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**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
STARR COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday September 24th, 2020**, the Board of Directors of the Starr County Groundwater Conservation District will hold a meeting at **10:00 a.m.** at the Starr County Courthouse Annex Conference Room #211, located at 100 N. FM 3167, Rio Grande City, Texas 78582.

An urgent public necessity exists requiring the Starr County Groundwater Conservation District to alter its meeting procedures due to COVID-19 pandemic. Notice is hereby given, as required by Texas Water Code section 36.108(e), that a meeting of the Starr County Groundwater Conservation District, comprised of its Board members. A quorum of the SCGCD board members may be present in person at the physical location or may participate via audio and video conference call. Likewise, members of the public may participate in person at the physical location or via audio or videoconference call. The meeting will be conducted pursuant to Texas Government Code, Sections 551.125, 551.127 and 551.131, and as modified by the Governor of Texas who ordered suspension of various provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, effective March 16, 2020, in accordance with the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 (see the Governor's proclamation on March 13, 2020 as renewed, certifying that the COVID-19 pandemic poses an imminent threat of disaster and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas). The audio and videoconference information for SCGCD Board and public to participate in the meeting described below follows the Governor's guidance for conducting a public meeting and ensures public accessibility. The SCGCD Board and members of the public not attending in person may call in or participate via videoconference as follows:

**Starr County GCD is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Please join our meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**

**Topic: Starr County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting
Time: September 24, 2020 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)**

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Agenda

1. Call meeting to order, declare meeting open to public, and take roll.
2. Public comment.¹
3. Discuss and take action to approve minutes for meeting held August 27th, 2020.
4. Discuss and take action to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Starr County, Texas and Starr County Groundwater Conservation District.
5. Discuss and take action to approve the bonding for each board member.
6. Discuss and take action to approve and review Management Plan and Rules for SCGCD.
7. Discussion of status and possible action on webpage, office, phone line, tax election, budget and personnel matters.
8. Updates: Deadlines and information
9. Discuss and act regarding the date, time, and agenda items for the next meeting of the Board of Directors.
10. Adjourn.

The Board may change the order in which one or more of the meeting agenda items are considered. This facility is wheelchair/parking accessible. If you require special assistance to attend the meeting, please call (956) 716-4800 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to coordinate any special physical access arrangements.

During the meeting, the Board may meet in executive session for any of the purposes authorized under the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, on any item on this agenda.

¹ The Board will apply new statutory law governing public comment before or during each agenda item. The Board is not allowed to take action on any subject presented that is not on the agenda, nor is the Board required to provide a response; any substantive consideration and action by the Board will be conducted under a specific item on a future agenda.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
STARR COUNTY GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
FOR MEETING HELD AUGUST 27TH, 2020**

1. Meeting was called to order and quorum recognized at 10:00 a.m. by Reyna Guerra, Board President. Board Members present: Thomas Koeneker, Reyna Guerra, Raul Villarreal Jr.,(Via-Video Meeting), Rose Benavidez,(Via-Video Meeting), Noel Benavides,(Via-Video Meeting). Also Present, Dr. Adalberto Garza, Interim General Manager
2. Public Comments: None
3. A motion was made by Noel Benavides and seconded by Tom Koeneker to approve Minutes for meetings held on July 24th, 2020 and August 6th, 2020. Motion Carried
4. A motion was made by Tom Koeneker and seconded by Noel Benavides to approve Certification of Unopposed Candidates for SCGCD Board of Directors Election. Motion Carried.
5. A motion to was made by Noel Benavides, Sr. and seconded by Rose Benavidez to approve SCGCD Board of Directors Order of Cancellation of Election that was to be held November 3, 2020. Motion carried.
6. No Action: Discussion on getting quotes to bond each board member. Raul Villarreal, Jr. and Reyna Guerra were to get quotes for board.
7. A motion by Rose Benavidez and a second by Noel Benavides, Sr. to adopt rules for SCGCD as presented. Rules were presented to board by Tom Koeneker. Motion Carried.
8. A motion was made by Tom Koeneker and seconded by Noel Benavides, Sr. to approve Public Hearing date of October 21st, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., for both Rules and Management Plan. Motion Carried
9. A motion was made by Rose Benavidez and seconded by Tom Koeneker to approve Budget for FY 2020-2021. Motion Carried.
10. Motion by Tom Koeneker and seconded by Noel Benavides to authorize Dr. Adalberto Garza to initiate newspaper column. It was discussed for Dr. Adalberto Garza to inquire what the fees would be. Dr. Garza and Raul Villarreal, Jr. volunteered to pay for such fees if any at all. Motion Carried.
11. No Action

12. No Action.
13. A motion to approve by Tom Koenke and a second by Noel Benavides, Sr. to have meeting on September 24th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Motion Carried.
14. Motion to adjourn by Noel Benavides, Sr. and seconded by Raul Villarreal, Jr. Motion Carried.