

# PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

June 17, 2024

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District (the “District” or “Prairielands GCD”) met in a regular board meeting, open to the public, within the boundaries of the District at 208 Kimberly Dr, Cleburne, TX, on June 17, 2024.

### CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARE REGULAR MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

President Charles Beseda presided and called to order the regular Board of Directors Meeting at 9:19 a.m., announcing the meeting open to the public.

### ROLL CALL

The roll was called of the members of the Board of Directors, to wit:

Charles Beseda  
Brad Daniels  
Barney McClure  
Paul Tischler

John Curtis  
Maurice Osborn  
Marty McPherson  
Kathy Tucker

All members of the Board were in attendance with the exception of Vice-President Tischler, thus constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors. Also present at said meeting were Kathy Turner Jones, General Manager; District staff; and members of the public. Brad Neighbors, Attorney, participated via video conference. *Copies of the public sign-in sheets are attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.*

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Director McClure to approve the consent agenda. Director Curtis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by all those who were present.

## **FINANCE REPORT – Brian Watts, Comptroller**

- a) Presentation of unaudited financials for the month of May 2024. – Mr. Watts reported ending cash balances for May 31, 2024, of \$2,011,978.86. This represents a 1.20% increase compared to the ending cash balances for May 31, 2023, indicating continued positive momentum in the overall financial health of the District. The Profit & Loss Report for May reflects gross revenue of \$29,428.44, with a refund allowance of \$959.29, resulting in a net revenue of \$28,469.15.

## **UPDATE ON PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES, EDUCATIONAL, AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS – Kaylin Garcia, Public Relations/Education Director**

Ms. Garcia provided an update on the District’s recent public relations and educational activities. She highlighted the publication of the summer e-line newsletter and the installation of a rainwater catchment system located behind PGCD’s covered parking area. She concluded her report by presenting social media analytics and discussing the upcoming events in which the District plans to participate.

## **UPDATE ON WELL MONITORING AND FIELD OPERATIONS – Kathy Turner Jones**

- a) Update on District involved activities – Ms. Jones, on behalf of Michael Heath, proved an update on District activities. She reported that field staff has been actively performing meter verifications and continues to verify GPS coordinates for accuracy within the PGCD Groundwater Management System.

## **HYDROGEOLOGIST REPORT – Kathy Turner Jones**

Ms. Jones provided a status update on the aquifer monitoring well project in Ellis County. She reported that following a request for proposal process, bids for the drilling and installation of a new monitoring well in the Paluxy aquifer located near Maypearl in Ellis County have been received, and INTERA is finalizing selection of a driller for the project. Ms. Jones expects to have the final cost estimate and work order from INTERA before the next board meeting.

Ms. Jones also reported that there has not been significant change with Groundwater Management Area 8 (“GMA 8”) in the last month. The technical consultants for the planning group are still working on updating the Northern Trinity GAM and continuing calibration efforts. The GMA 8 member districts have issued a request for proposals to select a consultant to assist the planning group for this next round of planning. Proposals are due late July, with the planning group expected to make a final selection during their next scheduled meeting.

## **GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT AND UPDATE – Kathy Turner Jones**

Ms. Jones informed the Board of district activities and highlighted that she and Ms. Garcia have met with two out of the four county commissioners’ courts, Johnson County and Somervell County, in recent weeks. They presented the District’s 2023 Annual Report at each meeting, which were well received.

Ms. Jones concluded by reporting the groundwater production for May 2024 along with the year-to-date production, which showed a slight decrease compared to 2023. She also noted the current number of permits and the total annual permit allocation. Additionally, it was mentioned that drilling activity has decreased from the previous month, likely due to recent rainfall in the area.

At 9:21 a.m. President Beseda announced the Board will recess into a closed executive session under Section 551.071, Government Code, to consult with the District's legal counsel on items on today's agenda. No final action will be taken during the closed session. At the conclusion of the closed session, the Board will reconvene in an open public session and announce that the board meeting is again open to the public.

At 9:42 a.m. President Beseda announced the meeting is reconvened into an open session and was open the public.

**GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT —**

None.


**OPEN FORUM / DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS**

None.

**ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING**

There being no further business, Director McPherson made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Director McClure. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 2024.**

  
Maurice Osborn, Secretary/Treasurer