

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

DISTRICT OFFICE - Windmill Room  
201 W. Third Street, White Deer, Texas  
March 23, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Those Present Were:

Chancy Cruse	Vice President
David Hodges	Secretary
Charles Bowers	Director
William Breeding	Director
John R. Spearman, Jr.	Director
Lee Peterson	Director
Danny Hardcastle	Director
Britney Britten	General Manager
Ashley Ausbrooks	Hydrogeologist/Program Manager
Jake Robinson	Meter Compliance Officer
Aspen Edgar	PR/Education Director
Rita Poor	Administrative Assistant

- Guests Present: Misti Tracey, City of Amarillo; Ben Orr, City of Amarillo; Michael Kitten, Amarillo EDC; Paul Simpson, Amarillo EDC; Tye Sims, Producer, Jimmy Osborn, Producer, Wes Williams, Producer, CE Williams

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice President Chancy Cruse called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

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

No Public Comment.

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2023

*Director John R. Spearman, Jr. motioned to accept the minutes from February 9, 2023, seconded by Director Lee Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.*

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FEBRUARY 2023 EXPENDITURES

*Director William Breeding motioned to approve the February 2023 expenditures, seconded by Director Charles Bowers. Motion passed unanimously.*

5. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CANCEL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION ON MAY 6, 2023, FOR PRECINCTS 4 AND 8

General Manager, Britney Britten explained only one person signed up to be on the ballot for precincts 4 and 8, therefore according to Texas Election Code, the Directors may cancel the election in those precincts. She said there will be an election for precincts 2 and 6.

***Director Danny Hardcastle motioned to cancel the Board of Directors Election for precincts 4 and 8, seconded by William Breeding. Motion passed unanimously.***

6. DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE CONTAMINATED GROUNDWATER WELL IN WHEELER COUNTY

Producer Tye Sims, expressed his concerns about more than one of his wells being contaminated. He said 30% of his livestock have been killed due to the high levels of both chloride and sodium found in the well water. He explained this is due to an oil and gas company not taking the necessary precautions with the saltwater disposal wells on his property. Sims asked the Directors if they could support him in his case against the oil and gas company in any way. Director, John R. Spearman, Jr., suggested hiring a professional hydrogeologist to help him with the specifics of the case and said the District would follow up with their attorney to see if she has any other suggestions.

*No action taken.*

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ERROR OFF TAXES ONE DOLLAR OR LESS IN CARSON COUNTY FOR 2023 TAX ROLL TOTALING ABOUT \$25

***Director John R. Spearman, Jr., motioned to error off taxes one dollar or less in Carson County per the request of the appraisal district, seconded by Director Lee Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.***

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CARSON COUNTY BID  
a. Lots 8-10, Block 13, 608 Roosevelt, Skellytown, TX 79080 BID AMOUNT: \$1,002.00

***Director John R. Spearman, Jr., motioned to approve the Carson County bid in Skellytown, seconded by Director William Breeding. Motion passed unanimously.***

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CARSON DONLEY COUNTY BID  
a. Lots 5-6, Block 32, Original Town Hedley BID AMOUNT: \$1,200.00

***Director Lee Peterson motioned to approve the Carson County bid in Hedley, seconded by Director John R. Spearman, Jr. Motion passed unanimously.***

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TRUSTEE PROPERTY SALES FOR POTTER COUNTY

- a. Cause # 2192A BID: \$600.00
- b. Cause #2192A BID: \$50.00
- c. Cause # 22333B BID: \$400.00

Britten said items a and b are the same property, and the Board only needs to approve one of them.

*Director William Breeding motioned to approve items a. and c., seconded by Director Danny Hardcastle. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### 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 –

Lance Williams requests to reclassify well #646361 located in the NW4 of Section 79, Block 7, I&GN Survey in Carson County from a 6” to a 4” well.

Wade Ritter requests to reclassify well #646322 located in the NW4 of Section 74, Block 7, I&GN Survey in Carson County from a 6” well to a 4” well.

