

**MINUTES
EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
JANUARY 26, 2018 – REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD
MEETING**

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District, pursuant to notice, at the District Office, 110 Wyoming Blvd., Pleasanton, Atascosa County, Texas.

Directors Present: Blaine Schorp, President
Frank Kruciak, Vice-President
Diane Savage, Secretary/Treasurer
Clifton Stacy
Thomas Moy III
Jay Troell
Larry Fox
Sherman Posey

Directors Absent: Jason Peeler

Employees Present: Russell Labus, General Manager
Melissa Gonzalez, Secretary/Bookkeeper
Christopher McFarlane, Assistant Manager
Matthew Pope, Field Technician

Guests Present: Attached
Agenda: Attached.

Declaration of Quorum and Call to Order:

President Schorp declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The meeting was posted and filed as required by law.

Pledge of Allegiance.

General Manager, Russell Labus introduced Landon Yosko.

Recess to Public Hearings

Public Hearing- Water Well Drilling and Production Permit Applications

a. Call to Order

President Schorp called the Public Hearing to order at 9:07 a.m.

b. Public Comments:

None.

c. Drilling/Production Permit Applications:

The Board was presented with one drilling and production permit application for Encana Oil & Gas Inc. (Production Permit#PK00342) for new well to be located in Karnes County. Director Savage moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Stacy seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried.

d. Permits on Existing Wells:

The Board was presented with one production permit application for EOG Resources Inc. (Permit #PA00442), for an existing well located in Atascosa County. Director Troell moved to approve the production permit. Director Kruciak seconded the motion and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

e. Adjourn

President Schorp declared the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Reconvene to Regular Meeting.

Production Permit Renewals:

None.

Public Comments on Agenda Items or Other District Business, Limited to 5 Minutes Each:

Tina Shearman- Comments are attached.
David Morgan- Comments are attached.

Approval of Minutes from the December 15, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting:

The minutes of the December 15th meeting were presented to the Board. Director Kruciak moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Stacy seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Report of Bills Paid, Deposits, and Financial Statements for December 2017:

The report of bills paid, deposits, and financial statements for December was presented to the Board. Director Savage moved to receive and file the report. Director Posey seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution for Evergreen UWCD to Relinquish Land Within Certain Defined Boundaries in Karnes County to the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District:

Item was tabled. No Action. Board gave the EUWCD staff the directive to continue researching what would need to be done depending on the science, needs of the residents, and EUWCD rules in regards to this area of Karnes County.

Staff Report on District Activities:

- **Meetings and Conferences Attended and Schedule of Upcoming Meetings:**

- There was a GMA 15 Meeting on January 11, 2018.
- TAGD Meeting January 30 & 31, 2018.
- Region L Meeting on February 15, 2018.

- **Legislative Updates:**

None.

- **Exempt Well Registrations:**

General Manager, Russell Labus said that there were five exempt wells.

- **Monitor Well Report and Water Sampling Activity:**

Field Technician, Matt Pope said that his monitor well levels are a little down compared to last year.

Assistant Manager, Chris McFarlane said that he has seen some decent increases in water well levels but overall levels are a little down.

- **Complaints and Investigations:**

General Manager, Russell Labus stated that there was a complaint called in by David Jones in Frio County. Mr. Jones had a well drilled in which the driller had problems drilling and abandoned the job. Mr. Jones had a geologist to investigate the situation. TDLR is scheduled to go out to Mr. Jones' property and inspect the well and would like for the EUWCD staff to be present in order to educate us on the procedures when it comes to these issues within our district.

- **Other District Activities:**

Director Savage mentioned that the South Texas Home, Garden and Environment show will be on March 3 & 4, 2018 at the Floresville Civic Center.

Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Items to be Placed on the Next Agenda:

- Intera Final Presentation by Steve Young.
- GMA 15 Document Approvals.
- Appointment of Chris McFarlane as GMA 15 Alternate Representative.

Set Date and Time for the Next Board Meeting:

The Board agreed to set the next meeting date for Friday, February 23, 2018 at 09:00 a.m. at the District Office in Pleasanton, TX 78064.

Adjourn:

President Schorp declared the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.


Blaine Schorp, President

ATTEST:


Diane Savage, Secretary/Treasurer

Tina Shearman

1/26/18

Good morning Evergreen Board members , Employees , and fellow guests .

