

PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

October 21, 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 October 21, 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 9:08 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 Director Osborn, 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, Hydrogeologist, participated via video conference. *Copies of the public sign-in sheet(s) are attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

GRANDVIEW FFA’S AGRICULTURAL ISSUES FORUM PRESENTATION –

Grandview FFA students participating in the Agricultural Issues Forum gave an informative presentation on the local use of biosolids, highlighting both the benefits and drawbacks. The students will present at the District competition next month.

CONSENT AGENDA

A 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 September 2024. – Mr. Watts reported ending cash balances for September 30, 2024, of \$1,999,250.40. This represents a 5.82% increase compared to the ending cash balances for September 30, 2023. The Profit & Loss Report for September reflects gross revenue of \$353,184.18, with a refund allowance of \$24,793.14, resulting in a net revenue of \$328,391.04.
- b) Review of cash flow and cash projection for year-end 2024. Mr. Watts provided an overview and a positive projection of the 2024 Cash Flow Schedule, indicating a favorable financial position for the District.
- c) Review 3rd Quarter Investment Report 2024 – Mr. Watts presented the Quarterly Investment Report for the 3rd Quarter of 2024 detailing banking and investments transactions for all funds of the District. He reported that for the 3rd quarter, the funds of the District were being held across six accounts within three separate depositories. Mr. Watts noted, as summarized in the report, that all District funds are adequately collateralized by a combination of FDIC insurance and pledged securities, ensuring compliance with the District’s Investment Policy. Director McClure made a motion to accept the 3rd Quarter 2024 Investment Report and Director Daniels seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all those who were present.

HYDROGEOLOGIST REPORT – Wade Oliver, INTERA, Inc.

Mr. Oliver provided a brief update to the Board on INTERA’s progress with the dedicated monitoring well under development in Ellis County. He noted that the drilling has started, and modifications have been made to better isolate the Paluxy formation of the aquifer.

Mr. Oliver shared an overview of the Groundwater Management Area 8 (“GMA 8”) joint planning meeting held at the District’s offices on October 3rd. During this meeting, the technical review committee convened to address defining what is sustainability for the Northern Trinity Groundwater Availability Model update.

Mr. Oliver concluded his report by informing the Board that GMA 8 is scheduled to meet again on October 31, 2024, at the District’s offices.

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

Mr. Heath provided an overview of recent field activities since the last board meeting. These activities involved ongoing meter verifications and confirming exempt well locations. Field staff continue to actively identify wells for inclusion in the well monitoring program, adding two Hensell wells and one Hosston well during the last month.

Mr. Heath concluded with a presentation on third-quarter water levels, providing detailed information on monitor wells equipped with pressure transducers in each county. He highlighted

the lowest static water levels recorded during the quarter and offered insights into the current conditions and trends observed across the District.

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

Ms. Garcia highlighted several educational and outreach initiatives that occurred in the District since the last board meeting including an eblast notification regarding the District’s adoption of an increase in groundwater production fees, effective January 1, 2025. The Water Education Trailer was onsite at the Ellis County Rural Heritage Farm as well as at National Night Out events in both Venus and Godley. Ms. Garcia concluded her update discussing fall semester recruiting efforts with Tinker LLC, social media analytics, and upcoming events in which the District plans to participate.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT AND UPDATE – Kathy Turner Jones

Ms. Jones provided an update to the Board on District current administrative activities, outlining upcoming meetings. She noted that the Budget & Finance Committee will be meeting soon to finalize the draft 2025 Budget numbers for Board consideration and adoption, and that the Planning and Development Committee will begin discussions soon on developing a multi-year strategic plan. She also provided updates on current total permits and total annual permitted authorization, highlighting an 8% decrease reported in production compared to the previous year.

Ms. Jones gave an update on Texas Drought Monitor, highlighting varying levels of drought intensity across the District’s four counties. She noted that most of the District is continuing to experience moderate to severe drought conditions, with parts of Somervell County experiencing extreme drought. She concluded her report with an update on enforcement matters, noting two compliance issues were resolved during the morning’s public hearing on permit applications.

At 10:07 a.m. President Beseda announced the Board of Directors will recess into a closed executive session under Section 551.074 and 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, the Board will reconvene in an open public session and announce that the board meeting is again open to the public.

At 11:00 a.m. President Beseda announced the meeting is reconvened into an open session and was open the public.

GENERAL COUNSEL’S REPORT — Brian L. Sledge

Mr. Sledge reported that he had nothing further to add beyond what was already discussed in the closed session.


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 Curtis. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

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



Maurice Osborn, Secretary/Treasurer