Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District

2026 Proposed Budget

INCOME		Proposed Budget
Permit Application Fees		
Well Registrations	$	120,000
Operating Permits	$	70,000
Amendments/Replacements	$	15,000
Other Applications	$	10,000
Total Application	**$**	**215,000**
Additional Admin Fees		
Records Request	$	-
Early Conversion Credit Water Use Fee	$	-
Customer Returned Check Fee	$	50
Well/Meter Re-inspection Fees	$	2,000
Total Additional Admin	**$**	**2,050**
Lone Star GCD Water Use Fees		
Export Water Use Fee	$	-
Historical Use - 2025	$	820,000
Ag Permits - 2025	$	1,600
Operating Permit - 2025	$	2,765,000
AWS/Production Fees - 2025	$	230,000
Total Lone Star GCD Fees	**$**	**3,816,600**
Over Pumpage/Penalties		
Over Pumpage Fee	$	50,000
Penalty / Interest	$	10,000
Total Over Pumpage/Penalties	**$**	**60,000**
Other Income		
Other Income	$	-
Total Other Income	**$**	**-**
Interest Income		
Interest Income	$	5,000
Total Additional Admin	**$**	**5,000**
TOTAL INCOME	**$**	**4,098,650**

EXPENSES		Budget
Attorney Fees		
Legislative Consulting		150,000
PIA Legal Work		10,000
General Counsel Work		375,000
Additional legal Work		25,000
Total Attorney Fees	**$**	**560,000**
Audit Fees		
Audit Fees		12,350
Total Audit Fees	**$**	**12,350**
Board Expense		
Meeting/Conference		10,000
Per Diem		63,000
Payroll Tax Liability		5,500
Board Meeting Expense		6,000
Board Recognition & Events		3,000
Total Board Expense	**$**	**87,500**
Building Expense		
Board Room (Virtual meeting System)		14,700
Building Maintenance		50,000
Utilities/Housekeeping		41,800
Total Building Expense	**$**	**106,500**
Computer Support		
Well Permitting Database Management		200,000
Hosting/Internet/Backup		28,000
Website Modification		5,000
Computer Repair & Support		30,000
Software		10,000
Total Computer Support	**$**	**273,000**
Education/Public Awareness Coordination		
Educational Scholarship/Sponsorship Programs		55,000
Strategic Communication		58,000
Rainwater Harvesting Barrel Program		100,000
Rainwater Collection Maintenance		750
Abandoned Well Plugging Program		50,000
Advertising/Public Notices		6,000
ET Weather Station Network		2,500
Communication/Public Awareness		20,000
Conservation Products		8,000
Total Education/Public Awareness	**$**	**300,250**
Election Expense		
Election Expense		200,000
Total Election Expense	**$**	**200,000**

EXPENSES		Budget
Technical Consultant Services		
Technical Consulting		150,000
Permitting Consulting Services		280,000
GMA 14 Planning		150,000
Technical Consulting Expense	**$**	**580,000**
Field/Technical Expense		
PAM Units		15,000
Field Supplies		3,500
Vehicle Fuel Expense		8,500
Vehicle/Mobile Lab Repair and Maintenance		5,000
Vehicle - Capital Expense		45,000
Field/Technical Expense	**$**	**77,000**
Insurance Expense		
Bonds		1,000
Building Insurance		5,500
Errors & Omissions		2,500
Liability		2,000
Vehicle Insurance		5,115
Insurance Expense	**$**	**16,115**
Litigation Expense		
Legal - DFC Appeal		50,000
Engineering Consultant Services		-
Total Litigation Expense		**50,000**
Membership Dues/Subscriptions & Misc		
Event Sponsorship		4,000
Membership Dues/Subscriptions		20,000
Miscellaneous		5,000
Total Mem. Dues/Sub. & Misc Expense		**29,000**
Office Expense		
Employee Recognition & Events		3,000
Equipment Lease - Copier		6,500
Office Equipment		6,500
Printing		7,000
Supplies		9,000
Total Office Expense		**32,000**

EXPENSES		Budget
Payroll Expense		
Salaries		1,200,000
Payroll Tax Liability	ss-6.2 med-1.45	91,800
Retirement	6%	72,000
Medical/Life	varies by employee	150,000
SUI (Unemployment Tax)		2,500
Workman's Comp		2,500
Tuition Assistance		-
Payroll Service Fees		11,000
Total Payroll Expense		**1,529,800**
Postage Expense		
Postage Meter and Supplies		1,000
Postage/Shipping/Delivery Service		6,000
Total Postage Expense		**7,000**
Programs Expense		
Subsidence Study - Phase III		50,000
Additional Scientific Programs		200,000
Hydrogeological Modeling/Protection		1,000
USGS Joint Funding Agreement Expense		
USGS - Groundwater Level Data Collection		60,350
USGS - Continuous Water-Level Monitoring		11,856
Total Programs Expense		**323,206**
Rebate Water Use Fees		
Rebate Water Use Fees		35,000
Total Programs Expense		**35,000**
Travel/Education/Training		
Manager Expense		12,800
Non-Manager Expense		8,000
Vehicle Allowance		7,200
Total Travel/Training/Staff Expense		**28,000**
Depreciation		
Depreciation		50,000
Total Depreciation Expenses		**50,000**

	Budget
TOTAL INCOME	**$ 4,098,650**
TOTAL EXPENSES	**4,296,721**
NET INCOME	**(198,071)**

Net Income = Total Income - Total Expenses