

**PANHANDLE GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
DISTRICT OFFICE - Windmill Room
201 W. Third Street, White Deer, Texas
September 17, 2019 - 9:00 a.m.**

Those present were:

Phillip Smith	President
Chancy Cruse	Vice President
Bill Breeding	Secretary
John R. Spearman, Jr.	Director
Jim Thompson	Director
Charles Bowers	Director
Brett Britten	Director
C.E. Williams	General Manager
Jennifer Puryear	Meteorologist
Britney Britten	PR/Education

Guests Present: Chad Pernell

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Smith called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

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

There was no public comment.

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES

- a. Public Hearing and Board Meeting 08/26/19
- b. Public Hearing 09/05/19

William Breeding made a motion to approve 08/26/19 and 09/05/19 minutes as written, seconded by Charles Bowers. Motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the 08/26/19 and 09/05/19 Minutes is attached to these minutes.

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AUGUST 2019 EXPENDITURES

Jim Thompson made a motion to approve August 2019 Expenditures, seconded by Chancy Cruse. Motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the August 2019 Expenditures is attached to these minutes.

5. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2019-2020 TAX RATE

General Manager CE Williams stated he would answer any questions the Directors had pertaining to the proposed tax increase of increasing the tax rate to \$.0096/\$100 valuation. Director Chancy Cruse asked what the increase in revenue would be used for. Williams said the increase in the tax rate will generate about \$90,000 more from last year, and it will be used for general operations. Williams also explained new legislation going into effect next year requires the District to hold a mandatory election if it proposes an increase greater than 3.5 percent. Williams said to hold an election in each precinct would be very costly.

William Breeding made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate of \$.0096/\$100 valuation, seconded by Jim Thompson. In a vote of 6 for and 1 against, the motion passed.

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

Williams said the contract remains the same as it has in the past with estimated project costs between \$6,000-\$7,000.

John R. Spearman Jr. made a motion to accept the contract from James Allen, CPA, seconded by Chancy Cruse. Motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the contract with James Allen, CPA is attached to these minutes.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION FOR CARSON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT'S BUDGET

Williams explained when the Directors voted in June to deny the Carson County Appraisal District's budget, they needed to adopt a formal resolution. Director Charles Bowers said there has been no consistency with recent appraisals, and he believes their proposed budget did not reflect proper use of tax dollars.

Charles Bowers made a motion to adopt the resolution to deny Carson County Appraisal District's budget, seconded by William Breeding. Motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the resolution is attached to these minutes.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TAX DEEDS AND PROPERTY CARDS FOR TRUST PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF HOWARDWICK

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| a. Parcel 9370 | Bid: \$50.01 |
| b. Parcel 8984 | Bid: \$201.01 |
| c. Parcel 7314 | Bid: \$101.58 |
| d. Parcel 8970 | Bid: \$50.09 |
| e. Parcel 9256 | Bid: \$55.00 |
| f. Parcel 9259 | Bid: \$58.00 |
| g. Parcel 9341 | Bid: \$55.01 |
| h. Parcel 9360 | Bid: \$55.00 |
| i. Parcel 9488 | Bid: \$50.01 |
| j. Parcel 8045 | Bid: \$50.00 |
| k. Parcel 9398 | Bid: \$52.00 |

William Breeding made a motion to approve a-k for the tax deed and property card bids in Howardwick, seconded by Brett Britten. Motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSENT AGENDA – DRILLING PERMITS

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

RECLASSIFY WELLS – None

IRRIGATION WELLS – None

10. STAFF UPDATES

Williams stated there were no staff updates at this time. Director Brett Britten inquired about the meter cost-share program and asked when the deadline to install meters. Williams said as long as the meter is paid for by the end of September, the producer will qualify for the cost-share program, and they have until the end of the year to install the meter.

Director Chancy Cruse asked about Operating Permits and how the staff was handling the small tracts and the maximum allowable production, which is the 2,880/section. Williams said it was something the Board needed to look into, and also said if operators are under the 1 acre-foot allowable, then the pumping per section might not matter as much.

Director Bowers addressed the leasing issue and how he does not agree with the way the rule is currently written. After much discussion, it was decided to host a Rules Workshop on November 14th to invite the public and those concerned about rule changes. The Workshop is intended to address concerns, have open dialogue and work toward possible solutions.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SET FUTURE MEETING DATES

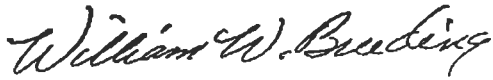
A regular meeting and Rules Workshop is scheduled for November 14, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office.

12. MANAGER'S REPORT

A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

13. ADJOURN

Charles Bowers made the motion to adjourn, seconded by William Breeding. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



William W. Breeding, Secretary



Phillip Smith, President