

# PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

March 18, 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 March 18, 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 9:31 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; Brian Sledge, General Counsel; District staff; and members of the public. Wade Oliver, Consulting Hydrogeologist, participated via video conference. *Copies of the public sign-in sheet(s) are attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.*

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

### CONSENT AGENDA

General Manager Kathy Jones informed the Board that there was no permit hearing conducted during the February 20, 2024, board meeting. Consequently, she requested item 4. (a) be removed from the agenda. A motion was made by Director McClure to approve 4.(b) and (c) of 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 February 2024. – Mr. Watts reported ending cash balances for February 29, 2024, of \$2,203,754.84. This represents a 2.49% increase compared to the ending cash balances for February 28, 2023, indicating continued positive momentum in the overall financial health of the District. The Profit & Loss Report for February reflects gross revenue of \$33,628.16, with a refund allowance of \$948.68, resulting in a net revenue of \$32,679.48. Additionally, Mr. Watts noted that February is a month in which we only invoice our permit holders who pay monthly.

## **CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO DECLARE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO DISPOSE OR AUCTION**

- a) Mipro Transmitter and (3) wireless microphones
- b) Bosch Long Microphones (5) NIB
- c) Bosch Control Unit including display panel
- d) Bosch Long Microphones (10) used
- e) Uniden digital answering system and Uniden cordless phones

Ms. Jones reported that the above assets of the District are considered surplus and requested that the board consider and take action to authorize the General Manager to direct staff to list surplus items through an online auction service and dispose of any remaining unsold items in accordance with State requirements for political subdivisions. Director McClure made a motion to proceed with listing the specified items for online auction and disposal. Director McPherson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by all those who were present.

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

- a) Update on District involved activities - Ms. Garcia reported on recent public relations and educational activities the District had participated in, including a presentation to the Cleburne Lion's Club about rainwater harvesting and taking the Water Education Trailer to Hill College in Hillsboro. Also highlighted were the finalized plans to expand the rainwater harvesting demonstration and completed requirements for the District's rainwater harvesting grant. She concluded her report by noting she had met with Tinker, LLC to discuss spring recruitment.
- b) Review and possible action to approve draft 2023 Annual Report for the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District for publication and distribution – Ms. Garcia provided an update on the District's Annual Report. Director Tischler made a motion to approve the draft 2023 Annual Report for publication and distribution. Director Daniels seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

## **HYDROGEOLOGIST REPORT – Wade Oliver, INTERA, Inc.**

Mr. Oliver provided an update on District involved activities including updates to the District's well monitoring program and the potential of a new Paluxy monitoring well near Maypearl, Texas.

Mr. Oliver also provided an overview of activities related to Groundwater Management Area 8 joint planning that included minor updates to boundaries and recharge models and incorporates water levels in the North Texas GAM.

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

Mr. Heath presented a summary of the field activities conducted since the previous board meeting. The field staff has been actively engaged in conducting meter verifications and confirming exempt well locations. Other field activities reported included: collecting water level data, engaging in discussions with property owner(s) within grid 32-48 regarding the potential drilling of a Paluxy monitor well, and integrating a Twin Mountain and Glen Rose well into the monitoring program.

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

Ms. Jones provided the Board with an update on current administrative activities. She highlighted that the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group has recently approved major amendments to the 2021 State Water Plan, prompted by the identification of infeasible water management strategies. A public hearing has been scheduled for March 27, 2024, to solicit public comments on the major amendments. Furthermore, Region C is holding a planning meeting for April 29, 2024.

Groundwater production for January and February 2024 was reported at 866,624,515 gallons, reflecting a 3.4% decrease from the previous year. Ms. Jones also noted an increase in drilling activity in February 2024 compared to the previous month.

Ms. Jones provided a brief update to the Board on enforcement matters, indicating that violations by permit holders for exceeding permitted authorization in 2023 have been resolved.

At this time, 10:11 a.m. President Beseda announced the Board will recess into a closed executive session under Section 551.071, Government Code, to consult with our attorney on items on today's agenda. No final action will be taken during closed session. At the conclusion of the closed session, the Board will reconvene in an open public session.

At 10:42 a.m. President Beseda announced the meeting was reconvening into an open session and was open to the public.

### **GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT — Brian L. Sledge**

Mr. Sledge presented his report to the Board during closed session and concluded without further discussion.

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

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None.

**ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING**

There being no further business, Director McPherson made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Director Tucker. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2024.**

  
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Maurice Osborn, Secretary/Treasurer