

**PANHANDLE GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

DISTRICT OFFICE - Windmill Room
201 W. Third Street, White Deer, Texas
September 21, 2023– 9:00 a.m.

Those Present Were:

Chancy Cruse	President
Lee Peterson	Secretary
Charles Bowers	Director
William Breeding	Director
David Hodges	Director
John R. Spearman, Jr.	Director
Marcus Hardcastle	Director
Wes Stockett	Director
Britney Britten	General Manager
Ashley Ausbrooks	Hydrogeologist/Programs
Jake Robinson	Field Tech/Meter Specialist
Aspen Edgar	PR/Education Director
Rita Poor	Administrative Assistant

- Guests Present: Drew Satterwhite, CRMWA; Chad Pernell, CRMWA; Floyd Hartman, City of Amarillo.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Chancy Cruse called the regular meeting to order at 9:28 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – Please limit comments to 3 minutes.

No public comment.

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES FROM AUGUST 2023

Director William Breeding motioned to approve the August 2023 minutes, seconded by Director David Hodges. The motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXPENDITURES FOR AUGUST 2023

General Manager Britney Britten stated the District is tracking under budget for the fiscal year.

Director John R. Spearman, Jr. motioned to approve the August expenditures, seconded by Director William Breeding. The motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED 2023-2024 TAX RATE

Director Lee Peterson motioned to adopt the tax rate of \$0.008643/\$100 valuation for the 2023-2024 tax year, seconded by Director William Breeding. The motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AUDIT CONTRACT WITH JAMES ALLEN CPA

Britten stated the contract with James Allen CPA is the same as in previous years. There is no increase or price change for their services.

Director John R. Spearman Jr. motioned to accept the contract with James Allen CPA, seconded by Director Wes Stockett. The motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RAINWATER HARVESTING REBATE FOR STEVE BYRUM

Britten stated Steve Byrum was unable to get all the information needed by the District. The Board will review this at a later date.

No action.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CONTRACT FOR ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION SERVICES FOR DONLEY COUNTY

Britten stated the contract outlines the services to be performed by the Donley County Appraisal District.

Director David Hodges motioned to accept the contract with the Donley County Appraisal District, seconded by Director John R. Spearman, Jr. The motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CARSON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Director Charles Bowers motioned to nominate all three people running for a seat on the Carson County Appraisal Districts Board of Directors, seconded by Director Lee Peterson. The motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CAPITAL OPERATING IMPROVEMENT EXPENSE

Director Marcus Hardcastle motioned to approve the capital operating improvement expense, seconded by Director Charles Bowers. The motion passed with 7 for and Director William Breeding voting against.

11. CONSENT AGENDA – DRILLING PERMITS

The following items are a part of the Consent Agenda. All Well Permit requests have been thoroughly reviewed by the staff, are administratively complete and the General Manager and Permitting Administrator recommend issuance.

RECLASSIFY WELLS – None.

DRILLING PERMITS FOR WELLS PUMPING LESS THAN 25,000 GALLONS A DAY OR 17.5 GPM –

1. Nancy Schilling – A 1” well to be drilled on 156 acres by K-Ran Drilling by 9.6.23 located in the
NE4 of Section 4, Blk N/A, AB&M Survey (being located approx. 7 mi E of Wheeler on Hwy 152, approx. ¼ mi S of the intersection of Hwy 152 & CR 22)
WHEELER COUNTY

DRILLING PERMITS FOR WELLS PUMPING MORE THAN 25,000 GALLONS A DAY OR 17.5 GPM-

1. Mark Urbanczyk – A 6” well to be drilled on 960 acres by Lichtie Drilling by 8.29.23 located in the NE4 of Section 60, Blk 7, I&GN Survey (being located approx. 2 mi W of White Deer to CR W, S on CR W approx. 2 mi, W side of CR W) **CARSON COUNTY EASEMENT ON FILE**

Director Lee Peterson motioned to approve both drilling permits, seconded by Director Wes Stockett. The Motion passed unanimously.

12. DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT RULES

Britten stated the rules committee will set a meeting for some time in October.

13. STAFF UPDATES

None.

14. MANAGER'S REPORT

Britten stated Monday, September 25 is the end of the 30-day window for public comment on the Weather Modification Permit. She also said the District did not get approved for the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Ag Loan. TWDB said all loans had to be finalized and approved by August 31st and they did not have sufficient funds to loan out.

15. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SET FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next Board of Directors meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 16th at 9:00 a.m.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION ON LISTED AGENDA ITEMS

None.

17. ADJOURN

Director Lee Peterson motioned to adjourn at 10:31 a.m. seconded by Director Marcus Hardcastle. The motion passed unanimously.



Chancy Cruse



Lee Peterson