

PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

February 20, 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 February 20, 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 9:04 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, 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. Brian Sledge, General Counsel, participated via video conference. *Copies of the public sign-in sheet(s) are attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Director Curtis to approve the consent agenda. Director McClure 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 January 2024. – Mr. Watts reported ending cash balances for January 31, 2024, of \$2,358,346.98. This represents a 1.6% increase compared to the ending cash balances for January 31, 2023, indicating continued positive momentum in the overall financial health of the District. The Profit & Loss Report for January reflects gross revenue of \$1,112,964.22, with a refund allowance of \$79,031.81, resulting in a net revenue of \$1,033,932.41. Additionally, Mr. Watts noted that water use fee refunds for 2023 amount to \$258,351.31, constituting 13.2% of the total water use fees collected for 2023.

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

Ms. Garcia reported on recent public relations and educational activities the District had participated in, including hosting Leadership Cleburne to discuss district information, rainwater harvesting and rain gardens. Also highlighted were the design and expansion plans for the rainwater harvesting demonstration, the 2023 Annual Report, and the development of the rainwater harvesting grant program. She concluded her update by highlighting social media analytics and upcoming events the District plans to participate in.

- a) Presentation by 4-H Water Ambassadors reflecting on program participation. Ambassadors Norah Pacheco (Ellis County), Emma Pool (Johnson County), Hannah Lewis (Hill County), and Madison Snow (Ellis County) delivered a presentation to the District's Board of Directors, sharing insights from their participation in the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors program for the 2023-2024 term.

HYDROGEOLOGIST REPORT – Wade Oliver, INTERA, Inc.

Mr. Oliver provided an update on District involved activities informing the Board he had been waiting on water planning and water use data but should be on track to present the management plan to the Board in March. A planning and development committee meeting has been scheduled to further discuss input on the District's Management Plan goals and management objectives.

Mr. Oliver also provided an overview of activities related to Groundwater Management Area 8 joint planning and model updates to the Northern Trinity and Woodbine Aquifers GAM.

UPDATE ON WELL MONITORING AND FIELD OPERATIONS – Michael Heath, Field Operations Coordinator

Mr. Heath presented a summary of the field activities carried out since the last board meeting. Mr. Heath noted field staff continues to verify meter readings and exempt well locations. Other field activities reported included: researching suitable site locations to place a monitor well in the Paluxy formation, reaching out to well owners regarding the inclusion of their wells in the Districts monitoring program, and gathering annual water levels.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND UPDATE – Kathy Turner Jones

Ms. Jones noted she and staff attended Johnson County's public hearing on February 16th to hear findings following a ten-month investigation by the county concerning land application of biosolids near Grandview in Johnson County. Director McClure was also in attendance at the public hearing. Other activities included participation in Region G's regional planning meeting held February 13th where members approved the process for identifying potentially feasible water management strategies and the submission of the consultant's technical memorandum to the TWDB outlining regional planning activities undertaken to date. A public hearing to receive comments on proposed major amendment(s) to the 2021 Brazos G Regional Water Plan has been scheduled for March 27, 2024, at the Brazos River Authority.

Ms. Jones presented Ms. Annette Kinney a commemorative paperweight in recognition of her five years of employment with the District.

As a reminder, Ms. Jones noted the remaining two Historic Use Permit applications are scheduled to be heard at the March 18, 2024.

The groundwater production for January 2024 was reported at 490.7M gallons, reflecting a 1.33% increase compared to the previous January.

Mrs. Jones provided a summary of the permits in violation for overproducing their permitted authorization in 2023 resulting in fines/fees totaling \$16,099.51.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT — Brian L. Sledge

Mr. Sledge reiterated Mr. Oliver's concerns regarding the impending deadlines associated with the District's management plan, which is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2024. He emphasized that in addition to the District's deadlines, the District must also adhere to other statutory deadlines. Mr. Sledge expressed confidence that there is sufficient time to present the revised management plan at the March 18th board meeting and still meet all required deadlines.

Mr. Sledge provided an update to the Board regarding Republic Industrial and Energy Solutions, LLC's application for a new Class I injection well permit near Itasca in Hill County, which has been refiled. Additionally, he concluded his report with a summary of the ongoing lawsuit between Aqua Texas and Hays County Groundwater District.

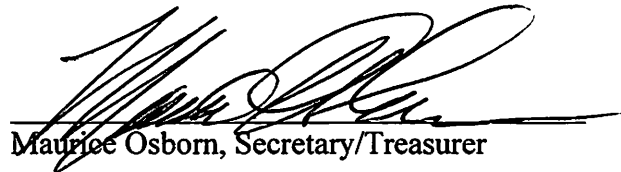
OPEN FORUM / DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

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 10:50 a.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF MARCH 2024.



Maurice Osborn, Secretary/Treasurer