

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND BOARD MEETING

# OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Of the PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT To be held at 9:00 AM, Monday, May 20, 2024

Prairielands GCD – Board Room 208 Kimberly Drive Cleburne, TX 76031

# Public Hearing on Historic Use Permit Application and Proposed Permit

This Public Hearing on Historic Use Permit Application and Proposed Permit will begin at 9:00 AM. Notice of the Public Hearing on Historic Use Permit Application and Proposed Permit was also posted separately in accordance with the District Rules, and Chapter 36, Texas Water Code, on April 19, 2024.

The Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the following applications for Historic Use Permits and the proposed Historic Use Permits prepared by the District's General Manager:

- 1. Call to order and declare public hearing open to the public
- 2. Roll call
- 3. Procedural matters for the hearing
- 4. Receive report from General Manager, receive any public comment(s) or requests to contest, and consider granting, denying, or amending applications for the following applications for a Historic Use Permit:

Application #	Permit Applicant	GM's Recom- mendation (gallons per year)	Maximum Historic Use Claim	# of Wells	Location of Wells	County	Purpose
1	Hilco United Services Inc (Lakeshore Water System) PO Box 26 Itasca TX 76055	47,300,500	48,497,100	2	132-154 Oak Run, Whitney, TX 76692	Hill	Public Water System

- 5. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on the above-listed application for Historic Use Permit
- 6. Adjourn or continue public hearing in whole or in part.

#### **Public Hearing(s) on Operating Permit Applications**

The Hearing on Applications for Operating Permits will begin at 9:00 A.M. or upon adjournment of the above listed Public Hearing on Historic Use Permits.

The Prairielands GCD Board of Directors will hold a hearing(s) on the below-listed applications for Operating Permits and/or Permit Amendments. Notice of the Hearing on Permit Applications was also posted separately in accordance with the District Rules, and Chapter 36, Texas Water Code, no later than 10 days prior to the date of this hearing.

- 1. Call to order and declare public hearing open to the public
- 2. Roll call
- 3. Board will receive a report from the General Manager describing the following applications for an Operating Permit and the General Manager's recommendation to the Board:
  - 1) M.E.Q. Properties, LLC, for a proposed Operating Permit (OP-24-058) for authorization to drill a new well (PGCD-003428) to be located in Ellis County at 487 E FM 813, Palmer, TX; not to exceed 750,000 gallons annually for 2024→2028; Commercial Use (AK);
  - 2) CLDVM LLC, for a proposed amendment to an existing Operating Permit (OP-23-044) for the addition of two (2) existing wells (PGCD-003303, PGCD-003396) in Hill County located at 1545 I-35, Abbott, TX; Commercial Use (AK);
  - 3) Tally, Jim, for a proposed amendment to an existing Operating Permit (OP-23-041) to add additional groundwater production authorization in Johnson County located at 3115 Chambers Road, Venus, TX in the amount of 150,000 gallons; not to exceed 450,000 gallons annually thereafter (→2027); Commercial Use (AK).
  - 4) R & A, Inc., for a proposed Operating Permit (OP-24-059) for authorization to drill a new well (PGCD-003443) to be located in Johnson County at 8410 E Hwy 67, Alvarado, TX; not to exceed 3M gallons for 2024, and 7.6M gallons beginning 2025→2028; Commercial Use (KB)
- 4. Receive public comment(s) or requests to contest the above-listed application(s) for

Operating Permits and Permit Amendments

- 5. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on the above-listed applications for Operating Permits and Permit Amendments
- 6. Adjourn or continue public hearing in whole or in part.

### **Regular Board Meeting**

The Regular Board Meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m., or upon adjournment of the Public Hearing(s).