*Director Lee Peterson motioned to reclassify both requests, seconded by Director Charles Bowers. Motion passed unanimously.*

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

1. Jay McCormick – A 4” well to be drilled on 320 acres by Trident Drilling by 4.1.23 located in the SW4 of Section 233, Blk B-4, H&GN Survey (being located approx. 2 mi W of Claude on FM 1151 to CR 13, S on CR 13 approx. 3mi, E side of CR 13) **ARMSTRONG COUNTY**
2. Scott McLaughlin – A 6” well to be drilled on 1280 acres by Lichtie Drilling by 3.1.23 located in the SW4 of Section 150, Blk B-3, H&GN Survey (being located approx. 7 mi E of Claude on FM 1151, N side of FM 1151) **ARMSTRONG COUNTY**
3. NPO North/Patrice Shadid – An 8” well to be drilled on 640 acres by Lichtie Drilling by 3.6.23 located in the SW4 of Section 49, Blk T, H&W Survey (being located approx. 2 mi S of the intersection of FM 1342 & CR C, W side of CR C) **CARSON COUNTY**
4. Ritter Farms/Wade Ritter – A 4” well to be drilled on 960 acres by Lichtie Drilling by 3.15.23 located on the NW4 of Section 74, Blk 7, I&GN Survey (being located S of Hwy 60 on CR U to the intersection of CR U & CR 13, E side of CR U, S side of CR 13) **CARSON COUNTY**
5. Mark Urbanczyk – An 8” well to be drilled on 3200 acres by Lichtie Drilling by 3.1.23 located in the NE4 of Section 4, Blk M-4, JH Gibson Survey (being located approx. 5 mi W of Panhandle on Hwy 60 to CR H, then approx. 2 ½ mi N of CR H, W side of CR H) **CARSON COUNTY**
6. Lance Williams – A 4” well to be drilled on 1278 acres by Hydro Resources drilling by 3.1.23 located in the NW4 of Section 79, Blk 7, I&GN Survey (being located approx. 5 mi E of Panhandle on CR 12 to the intersection of CR 12 & CR S, S side of CR 12, E side of CR S) **CARSON COUNTY**

7. Greenbelt Municipal & Industrial Water Authority – A 4” well to be drilled on 3757 acres by 4M Drilling by 2.28.23 located in the NW4 of Section 54, Blk C-7, GC&SF Survey (being located approx. 2 ½ mi S of Howardwick on Hwy 70 to CR N, W on CR N to CR 11, S on CR 11 approx. ¼ mi, E side of CR 11) **DONLEY COUNTY**
8. Zach Stone – A 4” well to be drilled on 580 acres by Zach Stone by 2.10.23 located in the NW4 of Section 96, Blk C-6, GC&SF Survey (being located S of Lelia Lake on FM 1754 approx. 4 ½ mi to CR Y, E on CR Y approx. ½ mi, S side of CR Y) **DONLEY COUNTY**
9. Frank Wiebe – A 6” well to be drilled on 305 acres by First Priority Drilling by 2.15.23 located in the NW4 of Section 33, Blk HD, JC Barnett Survey (being located N of Hedley on Hwy 203 approx 2 mi to FM 2695, NE on FM 2695 approx 7 ½ mi, W side of FM 2695) **DONLEY COUNTY WELL #1**
10. Frank Weibe – A 6” well to be drilled on 305 acres by First Priority by 2.15.23 located SW4 of Section 33, Blk HD, JC Barnett Survey (being N of Hedley on Hwy 203 approx 2 mi to FM 2695, NE on FM 2695 approx. 7 ¼ mi, W side of FM 2695) **DONLEY CO WELL #2**
11. Frank Weibe – A 6” well to be drilled on 305 acres by First Priority by 2.15.23 located in the NW4 of Section 32, Blk HD, JC Barnett Survey (being located N of Hedley on Hwy 203 approx. 2 mi to FM 2695, NE on FM 2695 Approx. 6 ½ mi, W side of FM 2695) **DONLEY CO**
12. John R Spearman, Jr. – An 8” well to be drilled on 640 acres by Hydro Resources by 5.31.23 located in the NW4 of Section 220, Blk M-2, BS&F Survey (being located NE of Pampa on Hwy 60 to FM 2391, N on FM 2391 approx. 1 ½ mi to CR C, E on CR C approx. 1 mi to CR 16, N on CR 16 approx. ½ mi, E side of CR 16) **GRAY CO**
13. John R Spearman, Jr. – A 6” well to be drilled on 435 acres by Hydro Resources by 5.31.23 located in the NE4 of Section 5, Blk 3, I&GN Survey (being located NE of Pampa on Hwy 60 to the intersection of Hwy 60 & FM 2391, S side of Hwy 60, E side of FM 2391) **GRAY CO WELL #1**
14. John R Spearman, Jr. – A 6” well to be drilled on 435 acres by Hydro Resources by 5.31.23 located in the NW4 of Section 5, Blk 3, I&GN Survey (being located NE of Pampa on Hwy 60 to the intersection of Hwy 60 & FM 2391, S side of Hwy 60, E side of FM 2391) **GRAY CO WELL #2**
15. Estancia Development/Joe Watkins – A 2” well to be drilled on 145 acres by Burkett Drilling by 3.13.23 located in the SW4 of Section 24, Blk 9, BS&F Survey (being located at the intersection of Tascosa Rd & Ravewood Dr) **POTTER COUNTY**
16. Brett Buckingham – A 6” well to be drilled on 680 acres by Kelly Faulk by 3.1.23 located in the NE4 of Section 72, Blk 13, H&GN Survey (being located approx. 5 mi E of Shamrock on I-40 to CR 22, then N approx. 3 mi on CR 22, E side of CR 22) **WHEELER COUNTY WELL #1**
17. Brett Buckingham – A 4” well to be drilled on 680 acres by Kelly Faulk by 3.1.23 located in the NE4 of Section 72, Blk 13, H&GN Survey (being located approx. 5 mi E of Shamrock on I-40 to CR 22, then N approx. 3 mi on CR 22, E side of CR 22) **WHEELER COUNTY WELL #2**

