

Texana Groundwater Conservation District
Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2026

THE STATE OF TEXAS

JACKSON COUNTY

The Board of Directors of the Texana Groundwater Conservation District convened a meeting at LNRA Headquarters, Building C, 4631 F.M. 3131, Edna, Texas at 6:00 P.M.

Item 1 - Convene the meeting and receive a report from the general manager.

Topic 1.1 - Roll Call

Mr. Andruss explained that the staff completed the necessary public notification requirements for the meeting.

Board Action:

Mr. Tupa called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM and call the roll of representatives:

___Present___: Precinct 1 Director: Mr. John Boone, Vice-President.

___Vacant___: Precinct 2 Director: Vacant.

___Present___: Precinct 3 Director: Mr. Clifford Born, Director.

___Present___: Precinct 4 Director: Mr. Charles Marr, Treasurer.

___Present___: At Large 1 Director: Mr. Johnny Dugger, Director.

___Present___: At Large 2 Director: Mr. Alton Tupa, President.

___Present___: At Large 3 Director: Mr. Robert Gendke, Jr., Secretary.

___Present___: General Manager: Tim Andruss.

___Present___: General Counsel: Jim Allison.

Item 2 - Public Comment

Item 9 - Consideration of and possible action on matters related to administration and management including minutes of previous meetings, amendments to the annual budget, the

tax rates, certified tax roll, bank accounts, investments, financial reports of the district, bills and invoices of the district, general elections, management goals and objectives of the district, administrative policies, staffing, consultant agreements, interlocal cooperation agreements, the annual report of the District, and support services provided to and received from other groundwater conservation districts.

Topic 9.1 - Budget for FY2027

Mr. Andruss provided the following information:

On August 20, 2026, the Board authorized the publication of a proposed a tax rate not exceeding the Voter-Approval Tax Rate for Tax Year 2026 of \$0.00870/\$100 of taxable value. The Voter-Approval Tax Rate is calculated by the Tax Assessor-Collector using a complicated tax worksheet. For the District, the Voter-Approval Tax Rate is limited to an 8% increase in tax levy. However, base on the formula prescribed in code for the development of the small taxing unit notice, the notice would have indicated the proposed tax rate "would increase total taxes" by 8.137%. To avoid a potential controversy or dispute regarding the proposed tax rate, management authorized the publication of a proposed tax rate of \$0.00860/\$100 of taxable value with 8% tax rate increase calculation.

Management developed a draft budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, that attempts to fund the operations of the District in a manner which provides for 1) the accomplishment of the management plan goals and objectives, and 2) the completion of projects and tasks associated with the administration of the district, groundwater conservation, groundwater management and permitting, groundwater monitoring, groundwater policy development, groundwater protection, groundwater research, and groundwater resource planning.

To facilitate future comparisons of adopted budgets to financial audits and to simplify bookkeeping tasks, the draft budget has developed using a single fund referred to as the General Fund instead of developing a budget using two funds, Operating Fund and Reserve Fund.

The draft budget anticipates purchases and projects that are not routine in nature including funding for increased legal expenses, increased district fees, expanded water level assessment, increased legislative support expenditures, site-specific monitoring and assessments, CGCBGF Model improvements, expanded DFC modeling.

For the purposes of budgeting revenue, the draft budget anticipates the collection of \$340,100 in tax revenue based on the computed tax levy for the proposed tax rate for Tax Year 2026 of \$0.00860/\$100 of taxable value.

Board Action:

Mr. Boone moved to adopt the budget for Fiscal Year 2027 by order, as drafted.
Mr. Born seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Topic 9.2 - Tax Rate for Tax Year 2026

Mr. Andruss provided the following information:

On August 30, 2026, the public notice requirements were completed for the proposed tax rate for Tax Year 2026.

Board Action:

1. Mr. Tupa called to open the public hearing at 6:25 PM regarding the proposed tax rate.
2. Mr. Born moved to close the public hearing at 6:29 PM after receiving public comments from attendees regarding the proposed tax rate.
3. Mr. Born moved to approve and adopt a tax rate of \$0.00860/\$100 of taxable value as the adopted tax rate by order. Mr. Dugger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays..

Topic 9.3 - November 2026 General Elections

Mr. Andruss provided the following:

The terms of the following offices are scheduled to expire in 2026: Director, At Large 2; (currently held by Mr. Alton Tupa); Director, Precinct 4; (currently held by Mr. Charles Marr), Director, At Large 3; (currently held by Mr. Robert Gendke Jr.).

The district received applications for a place on the ballot from Mr. Tupa, Mr. Marr and Mr. Gendke by 5:00 PM on August 17, 2026.

The District did not receive any write-in applications by 5:00 PM on August 21, 2026.

As a result of receiving only one application for a place on the ballot for each office up for election, it is appropriate for the Board to cancel the election for November 2026 by order after the certification of unopposed candidates are executed by the Mr. Gendke, Board Secretary.

Board Action:

Mr. Dugger moved to cancel the election for all positions by order. Mr. Born seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Topic 9.4 - Investment Report

Mr. Andruss provided the following information:

The investment reports for June and July 2026 have been developed by Lisa Ramirez, Administrator Coordinator, and reviewed and approved by Caitlynn Davenport, Investment Officer of the District, and were sent to the directors prior to the meeting.

The balance of all funds of the district as of July 31, 2026, was \$1,201,480.71.

Board Action:

Mr. Boone moved to accept the investment reports for June and July 2026. Mr. Gendke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Topic 9.5 - Unpaid Invoices and Bills

Mr. Andruss provided the following information:

The District has outstanding accounts payable invoices that are NOT considered regular and routine for which the District has received the goods and services billed for under the invoices.

Board Action:

Mr. Dugger moved to authorize the general manager to pay the following items:

1. [TGCD - ACCTP-20260910-01 - \\$250.00 - C. Born - September Board Meeting](#)
2. [TGCD - ACCTP-20260910-02 - \\$250.00 - R. Gendke Jr. - September Board Meeting](#)
3. [TGCD - ACCTP-20260821-01 - \\$183.00 - VicAdvocate - Small Taxing Unit Notice](#)

Mr. Boone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 10 - Consideration of and possible action on matters related to legal counsel report.

Mr. Allison was present and gave his report.

Item 11 - Adjourn Meeting

Board Action:

Mr. Dugger moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 PM after concluding all business of the District. Mr. Born seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING MINUTES WERE READ AND APPROVED ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____ A.D. _____.

Director of the Texana
Groundwater Conservation District

ATTEST:

Director of the Texana
Groundwater Conservation District