



## MINUTES

The Uvalde County Commissioners Court met for session at 6:00 p.m. on March 21, 2013, in the Commissioners Auditorium of the Uvalde County Event Center located at the Fairplex with the following members present:

William R. Mitchell, *County Judge*  
Randy Scheide, *Commissioner Pct. #1*  
Mariano Pargas Jr., *Commissioner Pct. #2*  
Jerry W. Bates, *Commissioner Pct. #3*  
Raul T. Flores, *Commissioner Pct. #4*  
Ramona Esquivel Hobbs, *County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court*

Also present were *Road Administrator Jesse Garcia and Chairman of Uvalde County Water Conservation Forrest Anderson.*

### **1. CONSIDER AND CALL TO ORDER:**

The Honorable William R. Mitchell called the meeting of March 21, 2013, to order and gave instructions of open meeting.

### **2. DISCUSS AND RECEIVE INPUT FROM CITIZENS REGARDING METHODS TO CONSERVE WATER THROUGHOUT UVALDE COUNTY:**

- Presentation by Forrest Anderson of panel, which consisted of:
  - a. Comer Tuck Jr., P.E., Texas Water Development Board, Conservation Division
  - b. Daniel Leskovar, Texas A&M AgriLife, Research
  - c. Raul Cabrera, Texas A&M AgriLife, Research
  - d. Mike Mecke, Range & Natural Resources Manager, Water Specialist
- Presentation by Comer Tuck Jr., overview of:
  - a. Financing available for conservation & upgrade of water and waste water.
  - b. Promoting and management of water conservation across Texas.
  - c. Annual Water loss audit.
  - d. Drought contingency Plan and Management of Water Plan.
- Presentation by Daniel Leskovar, overview of:
  - a. Water demands of farming community.

- b. Changing technology of irrigation of crops.
  - c. Water conservation and management.
- Presentation by Raul Cabrera, overview of:
  - a. Value of water at household and professional level.
  - b. Production of plants and irrigation of homeowners.
  - c. Aggressive conservation efforts and supplement irrigation.
- Presentation by Mike Mecke, overview of:
  - a. Water resources, conservation and usage.
  - b. Rainwater harvesting with demonstration sites.
  - c. Importance of conservation, relative to:
    - 1. Growth in population
    - 2. Climate cycles
    - 3. Aquifer levels dropping
    - 4. Water “re-use” efforts
- Audience participation directed by Vic Hildebran, discussion:
  - a. Participation in water conservation.
  - b. Aggressive ideas on locating water sources and treatment of water usage.
  - c. Waste water “re-use” ideas.
  - d. Literature on home water harvesting.
  - e. Checking with municipalities on “gray water” usage and required permits for rain harvesting.
  - f. Research “gray water” usage.
  - g. Joe Cardenas, announced, the City of Uvalde is hosting a Water Education Seminar on 03/23/2013 at Civic Center from 10a-2p. Educating on conservation.
- No action required on agenda item.

With no further business, the meeting of March 21, 2013 adjourned.

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER**

On this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, as prepared by the Clerk of the Court.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, the foregoing be recorded and entered for record in the UVALDE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES, as required by law. (ORDER 03-21-13)

**APPROVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
William R. Mitchell, County Judge

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Randy Scheide, Commissioner #1

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Mariano Pargas, Jr., Commissioner #2

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Jerry W. Bates, Commissioner #3

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Raul T. Flores, Commissioner #4

**(SEAL)**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Ramona Esquivel Hobbs, County Clerk  
And Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court of Uvalde County, Texas