

KINNEY COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BUDGET INFORMATION, AS OF 8/31/2026.

Cash on hand: \$ 1,011,167.63

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District (hereinafter referred to as "District") has no long-term indebtedness. Short-term obligations are as follows:

The District has an Agreement with Ede & Company, LLC, for year-end (FYE 9/30/2026), financial audit in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

The District has an obligation to pay the Kinney County Appraisal District in the amount of \$25,494.28 annually, with quarterly payments. This is for appraisals, billing and tax collection re: the District.

The District has an agreement with Streamline for database website hosting in the amount of \$3,600 annually.

The District has a 5-year lease agreement with GreatAmerica for a multifunctional printer, at \$247.59 monthly.

The District has a Service Agreement with Freese and Nichols for hydrogeological services for a one-year period beginning Oct.1, 2025. This Service Agreement is scheduled for renewal at the District's September 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

The District has an agreement with Greg Ellis Law Firm for legal services. Services are on an as-needed basis. Additionally, there is a Legislative Agreement with Ellis commencing December 16,2025 and running through September 30, 2027.

KCGCD PROPOSED BUDGET 2026/2027

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2025/2026</u>	<u>08/31/2026</u>	<u>2026/2027</u>
Transfer from reserve funds/allocate for well equip/science/prof. fees	433,346	433,346	466,517
Ad-Valorem Taxes	569,414	569,414.00	549,133
Application/Amend. Fees	1,500	700.00	1,500
Groundwater Use Fees	83,400	69,116.27	83,400
Interest	44,500	38,514.74	38,000
Miscellaneous Income	200	3,745.20	2,000
Renewal Fees/Other Fees	8,500	1,943.19	2,000
Well Log Deposit	600	1,200.00	600
TOTAL INCOME	1,141,460	1,117,979.40	1,143,150

PROPOSED - ANNUAL BUDGET – FY 2026-2027

I prepared the proposed budget based on a tax rate of 0.0462/\$100, which is the highest rate we can adopt without holding an election to approve the adopted tax rate. Using this rate, our tax revenue will be about \$20,281 less than the previous year. The total budget will be increased by \$1,690.

INCOME: As noted, we will receive more in tax revenue, and an increase in interest, but still conservative on interest.

EXPENSE:

Insurance – a minimal increase.

No Legislative Representation this coming year, as the Legislature will not be in session.

Work will continue with Vince Clause to update geology information along with other items as required. Propose to **increase the “Professional”** line item to \$275,000.

Collection fees for the Appraisal District are up slightly from the previous year.

Insurance also went up slightly from the previous year.

Legal expenses: Slight increase, due to attorney’s work on Rules, By-Laws and other items that might arise. Legislative Representation – 0 -, as this was only for last year.

Election expenses are added this year, as we will have an election in 2026. We hope to pay the KC Clerk for services rendered, prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Staff increase, for pay increases for Bonnie and Marti, and pay into retirement for Marti. Also, Kathy’s (bookkeeper) month end work is included in the “staff” line item. Her rate has gone up slightly, for the first time since 2012. Payroll taxes are also included.

IF YOU ARE IN AGREEMENT, A MOTION SHOULD BE MADE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR FY 2026-27.

KCGCD PROPOSED BUDGET 2025-2026

EXPENSES	2025-2026	08/31/2026	2026-2027
Accounting (Audit)	12,600	12,600.00	12,600
Advertising/Public Notice	1,000	2,175.11	3,000
Association Fees	4,100	2,700.00	3,000
Collections/Fees to KCAD	23,036	24,807.18	25,500
Elections	-0-	-0-	-0-
Hearing	-0-	-0-	-0-
Insurance	8,074	9,730.52	12,000
Legal	45,000	-0-	45,000
Legislative Representation	-0-	31,000.00	31,000
Office Expense	44,500	30,473.94	38,000
Other Expense/office maint.	4,500	127.65	3,000
G/Water Protection Program	72,000	-0-	40,000
Scholarship/Comm. Awareness	12,500	12,000.00	12,500
Professional Fees	275,000	204,638.95	300,000
Reserves	25,000	-0-	20,000
Science	175,300	18,011.94	130,000
Science equip/Web-based tech svcs for scientific data support, water quality sample/lab analysis	200,000	218,373.58	245,000
Staff	175,000	129,922.71	185,000
Travel/vehicle exp.	4,200	1549.68	4,200
Education/Conventions	4,550	176.22	4,550
Election	6,300	-0-	8,000
Hearing	10,800	-0-	10,800
Monitor well/meters	38,000	-0-	10,000
TOTAL EXPENSE	1,141,460	698,287.48	1,143,150