

GREEN DeWITT DRAINAGE DISTRICT

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REGULAR MEETING — **March 23, 2026 – 11:00 a.m.** held in the conference room of the Green DeWitt Drainage District at 107 N. Gonzales Street, Cuero, Texas

1. OPENING PRAYER

The meeting opened with prayer.

2. ANNOUNCE QUORUM & CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was announced. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by President Doug Sethness at 11:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

Doug Sethness -President

Larry Coppedge – Vice President

David Guajardo – General Manager

Pat Trevino – Office Manager

Ignacio Granado – Foreman

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present. No public comment.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion by Director John Varela, Secretary, to approve the minutes of the meeting held in February, 2026. Seconded by Director Larry Coppedge. Motion carried.

5. FACILITIES–MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENTS & PROJECTS

Significant mower repairs were completed; warranty service was performed on newer equipment; shop wall installation and water line work were finished; fence repairs and yard improvements were made; herbicide spraying and gate painting were completed; and mowing operations resumed after recent rainfall. The pesticide applicator license was renewed, and all CEUs were completed. Equipment and facilities were reported to be in good condition.

The Facilities Team reported:

- Major repairs completed on the older 940G mower; axle bearings serviced on the 900D.
- Warranty service completed on the newer mower; equipment is ready for mowing season.
- Shop wall installation completed, including water line and faucet.
- Fence repairs, yard improvements, and firewood stacking completed.
- Herbicide spraying and gate/pole painting performed.
- Approximately 2.5 inches of rain improved field access.
- Pesticide applicator license renewed; CEUs completed.
- Mowing operations resumed from the cemetery toward Bailey's Field.
- Contractor Lopez will revise his approach for the remaining clearing work due to slope issues.
- Overall equipment and facilities reported in good condition.

6. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

The General Manager reported:

- Annual audit filings submitted to TCEQ and the Texas Comptroller.
- Phase 1 of TWA insurance updates completed; Phase 2 personnel and vehicle updates submitted.
- GLO monthly meeting held; awaiting final archaeological survey clearance.
- Registered for and attended the TFMA conference, completing multiple floodplain and flood-warning system courses.
- Discussed ATV replacement options; original ATV was purchased through a GVEC grant. GM will research grant restrictions before proposing action.
- Submitted TIGR system updates with Public Management.
- Proposed a **district-built flood monitoring pilot system** using cameras, solar power, float switches, and warning lights.
 - Three recommended sites identified based on the drainage master plan.
 - Estimated cost for two sites is under \$2,000.
- Discussed long-term weather station and stream gauge grant requirements; site approval remains unresolved and may require another extension.

7. ENGINEERING

- Engineering items are currently tied to the GLO project pending archaeological clearance.

- Discussion regarding an email from the engineer about the next-step approval. GM will review and follow up.
- Board directed GM to publish a notice soliciting engineering firm bids.

8. GLO GRANT UPDATES

- No special findings reported upon completion of the archaeological survey.
- Approval to proceed to the acquisition phase appears imminent.
- Construction bidding projected for May 2026.
- Construction area expected to include the reach near the wastewater treatment plant toward Valley and Stockdale, and the mouth of the creek.

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- Discussion regarding auditor rebidding requirements.
- Statute requires rebidding every five years; unclear whether a change of auditor is mandatory.
- GM will verify requirements through the Texas Water Code and with the current auditor.
- Bid notice for auditor services will be published in May.

12. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING(S)

- Next meeting scheduled for **April 27, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.**

13. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at **11:59 a.m.**

Director

Date: _____

David Guajardo, General Manager

Date: _____