

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

DISTRICT OFFICE - Windmill Room  
201 W. Third Street, White Deer, Texas  
May 2, 2024– 9:00 a.m.

Those Present Were:

Devin Sinclair	Vice President
Lee Peterson	Secretary
Charles Bowers	Director
William Breeding	Director
David Hodges	Director
Wes Stockett	Director
Marcus Hardcastle	Director
Britney Britten	General Manager
Ashley Ausbrooks	Hydrogeologist/PM
Payton Holtkamp	Education/PR
Rita Poor	Admin Assistant
Jake Robinson	Meter Specialist

Guests Present: Chad Pernel; CRMWA.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice President Devin Sinclair called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

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

None.

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES FROM MARCH 28, 2024

***Director Peterson motioned to approve the March 28, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes, seconded by Director Stockett. The motion passed unanimously.***

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXPENDITURES FOR MARCH 2024

***Director Stockett motioned to approve the March 2024 expenditures, seconded by Director Hardcastle. The motion passed unanimously.***

5. 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

*Director Peterson motioned to approve the Quarterly Production Reports and Out-of-District Transportation Reports, seconded by Director Stockett. The motion passed unanimously.*

6. REPORT ON ANNUAL REVIEW OF DEPLETION  
*-Presented by Ashley Ausbrooks, District Hydrogeologist*

District Hydrogeologist Ashley Ausbrooks presented the results of the District's annual static water level measurements for the 2024 season. Ausbrooks stated that District staff conducted water level measurements in 97.5% of the wells within the Observation Well Network by April 1<sup>st</sup>. She noted that this meets District Management Plan performance standard 2.1a. Data analysis of the 2024 season measurements showed a one-year average water level change of 1.0 feet of decline in the Ogallala Aquifer, 0.2 feet of decline in the Dockum Aquifer, and 0.8 feet of decline in the Blaine/Whitehorse Aquifers. Ausbrooks also notified the Board that since the summer of 2023, District staff have worked with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to install and upgrade equipment in 11 satellite wells within the District. She also stated that future upgrades for the remaining 4 satellite wells are planned for 2025-2026 seasons. The maps presented will be published in the July Newsletter.

7. 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 – NONE**

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

1. Gerald Berry – An 8” well to be drilled on 320 ac by Lichtie Drilling by 4.16.24, located in the SW4 of Section 41, BLK 2, TT RR Survey (being located approx. 2 mi S of Panhandle on HWY 207 to CR 9, E on CR 9 approx. 1 mi to CR O, S on CR O approx. ¼ mi, well located on E side of CR O)  
**CARSON COUNTY**

2. Scott McLaughlin – A 6” well to be drilled on 226 ac by Lichtie Drilling by 3.26.24, located in the NW4 of Section 27, Blk 7, I&GN Survey (being located W of White Deer, E side of CR X, N of Hwy 60) **CARSON COUNTY**
3. Wattrabbit, Inc – A 2” well to be drilled on 4 ac by Etter Water Well, by 4.17.24, located in the SW4 of Section 18, BLK 4, I&GN Survey (being located approx. 3 mi N of White Deer, intersection of CR 20 & CR Y) **CARSON COUNTY**
4. Blake Glover – A 6” well to be drilled on 320 ac by First Priority Drilling by 4.8.24, located in the NE4 of Section 11, BLK A-5, H&GN Survey (being located SW of Mobeetie, approx.3 mi S on County Line Rd off Hwy 152 to CR J, E on CR J approx. 1 mi, S side of CR J)  
**WELL #1 WHEELER COUNTY**
5. Blake Glover – A 6” well to be drilled on 320 ac by First Priority Drilling by 4.18.24, located in the NE4 of Section 11, BLK A-5, H&GN Survey (being located SW of Mobeetie, approx.3 mi S on County Line Rd off Hwy 152 to CR J, E on CR J approx. 1 mi, S side of CR J)  
**WELL #2 WHEELER COUNTY**

*Director Peterson motioned to approve drilling permits for wells pumping more than 17.5 gallons per minute, seconded by Director Stockett. The motion passed unanimously.*

8. DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT RULES AND REPORT FROM THE RULES COMMITTEE

General Manager Britney Britten stated that the Rules Committee met to review the 44 Operating Permits which were over the one acre-foot production rule. Because the Rules Committee wanted to make every effort to be reasonably accommodating toward producers, they applied a 5% variance for meter standards and implemented the two-step process towards those Operating Permits. Director Sinclair added that many of these Operating Permits had decreasing production each year from 2020 to 2023 showing that Operators are working towards compliance with District Rules. After applying the 5% variance and the two-step process for compliance, only 12 Operating Permits were found to be out of compliance with the one acre-foot production rule.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTING A BUDGET COMMITTEE

Directors Stockett, Cruse, and Spearman were appointed to the Budget Committee with Director Bowers appointed as an alternate.

10. STAFF UPDATES

District Hydrogeologist Ashley Ausbrooks passed the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) Professional Geoscience exam and will be receiving her license as a Professional Geoscientist from the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists (TBPG).

11. MANAGER'S REPORT

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. Britten informed the Board that this summer will be busy with future meetings including the upcoming GMA 1 Meeting which she and Director Sinclair will attend on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SET FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next Regular Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION ON LISTED AGENDA ITEMS

None.

14. ADJOURN

***Director Peterson motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:06 a.m., seconded by Director Hardcastle. The motion passed unanimously.***

  
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Chancy Cruse

  
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Lee Peterson