

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

DISTRICT OFFICE - Windmill Room
201 W. Third Street, White Deer, Texas
January 11, 2024– 9:00 a.m.

Those Present Were:

Chancy Cruse	President
Devin Sinclair	Vice President
Charles Bowers	Director
William Breeding	Director
John R. Spearman, Jr.	Director
David Hodges	Director
Wes Stockett	Director
Marcus Hardcastle	Director
Britney Britten	General Manager
Ashley Ausbrooks	Hydrogeologist/PM
Payton Holtkamp	PR/Education Director
Rita Poor	Administrative Assistant
Katie Hodges	Office Manager

- Guests Present: Benjamin Orr, City of Amarillo; Arturo Ortego, Allen & Ortega; Tim Rocha, Gerald Berry, Trevor Friemel, Barrett Pierce, Zach Berry, Corey Gaither, Mike Friemel, Dennis Babcock, Lance Williams, Michael Lawrence, C.E. Williams, Wes Williams, Craig Cowden, and John Homen.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Chancy Cruse called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

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

No public comment.

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 14, 2023

Director Breeding motioned to approve the December 2023 Regular Meeting minutes, seconded by Director Sinclair. The motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXPENDITURES FOR DECEMBER 2023

Director Breeding motioned to approve the December 2023 expenditures, seconded by Director Hodges. The motion passed unanimously.

5. 2023 ANNUAL WEATHER MODIFICATION EVALUATION REPORT

-Presented by Dr. Arquimedes Ruiz-Columbie

Dr. Arquimedes Ruiz-Columbie was unable to attend the Regular Meeting.

Director Bowers motioned to table the 2023 Annual Weather Modification Evaluation Report for a future meeting, seconded by Director Sinclair. The motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE 2022-2023 FINANCIAL AUDIT

-Presented by Allen & Ortega

Arturo Ortega with Allen & Ortega Certified Accountants presented the 2022-2023 financial audit to the Board and expressed that the District finances are healthy with a clean opinion. He explained that property taxes provide 85% of the District's total revenue, and the District had another good year. Mr. Ortega also noted that the District has approximately 2.5 years of reserves and he had no concerns at this time.

Director Spearman motioned to approve the 2022-2023 Financial Audit, seconded by Director Breeding. The motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON QUARTERLY PRODUCTION REPORTS AND OUT OF DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION REPORTS FROM THE CITY OF AMARILLO, CONOCO PHILLIPS, CRMWA, THE CITY OF BORGER, THE CITY OF FRITCH, THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, THE CITY OF CLARENDON, BRICE-LESLEY, AND GREENBELT WATER AUTHORITY

General Manager Britney Britten stated that the District is waiting on transport and production reports from Brice-Lesley.

Director Sinclair motioned to accept the quarterly production reports, seconded by Director Hodges. The motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTING A SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Directors Peterson, Stockett, and Bowers were appointed to the Scholarship Committee with President Cruse appointed as an alternate.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ERROR OFF TAXES ONE DOLLAR OR LESS IN CARSON COUNTY FOR THE 2023 TAX YEAR TOTALLING APPROXIMATELY \$40.54

Director Bowers motioned to error off taxes which are one dollar or less in Carson County for the 2023 tax year, seconded by Director Sinclair. The motion passed unanimously.

10. 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 ac by K-Ran Drilling by 12.20.23, located in the NW4 of Section 4, Blk N/A, AB&M Survey (being located approx. 7 mi E of Wheeler on Hwy 152, ½ mi E of the intersection of Hwy 152 & CR 22, S side of Hwy 152) **WHEELER COUNTY**
2. Nancy Schilling – A 1” well to be drilled on 156 ac by K-Ran Drilling by 1.8.24, located in the NW4 of Section 4, Blk N/A, AB&M Survey (being located approx. 7 mi E of Wheeler on Hwy 152, ½ mi E of the intersection of Hwy 152 & CR 22, S side of Hwy 152) **WHEELER COUNTY**

DRILLING PERMITS FOR WELLS PUMPING MORE THAN 25,000 GALLONS A DAY OR 17.5 GPM - NONE

General Manager Britten noted that although these are 1” wells, they are for industrial use which requires a permit since they are not considered exempt wells.

Director Sinclair motioned to approve drilling permits for wells pumping less than 17.5 gallons per minute, seconded by Director Bowers. The motion passed unanimously.

11. REPORT FROM RULES COMMITTEE AND DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT RULES

No discussion.

12. STAFF UPDATES

a) Presentation of Service Award- Katie Hodges

Office Manager Katie Hodges was presented with her 5-Year Service Award by President Cruse.

13. MANAGER'S REPORT

a) GMA 1 Update

General Manager Britten presented her report to the Board of Directors in the Board Packets, which included past and upcoming meetings, District public education events, District well statistics, and a weather update. She stated that she and Director Peterson attended the Groundwater Management Area 1 (GMA 1) meeting on January 10th where GMA 1 selected Intera as the technical consultant for the next round of planning. Contract negotiations are already in progress. She shared that future pricing structures will be presented at a later date, but should be similar to those in the past. Britten also reminded the Board that the District's Biennial Water Conservation Symposium will be at the Amarillo Civic Center in the Heritage Room on February 28, 2024.

14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SET FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next Regular Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION ON LISTED AGENDA ITEMS

None.

16. ADJOURN

Director Sinclair motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:31 a.m., seconded by Director Breeding. The motion passed unanimously.



Chancy Cruse



Lee Peterson