18. Blake Glover – A 4” well to be drilled on 320 acres by First Priority Drilling by 3.15.23 located in the SE4 of Section 87, Blk 23, H&GN Survey (being located approx. 2 mi E of the Gray Co line at the intersection of FM 1443 & CR Z, W side of M 1443, N side of CR Z) **WHEELER COUNTY**

*Director William Breeding motioned to approve items 1-11 and 15-18, seconded by Director Charles Bowers. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Director Charles Bowers motioned to approve items 12-14, seconded by Director William Breeding. Motion passed with 6 for and John R. Spearman, Jr. abstaining.*

## 12. REPORT AND INITIAL REVIEW ON DISTRICT’S ANNUAL PRODUCTION

Britten reminded the Board that we started calculating the 4-year rolling average in 2020 and the spreadsheets presented today reflect a 3-year average since we only have 3 full years of data on many operating permits. The District’s operators achieved 93% compliance with the 1-acre foot rule. County compliance is as follows: Armstrong, 94%; Carson, 87%; Donley, 96%; Gray, 97%; Roberts, 94% and Wheeler, 97.5%. The question was raised if District operators are aware of the rules regarding production. Britten said she believes they are, and when staff sends usage reports, they make sure to include whether that person has permits over the production rule. The Board suggested Britten make contact with each permit holder that is over the production rule and ask about their plans for this year to get back into compliance.

## 13. DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT RULES

Britten stated the Rules committee didn’t meet in March but anticipates meeting in April. Director Danny Hardcastle asked what the time frame on the rules is, and Britten said the current rules state that the production rule will be evaluated in early 2024.

## 14. STAFF UPDATES

Britten said District Meteorologist, Corey Clay, is going to continue running our program from Saudi Arabia and then from Missouri when his program is finished. The remote system is completely up and running.

## 15. MANAGER’S REPORT

- a. Legislative Update
- b. GMA 1 Update
- c. INTERA Update

Britten explained the District received the Modeled Available Groundwater (MAGS) at the end of February and will bring the Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) back to the Board for final approval in May.

## 16. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SET FUTURE MEETING DATES

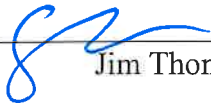
The next meeting is set for Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

## 17. EXECUTIVE SESSION ON LISTED AGENDA ITEMS

The Directors went into Executive Session citing legal matters at 11:25 a.m. and resumed the Regular Meeting at 12:50 p.m.

18. ADJOURN

*Director Lee Peterson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:51 p.m., seconded by Director William Breeding. Motion passed unanimously.*



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Jim Thompson



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David Hodges