Thank you for allowing us to address you today .

I am here on behalf of the NADA group. For those of you who are not familiar With us , we are a recently formed organization made up of farmers , ranchers , And retirees from the very southern end of Karnes County . We formed the group In an effort to protect our groundwater and ensure that it is sustainable for future generations . NADA stands for Neighbors Against Destroying Aquifers .

I am sure most if not all of you are aware of the test well project the City of Kenedy recently done in our area . Fortunately for the residents in the community the test well was not successful . However , as a result of this , we realized how different and unique our aquifer is from the rest of Evergreen's district .

I am here this morning to make a request . I recently talked with Russell Labus And Chris Macfarlane at the GMA 15 meeting in Victoria . We talked about a Sustainable solution to our unique situation . It appears we have two options To protect our groundwater . Option number one would be drastic rule changes [amendments] and stringent enforcement practices , or option number two . Option number two would be to be moved to Goliad Water Conservation District . Upon extensive research and much consideration the second option seems the most beneficial to all parties involved . We share the same aquifer with northern Goliad county , therefore we seek to regulated in a similar manner to ensure We have sustainable water for future generations .

I for one , am very aware of the vast area that Evergreen is responsible for . It seems reasonable that a humble request for our area of Karnes County to be ceded to Goliad's Water District would benefit Evergreen as well as the residents of our community . It will take additional resources to

perform the duties entrusted to your water conservation district to service a small area that requires different conditions than the other vast areas of the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District .

This move is allowable under Subchapter K Sec . 36.351 of Texas Water Law .

I am certain there will be several conditions that will have to be addressed before Evergreen can relinquish us and Goliad can accept us , but this is the request I bring before you all today .

We would like the boundaries to be from Highway 72 East of Kenedy to the Goliad , Bee County line , and from Highway 181 South of Kenedy to the San Antonio River , skirting the CCN boundaries of Kenedy , and El Oso .

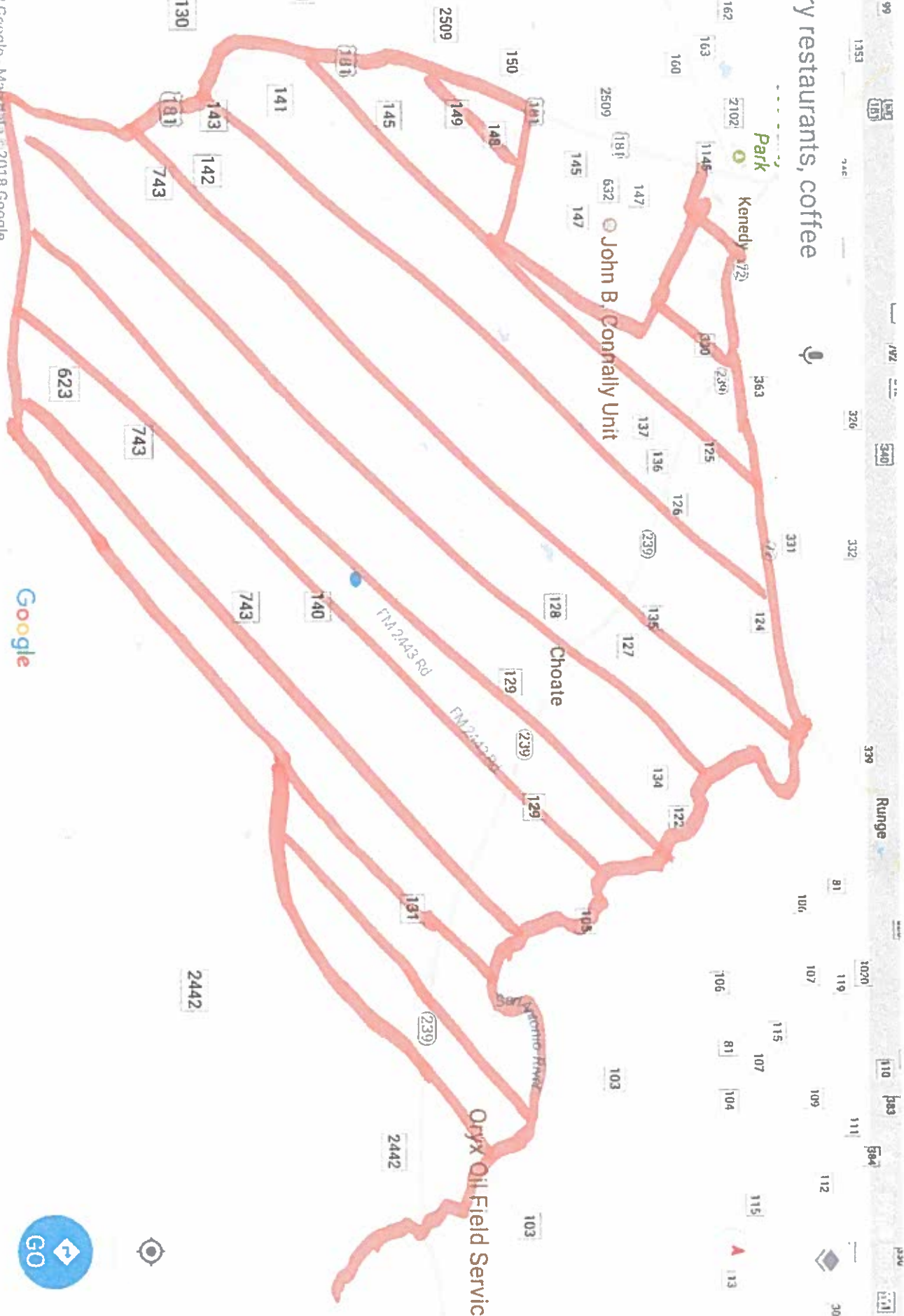
I thank all of you for the serious consideration you will devote to granting us this request to move , and I pray for a favorable outcome .