The Prairielands GCD Board of Directors may discuss, consider, and take all necessary action, including possible expenditure of funds, regarding each of the agenda items below:

- 1. Call to order and declare regular meeting open to the public
- 2. Roll call
- 3. Public comment (Verbal comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
- 4. Presentation of Consent Agenda. All items are considered routine and self-explanatory and may be considered and approved by one motion of the Board. There will be no separate discussion of the items unless a Board Member requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence.
  - a) Minutes of the March 18, 2024, Public Hearing on Historic Use Permit Applications
  - b) Minutes of the March 18, 2024, Board of District Management Plan
  - c) Minutes of the March 18, 2024, Hearing on Permit Applications
  - d) Minutes of the March 18, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
  - e) Combined Minutes of the canceled April 15, 2024, Permit Hearing(s) and Regular Board Meeting
  - f) March and April 2024 monthly invoices and payment of bills
- 5. Finance Report Brian Watts, Comptroller
  - a) Presentation of unaudited financials for the months of March and April 2024
  - b) Review 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Investment Report for 2024
- 6. Receive virtual presentation of 2023 Annual Financial Audit for Board's acceptance Kim Knox-Lewis, Boucher, Morgan & Young ("BMY")
- 7. Update on public outreach activities, educational, and conservation efforts Kaylin Garcia, Public Relations/Education Director
  - a) Update on District involved activities
- 8. Update on well monitoring and field operations Michael Heath, Field Operations

#### Coordinator

- a) Update on District involved activities
- b) Update on quarterly water levels
- c) Approval of Amendments to Monitor Well Easement and Right-of-Way Agreement between the District and Mt. Peak Mountain Peak Special Utility District and Authorization for the General Manager to Execute
- 9. Hydrogeologist Report Wade Oliver, INTERA, Inc.
  - a) Update on District involved activities.
  - b) Update on expansion of District's well monitoring program
  - c) Update on activities and meetings related to Groundwater Management Area 8 joint planning and the development of desired future conditions.
- 10. General Manager's Report and Update The General Manager will brief the Board on the following administrative, operational, and regulatory matters of the District and any other items included in the General Manager's written report, which may be discussed, considered, and acted upon by the Board, including authorizing the initiation of, managing, or resolving enforcement action or litigation where applicable Kathy Turner Jones
  - a) Update on current administrative activities of the District
  - b) Management Plan Status Update
  - c) Monthly update on well registrations and groundwater production reports
  - d) Drought Monitoring
  - e) Enforcement
- 11. General Counsel's Report The District's legal counsel will brief the Board on pertinent legal issues and developments impacting the District since the last Board meeting, and legal counsel's activities on behalf of the District, including without limitation waste injection well monitoring activities including any protests of injection wellapplications with the Railroad Commission of Texas or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, District rules enforcement activities, rules and management plan implementation issues, groundwater-related legislative activities, joint planning and DFC development activities, developments in groundwater case law and submission of legal briefs, contractual issues related to the District, open government, policy, personnel, and financial issues of the District, threatened or pending claims or litigation against the District, and other legal activities on behalf of the District Brian Sledge, Legal Counsel, SledgeLaw Group, PLLC
- 12. Open Forum / Discussion of New Business for Future Meeting Agendas
- 13. Adjourn Regular Meeting

The above agenda schedule represents an estimate of the order for the indicated items and is subject to change at any time. Public hearings and public meetings of the District are available to all persons

regardless of disability. If you require special assistance to attend a hearing or meeting, please call (817)556-2299 at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing or meeting to coordinate any special physical access arrangements.

At any time during a hearing or meeting of the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District Board and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the Board may meet in a closed executive session on any of the above agenda items or other lawful items for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (§551.071); deliberation regarding real property (§551.072); deliberation regarding prospective gifts (§551.073); personnel matters (§551.074); and deliberation regarding security devices (§551.076). Any subject discussed in executive session may be subject to action during an open hearing or meeting.

Persons may make comments for or against an application for any type of permit, permit amendment, replacement well, or exception request without the need to request a contested case hearing on the application. However, persons wanting to protest an application involving a permit or permit amendment by requesting a contested case hearing must do so in writing in accordance with District Rule 10.6 that is either received by the District or submitted at the public hearing in person before the time that the Board takes final action on the application, as set forth more specifically in the District Rules.

#### Certification

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that on May 16, 2024 at or before 5:00 PM, I posted and filed the above notice of meeting(s) and hearing(s) with the Texas Secretary of State, the Johnson, Ellis, Somervell, and Hill counties' clerk offices, and also posted a copy in the front window of the Prairielands GCD office in a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public all times and that it will remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District

Kathy Turner Jones, General Manager