

PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

November 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 November 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 10:06 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 Tucker, 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. John Ellis and Daniel Luptin, Hydrogeologists, participated via video conference. *Copies of the public sign-in sheet(s) are attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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 October 2024. – Mr. Watts reported ending cash balances for October 31, 2024, of \$2,113,331.07. This represents a 7.71%

increase compared to the ending cash balances for October 31, 2023. The Profit & Loss Report for October reflects gross revenue of \$39,924.57, with a refund allowance of \$1,047.97, resulting in a net revenue of \$38,876.60.

- 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.

HYDROGEOLOGIST REPORT – Daniel Luptin and John Ellis, INTERA, Inc.

Mr. Luptin provided a brief update to the Board on INTERA’s progress with the dedicated monitoring well in Ellis County. He noted that installation has been completed, and geophysical logs reflect placement in the Paluxy formation. Mr. Luptin anticipates having a completed report to the District prior to the next board meeting.

Due to Mr. Ellis having difficulty joining the meeting remotely, a portion of the Hydrogeologist Report under agenda item 6 was postponed and moved to follow agenda item 7.

DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE BELOW-LISTED APPLICATION FOR COMPLIANCE ORDER:

- a) Chaparral Steel Midlothian LP, proposed Compliance Order CO-HU097-02 for authorization to produce additional groundwater from existing Well ID 531 (32.45717724, -97.04522939) and Well ID 1821 (32.45181185, -97.03496327) located in Ellis County at 300 Ward Rd, Midlothian, TX; not to exceed 20,000,000 gallons annually above the amount authorized under permittee’s existing HUP-097. Compliance Order term: Effective immediately upon approval for calendar year 2024 through 12/31/2028

A motion was made by Director Osborn to approve the application in accordance to the General Manger’s recommendation as discussed in executive session and extend the expiration date of the existing Historic Use Permit to align with the term date of the compliance order. Director Curtis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by all those who were present.

With technical issues resolved, Mr. Ellis was able to deliver his report.

HYDROGEOLOGIST REPORT (continued) – John Ellis, INTERA, Inc.

Mr. Ellis shared a brief update of district activities. Noting INTERA performed a hydrological analysis of a groundwater availability certification submitted to the District under the interlocal agreement with Johnson County.

Mr. Ellis concluded his report by informing the Board that GMA 8 fourth round of DFC joint planning including, consideration of the nine factors required by Texas Water Code Subsections 36.108(d)(1 – 9) and explanatory reports, is scheduled to move forward in February 2025. The joint planning timeline to submit proposed DFCs is May 1, 2026, to be adopted in January 2027. Currently six meetings are scheduled to complete the planning process.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-006, ADOPTING THE PROHIBITED TECHNOLOGIES POLICY AS REQUIRED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 620, SENATE BILL 1893 (88TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION) – Kathy Turner Jones

The Texas Legislature enacted Senate Bill 1893, which mandates all governmental entities adopt a policy prohibiting the use of certain social media applications on devices owned or leased by the entity. Adopting this policy is required to be in compliance with state legislation and in protecting the District’s digital assets. Director Daniels made a motion to approve Resolution #24-006, adopting the Prohibited Technologies Policy. Director McClure seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by all who were present. *Copy of Resolution #24-006 attached hereto as Exhibit “B”.*

UPDATE ON WELL MONITORING AND FIELD OPERATIONS – Kathy Turner Jones

Ms. Jones provided a brief update of recent field activities since the last board meeting, noting field staff continues to conduct meter verifications on permitted wells to confirm proper installation and accurate reporting. Additionally, field staff has been working with well owners to collect annual water level measurements and remains committed to looking for wells to include in the monitoring program.

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

Ms. Garcia highlighted an educational outreach activity held recently in Itay (Ellis County), where she and Ms. Bowers provided hands-on demonstrations centered on conservation to the students at Stafford Elementary School. She and Ms. Bowers also attended the quarterly Cleburne Chamber luncheon where the City of Cleburne’s development and infrastructure was the main topic. Ms. Garcia concluded her update discussing fall semester recruiting status with Tinker LLC, social media analytics, and upcoming events scheduled.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT AND UPDATE – Kathy Turner Jones

Ms. Jones updated the Board on district activities, highlighting groundwater production for October 2024, and noting year-to-date production has decreased by 6.8% compared to the previous year. She also provided updates on current permitted numbers and total annual permitted allocation. Additionally, Ms. Jones noted that while the number of well registrations has increased in the last month, year to date number of well registrations submitted to the District is significantly lower compared to 2023. She concluded her report with an update based on the U.S. Drought Monitor report, noting varying levels of drought across all four counties of the District.

GENERAL COUNSEL’S REPORT — Brian L. Sledge

Mr. Sledge informed the Board that bill filing for the new legislative session started the previous week with more than 1,600 bills filed. He predicts water will be a popular topic again for the upcoming legislative session. Mr. Sledge reviewed legislation filed that might affect the District and platting authorities having decertified portions of their CCN.

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 11:13 a.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF DECEMBER 2024.



Maurice Osborn, Secretary/Treasurer