; with a second by Director Koehn. All members were in favor and the motion passed.
 - b. August 9, 2023, Lobo Aquifer Meeting – Director Hudson made a motion to accept the minutes presented; with a second by Director Parada. All members were in favor and the motion passed.
6. Discuss: FY2023-2024 Budget Workshop – Director Parada made a motion to table this discussion for the next meeting, with a second from Director Koehn. All members were in favor and the motion passed.
7. Discuss/Act On: FY2023-2024 Tax Rate – Director Koehn made a motion to advertise Rollback Rate at 8% in the newspaper at .0196450 and vote on it at the next meeting, with a second from Director Parada. All members were in favor and the motion passed.
8. Discuss/Act On: Set Hearing Date for Tax Rate and Budget – Director Hudson made a motion to set Hearing Date for FY2023-2024 Tax Rate and Budget on September 20, 2023 at 2:00 p.m., with a second from Director Koehn. All members were in favor and the motion passed.
9. Discuss/Act On: Tax Resale Bid Request – None.
10. Discuss General Managers Report-
 - a) Field Tech Report – Haley Davis presented the Lobo Aquifer data.
 - b) Information/Meetings – General Manager presented the following:
 - Painter and Associates – FY2020, FY2021, and FY2022 Audits have not been done or paid for. Director Koehn made a motion to add \$24,000.00 to budget for back audits and signing agreement with Painter and Associates for FY2020, FY2021, and FY2022, with a second from Director Parada. All members were in favor and the motion passed.
11. Discuss/Act On: Payment of Bills, and Bank Reconciliations- Director Koehn made a motion to approve bills, and bank reconciliation as presented; with a second by Director Hudson. All members were in favor and the motion passed.
 - Bills to be paid amount - \$9,671.28
12. Discuss/Act On: Next Meeting Agenda Items: Regular Meeting and Lobo Aquifer Meeting will be held on October 18, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.
13. Discuss/Act On: Lobo Aquifer – Steve Finch spoke to the board and Lobo Aquifer has pumped around 9,800 acre feet in this year.
14. Public Comment – Lisa Morton asked the amount of bills and if the readings Lobo Aquifer reading was calendar to date or fiscal year date.
15. Adjournment- Chairman Brewster called for a motion to adjourn, Director Hudson made a motion to adjourn; with a second by Director Parada. All members were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm.

Lane Brewster

Chairman, Lane Brewster

Lacey Koehn

Member, Lacey Koehn

Member, Jaime Hudson

George Strickhausen

Vice Chairman, George Strickhausen

Cruz Prada

Member, Cruz Prada