



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, November 18, 2024

Prairielands GCD – Board Room

208 Kimberly Drive

Cleburne, TX 76031

Public Hearing(s) on Operating Permit Applications and Enforcement Matters

The Prairielands GCD Board of Directors will hold a hearing(s) on the below-listed application(s) for Operating Permit, Permit Amendment, or Enforcement Matters. Notice of the Hearing on Permit Applications and Permit Amendments 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. Employee Five-Year Service Recognition – Rusty Zent, Field Technician
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) **Tally, Jim**, for a proposed amendment to an existing Operating Permit (OP-23-041-A) for additional groundwater production in the amount of 300,000 gallons and to authorize groundwater production from one (1) existing well (PGCD-003485; 32.51949813, -97.10017757) located in Johnson County at 2920 Chambers Street, Venus. OP-23-041-B not to exceed a total permitted authorization of 750,000 gallons annually (→2027); Commercial Use (AK);
 - 2) **Latham Springs Baptist Encampment**, 134 PR 223, Aquilla; for a proposed Operating Permit (OP-24-069) for authorization to produce groundwater only in the amount not to exceed 6,300,000 gallons from well (PGCD-000508; 31.81775166, -97.27587984) located .58 miles north of intersection HCR 2202 N and FM 1304, SW

of Aquilla, Hill County. OP-24-069 not to exceed 6,300,000 gallons annually for 2024→2027; Recreational/Public Water Supply (KB);

- 3) **Three W Solar, LLC**, 253 HCR 1327, Hillsboro; for a proposed amendment to Operating Permit (OP-24-066) for authorization to drill a non-exempt well (PGCD-003511) located at 32.03249200, -97.21395500; off of HCR 1327, NW of Hillsboro in Hill County; Commercial Use (KB);
- 4) **U.S. Lime Company**, 15865 FM 1434, Cleburne; for a proposed Operating Permit (OP-24-070) for authorization to drill one new non-exempt well (PGCD-003545) located at 32.24129900, -97.57557800; one mile west of FM 1434 in Johnson County. OP-24-070 not to exceed 6,958,500 gallons annually for 2024→2028; Industrial/Manufacturing (KB);
- 5) **South Fort Worth RV Ranch, LLC**, for a proposed amendment to Operating Permit (OP-22-024) for additional groundwater production only in the amount of 965,500 gallons from well (PGCD-000376; 32.49785600, -97.27946100) located approximately 4.5 miles south of Burleson at 2604 CR 602, Burleson, in Johnson County. OP-22-024-A not to exceed a total permitted authorization of 7,393,500 gallons annually for 2024→2026; Non-Ag Irrigation (KB);
- 6) **Crest Water Company (Granda Vista) (PWS #1260120)**, for a proposed Operating Permit (OP-24-071) for additional groundwater production only in the amount of 5,000,000 gallons producing from wells (PGCD-000622; 32.52239253, -97.46495705), (PGCD-000623; 32.51972829, -97.46305292), and (PGCD-000624; 32.51988784, -97.46063105) located within CCN #12037 in Johnson County. OP-24-071 not to exceed 5,000,000 gallons annually for 2024→2027; Public Water Supply (AK);
- 7) **Texas Water Utilities LP (Sundance Addition) (PWS #1260025)**, for a proposed Operating Permit (OP-24-072) for additional groundwater production only in the amount of 11,357,000 gallons producing from wells (PGCD-000908; 32.46576000, -97.43386800), (PGCD-001054; 32.48324573, -97.44519318) and (PGCD-000906; 32.49138249, -97.43096932) located within CCN #12983 in Johnson County. OP-24-072 not to exceed 11,357,000 gallons annually for 2024→2027; Public Water Supply (KB); and
- 8) **Aqua Texas Inc (Squaw Creek Subdivision Water System) (PWS #2130021)**, for a proposed Operating Permit (OP-24-074) for additional groundwater production only in the amount of 5,304,400 gallons producing from wells (PGCD-000229; 32.30771700, -97.74618100) and (PGCD-000230; 32.30680510, -97.74114073) located within CCN #13201 in Somervell County. OP-24-074 not to exceed 5,304,400 gallons annually for 2024→2027; Public Water Supply (AK).

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. Board will receive a report from the General Manager describing the following applications for an Operating Permit amendment and the General Manager's recommendation to the Board: **Avalon WSC (PWS #0700019)**, (*Continued from October 21, 2024, public hearing*), for a proposed amendment to an existing Operating Permit (OP-24-055) to add additional groundwater production only in the amount of 24,000,000 gallons in 2024 and 44,971,480 gallons thereafter producing from wells (PGCD-000654; 32.21077824, -96.79663354) and (PGCD-000655; 32.21716572, -96.79924799) located within CCN #10913 in Ellis County. Amendment to OP-24-055 not to exceed a total permitted authorization of 33,171,420 gallons in 2024 and 54,142,900 gallons annually (→2027); Public Water Supply (AK).
7. Receive public comment(s) or requests to contest the above-listed application for a Permit Amendment
8. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on the above-listed a Permit Amendment.
9. 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 October 21, 2024, Hearing on Permit Applications
 - b) Minutes of the October 21, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
 - c) October monthly invoices and payment of bills
5. Finance Report – Brian Watts, Comptroller
 - a) Presentation of unaudited financials for the months of October 2024

- b) Review of cash flow and cash projection for year end 2024
6. Hydrogeologist Report – John Ellis, INTERA, Inc.
 - a) Update on District involved activities.
 - b) Status update on new monitoring well development in Ellis County
 - c) Update on activities and meetings related to Groundwater Management Area 8 joint planning and the development of desired future conditions.
 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
 8. 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
 9. Update on well monitoring and field operations – Kathy Turner Jones
 - a) Update on District involved activities
 10. Update on public outreach activities, educational, and conservation efforts – Kaylin Garcia, Public Relations/Education Director
 - a) Update on District involved activities
 11. 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) Monthly update on well registrations and groundwater production reports
 - c) Drought Monitoring
 - d) Enforcement
 12. 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 well applications 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/Brad Neighbor, Legal Counsel, Sledge Law Group, PLLC

13. Open Forum / Discussion of New Business for Future Meeting Agendas

14. 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 or before 9:00 AM on November 15, 2024, 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