Thank you for your time .

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David Morgan 1/26/18

Good Morning

Thank you Evergreen Board, Employees, Support Staff, and Guests for allowing me to speak to you this morning.

My name is David Morgan and I live in a small community named Choate in southern Karnes County, very near the Goliad County line.

Last Feb the City of Kenedy, which is 15 miles from the Goliad County line, began a project to determine if a Well Field of 12 municipal water wells that would provide fresh water without the need of a RO unit would be a feasible option in the Choate community near the Goliad county line.

Needless to say, as a local resident of Choate I became very concerned as any reliable and responsible member of my community would do.

Over the past nine months I have educated myself and researched about groundwater in the State of Texas. Texas law says our groundwater district, as the states preferred method of groundwater management, is charged with protecting property rights using the best available science in the conservation and development of groundwater, balancing conservation and development of groundwater to meet the

state's needs, and complying with the District's own RULES.

I believe history teaches us we had better concentrate on the "Conserve and Protect" side of that balance. Sustainability of our Aquifer in my Community and the river and creeks that rely on our Aquifer, is the only goal that will also sustain our Land and Community of Choate.

In Evergreen's Management Plan it states:

The goal of this plan is to establish a regulatory action plan that will conserve, preserve, protect, and prevent the waste of the groundwater within the District.

Even though I have been studying and researching for the past 9 months about groundwater, I still have many, many question's.

How will the City of Kenedy go forward? How will the Evergreen District go forward?

We now have science about our aquifer there in southern Karnes county. And the Aquifer in my area is very different from the larger Carrizo Aquifer which makes up the majority of the Evergreen District.

As I see it today we have two options before us.

1. Change the rules of Evergreen District to reflect the fragile

and limited Gulf Coast Aquifer that exists in the Choate Community or

2. Allow a portion of Southern Karnes County to be moved to the Goliad Groundwater Conservation District, since our community shares the same limited aquifer with northern Goliad county.

In my research I have found that it states that Groundwater Districts are the "only tool available to protect our groundwater supply" from over pumping, and to assure enough water for everyone, now and in the future to come.

I hope and pray that Evergreen Board will begin today to decide how best to protect and sustain the precious Aquifer in the southern part of Karnes County.

In conclusion, I am not the only landowner in Choate who hopes our good and true neighbors on this Board will help to protect and preserve our water. Let me state that allowing a portion of Southern Karnes County to be moved to Goliad Groundwater Conservation District would serve the best interests of everyone involved.

Thank you for your time and your service.

respectfully submitted

David Morgan

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