

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

Tuesday, July 28, 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 all directors present: Wes Robinson, Randy Schott, Ben Lewis, Perry Menley, Blake Ward, David Palmer, and Matt Bland.
Greg Ellis, attorney, was also in attendance.
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.
Seven observers addressed the board concerning item # 8. They were opposed to it and would like to have rural taken out of the requirement for a Precinct Director.
5. Discussion/Possible Action: Approve minutes from the July 28 ,2026 board meeting
Ben Lewis made a motion to file for audit. 2nd. Matt Bland Vote: 7-0
Motion passed.
6. General Manager's Report.
A. Exempt well applications.
B. Attendance at meetings (past), present, & upcoming.
C. Upcoming events.
Hobbs stated there were 2 exempt well applications received since the last board meeting. There have been no meetings scheduled but informed the board the TAGD conference will be September 1-3 in San Antonio. JRED test well update-waiting for information.
7. Review TWDB Drought Index and aquifer monitoring data.
8. Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution Opposing bill regarding Section 8846.054 (b) and Section 8846.102 Special District Local Laws Code.
Motion made by Palmer to Table. 2nd. Menley Vote: For 3 (Palmer, Menley, Lewis) Against 4 (Robinson, Schott, Bland, Ward) Motion failed.
Wes Robinson made a motion for legal counsel to write a resolution opposing draft bill. 2nd." Randy Schott Vote: For 4 (Robinson, Bland, Schott, Ward) Against 2 (Palmer Menley) Abstention: Ben Lewis. Motion passed.

9. Report: Drought Mitigation Committee.
Committee met and discussed asking for volunteers to travel to other districts and water entities to see how they operate and handle drought conditions.
10. Discussion/Possible Action: Travel expenses for Drought Mitigation Committee Members.
Robinson made a motion to reimburse subcommittee volunteers up to \$3,000. for travel and other expenses. 2nd.: Schott Vote: For 5 (Robinson, Ward, Bland, Schott, Lewis) Against 1 (Palmer) 1 Abstention- Menley Motion passed.
11. Discussion/Possible Action: Financial statements for June 2026.
Motion to file for audit: Bland 2nd.: Schott Vote: 7-0 Motion passed.
12. Review Monthly Investment Report.
13. Discussion/Possible Action: Invoices received and invoices paid.
Motion to approve: Bland 2nd.: Schott Vote: 7-0 Motion passed.

Recess and go into executive session under the authority of the Government Code, Chapter 551, Texas Open Meetings Act: Personnel Matters (551.074). 7:20 p.m.

- A. Contemplated litigation, Texas Water Code Section 36.051.
- B. Personnel Matters to hear complaints or charges against officer.

Ben Lewis left the meeting to go to work. 8:25 p.m.

Meeting was called back into regular session. 8:30 p.m.

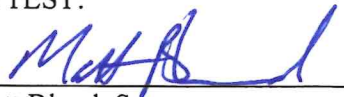
14. Discussion/Possible Action: Matters deliberated during executive session.
No action taken.
15. Director requests for items on the Next or Future Agenda.
Robinson made a motion to have an assistant general manager job description and a general manager job description. 2nd: Bland Vote-6-0 Motion passed.
Palmer made a motion to have Vince Clause discuss the \$170,000 grant the district Received from TWDB. 2nd.: Robinson Vote: 6-0 Motion passed.
Greg Ellis asked for a standing agenda item – Update from general counsel on legislative and litigation.
16. Adjourn. 8:37 p.m.
Motion made by Bland. 2nd.: Schott Vote 6-0 Motion passed.

APPROVED:


Wes Robinson, President

Date: 8/25/26

ATTEST:


Matt Bland, Secretary

Date: 8-25-2026