

LIPAN-KICKAPOO WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 3, 2025

The Board of Directors met in regular session at the Lipan-Kickapoo WCD office in Wall, Texas. All members were present except Wendi Wilde. The general manager was also present.

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:30 A.M. by the President - Brandon Ripple.
- 2) Public Comments. Cale Roberts with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District spoke about the City of San Angelo plan to dump treated sewer water in the Concho River for cleaning purposes and then pump the water back to the treatment plant for city supply. The concern is that this action will contaminate the river and lakes downstream and the surrounding groundwater aquifers. Discussion was held and a determination was made that the Lipan-Kickapoo WCD is in opposition to this project unless supporting documentation is provided showing no harmful impact will be made by this project.
- 3) Certificate of Elections was issued to Thomas Kelso.
- 4) The Oath of Office was administered to Thomas Kelso.
- 5) Dale Wilde addressed the board regarding a piece of his land that is drilled to density and questioned the existing Grandfathered wells on his land. Two of the wells are plugged or will be plugged. Two of the wells have pumps hung up in the hole that they can't get out, and one well that was cleaned but the drill bit get hung up. Much discussion was held. A determination was made that Mr. Wilde can keep and use the 3 existing Grandfathered wells if he can get them operating or be allowed to drill (1) one new well within 30 feet of one existing Grandfathered well. **No Action Taken.**
- 6) Minutes of the regular meeting held on August 13, 2025 were reviewed. Motion by Bill Lange, second by William Halfmann to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 13, 2025. **Motion Passed 6-0.**
- 7) The Financial Report and payments for August - 2025 were reviewed. Motion by William Halfmann, second by Kevin Niehues to approve the Financial Report and ratify the payments for August 2025. **Motion Passed 6-0.**
- 8) Review and Approve payment of unpaid bills. None. **No Action Taken.**
- 9) Discussion and possible action to adopt a proposed Budget for FY2025-2026. The total proposed budget for FY2025-2026 is \$284,172. This is \$23,329 more than the current FY2024-2025 budget. Motion by Trace Kelso, second by Kevin Niehues to adopt the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2026 with total expenditures of \$284,172. **Motion Passed 6-0..**
- 10) A tax rate of 0.007835/\$100 Property Valuation was proposed to fund the newly adopted budget. This proposed tax rate is less than the current 2024 tax rate and is lower than the Voter Approved tax rate. The proposed tax rate will generate approximately \$23,329 more than the current tax revenue. With the carry over from the current fiscal year and District reserves, there are enough funds available to cover the expenditures in the FY2025-2026 budget. Motion by Kevin Niehues, second by Bill Lange to adopt Order 2025-05 setting the tax rate at 0.007835/\$100 property valuations for 2025 to fund the FY 2025-2026 budget **Motion Passed 6-0.**
- 11) Discussion and possible action on personal matters, The 2025-2026 payroll plan was presented and discussed. Motion by Thomas Kelso, second by Steve Hoelscher to adopt Order 2025-04 setting the total staff salaries for FY 2025-2026 at \$124,155 reflecting a 3% cost of living raise. After discussion the board gave Teresa Roberts a pay raise to \$50,000 per year beginning October 1, 2025. A Revised Payroll for FY 2025-2026 was approved with the total staff salaries for FY2025-2026 at \$127,250. **Motion Passed 6-0.**

12) Discussion and possible action to adopt a resolution reallocating the district's committed governmental fund balances. Motion by William Halfmann, second by Thomas Kelso to adopt Resolution 2025-01 reallocating the district's committed governmental balances totaling \$75,000.

Motion Passed 6-0.

13) Review and possible action on Rules Violations reported by District Staff. None.

No Action Taken.

14) Discussion was held regarding water level monitoring equipment.

No Action Taken.

15) No Miscellaneous Business.

No Action Taken.

16) **FOR THE RECORD: General Manager's Report.** As a matter of record, the manager presented information on district activities for the month of August 2025. Included in the report were Highlights, Meetings Attended, Field/Lab Operation, Office Operation, Water Management Operation, and Miscellaneous Activities. Discussion to update website for public to view possible updated changes on proposed rule changes.

No Action Taken.

17) Miscellaneous business:

Next board meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 5 , 2025 at 7:30 AM

18) Adjournment. Motion by Thomas Kelso, second by Bill Lange to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned.

Motion Passed 6-0.

November 5, 2025

Date

Attest

Presiding Officer