

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

DISTRICT OFFICE - Windmill Room
201 W. Third Street, White Deer, Texas
March 24, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

Those Present Were:

Jim Thompson	President
Charles Bowers	Director
Bill Breeding	Director
Chancy Cruse	Director
David Hodges	Director
Lee Peterson	Director
Danny Hardcastle	Director
Devin Sinclair	Director
Britney Britten	General Manager
Aspen Edgar	PR/Education Director

- Guests Present: Floyd Hartman, City of Amarillo; Kent Satterwhite, CRMWA; Chad Parnell, CRMWA; Ryan Berry, Zach Berry, Lance Williams, Dave Davis, Mike Friemel

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Thompson called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES FROM JANUARY 27, 2022

a. Tax Abatement Meeting:

i. Bill Breeding made the motion to approve the Tax Abatement Hearing minutes, seconded by Danny Hardcastle. Motion passes unanimously.

b. Regular Meeting:

i. Lee Peterson made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes, seconded by David Hodges. Motion passes unanimously.

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXPENDITURES

Director Danny Hardcastle questioned the outstanding amounts left from property taxes. General Manager, Britney Britten stated the District is waiting on property taxes to come in from Potter County and expects them to come in soon.

- a. January 2022 Expenditures:
 - i. ***Danny Hardcastle made the motion to approve January 2022 Expenditures, seconded by Charles Bowers. Motion passes unanimously.***
- b. February 2022 Expenditures:
 - i. ***Devin Sinclair made the motion to approve February 2022 Expenditures, seconded by Bill Breeding. Motion passes unanimously.***

A copy of the of the expenditures is attached to these minutes.

5. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DATABASE CONTRACT WITH HALFF

Britten introduced Conrad Harrison, Service Team Leader for Halff. Conrad went through the Groundwater Management System (GMS) and explained what all it entails and how it will be beneficial for the District. Conrad stated the software will be tailored specifically to the needs of PGCD.

Bill Breeding made the motion to accept the quote and enter in the contract with Halff, seconded by Charles Bowers. Motion passes unanimously.

A copy of the contract is attached to these minutes.

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

Britten stated the District called a Rules Committee Meeting due to the issue with the usage reports. Director Bowers gave the committee report noting the recommendation of having operators use energy consumption as an alternative metering method, in the event their first metering method fails for a significant period of time.

No Action

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DISTRICT METER STANDARDS

Britten stated based on conversations and recommendations from the Rules Committee, the District Meter Standards were amended to include the alternative usage method. Britten also stated the District has had issues with constituents not reporting when changes were made to their RMS or AgSense accounts. When this happens, it completely changes the past data.

Charles Bowers made the motion to amend the District Meter Standards to include the alternative usage method and include Operators must sign liability waivers prior to any meter installation, seconded by Danny Hardcastle. Motion passes unanimously.

A copy of the amended standards is attached to these minutes.

8. DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE DISTRICT RULE AMENDMENTS

No Action on District Rule Amendment

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTING A SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Directors appointed Charles Bowers, John R. Spearman, Jr., and Devin Sinclair as the Scholarship Committee for 2022 with Jim Thompson as an alternate.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NEW DISTRICT LOGO

Bill Breeding made the motion to let the staff decide on the new District logo, seconded by Chancy Cruse. Motion passes unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE DISTRICT'S BOUNDARY ISSUE WITH HPWD

Britten reported our attorney will be filing the petition with the court to change the District's boundary with HPWD on April 12, 2022, and at that time there will be a 30-day window for possible protests. She said we are not anticipating any protests because most of the waivers have been signed and sent back to our attorney.

No Action Taken

12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATION FOR RAINWATER HARVESTING REBATE APPLICATION

Britten said there was some interest in the program, and we wanted to have an agenda item in case they were able to get their applications and quotes together, but nothing has been turned in yet.

No Action Taken

13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION LOAN

Billy Bob Brown requested \$93,887.00 for eight years at 1.08% rate provided by TWDB. Money will be used to purchase an 8-tower pivot system.

Devin made the motion to approve the loan request for Billy Bob Brown, seconded by Charles Bowers. Motion passes unanimously.

14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE DONLEY COUNTY BID

- a. Lot 1-2, Block 1, Nat Smith Hedley BID AMOUNT \$1,630

Bill Breeding made the motion to approve the Donley County Bid, seconded by Charles Bowers. Motion passes unanimously.

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

- a. Cause # - 21723E & 19391C BID – \$8,001.01
b. Cause # - 19623E & 22250A BID – No BID
c. Cause # - 21095B BID - \$3,200.00
d. Cause # - 21855B BID - \$10,001.01

Bill Breeding made the motion to approve the trustee property sales for Potter County, seconded by Danny Hardcastle. Motion passes unanimously.

16. 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**

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

1. BLB Holdings – An 8” well to be drilled on 923 ac by Lichtie Drilling by 1.30.22 in the NW4 of Sec 85, Blk 2, TT RR Survey (being located NW of Panhandle, approx. 3 ½ mi off Hwy 60 going N on CR M to CR 14, then approx. ¾ mi W on CR 14, on the W side of CR M & S side of CR 14) **CARSON COUNTY**
2. Friemel & Sons – An 8” well to be drilled on 640 ac by Lichtie Drilling by 2.1.22 in the NW4 of Sec 54, Blk 7, I&GN Survey (being located approx. 5 mi W of White Deer on Hwy 60 to CR T, N on CR T approx. ¼ mi, W side of CR T) **CARSON COUNTY**
3. Brett Friemel – An 8” well to be drilled on 320 ac by Lichtie Drilling by 2.1.21 in the NW4 of Sec 76, BLK 7, I&GN Survey (being located approx. 6 mi W of White Deer on Hwy 60, approx. ¼ mi SE of the intersection of CR 13 & CR S, S side of CR 13, E side of CR S) **Well #1 CARSON COUNTY**
4. Brett Friemel – An 8” well to be drilled on 320 ac by Lichtie Drilling by 2.1.21 in the SW4 of Sec 76, Blk 7, I&GN Survey (being located approx. 6 mi W of White Deer on Hwy 60, approx. 1/2 mi NE of the intersection of CR 13 & CR S, S side of CR 13, E side of CR S) **Well #2 CARSON COUNTY REPLACEMENT WELL**
5. Steve Hightower Family Farms – An 8” well to be drilled on 637 ac by Lichtie Drilling by 2.28.22 in the SE4 of Sec 2, Blk 2, TT RR Survey (being located NE of Panhandle, approx. 5 mi N of Hwy 60 on FM 2385, W side of FM 2385) **CARSON COUNTY**
6. Lewis Davis – A 6” well to be drilled on 1950 ac by Hydro Resources by 3.1.22 in the NE4 of Sec 79, Blk 3, I&GN Survey (approx. 1 mi E of the intersection of Hwy 273 & Loop 171) **GRAY COUNTY**
7. Need it More, LP – An 8” well to be drilled on 445 ac by Hydro Resources by 3.1.22 in the NW4 of Sec 117, Blk 3, I&GN Survey (being located approx. 2 ½ mi n of Hwy 60 on Price Rd to 23rd Ave, E side of Price Rd.) **GRAY COUNTY**
8. Need it More, LP – An 8” well to be drilled on 445 ac by Hydro Resources by 3.7.22 in the SE4 of Sec 124, BLK 3, I&GN Survey (being located approx. 2 ½ mi N of Hwy 60 on Price Rd to 23rd Ave, W side of Price Rd.) **GRAY COUNTY**
9. Davis Bros Seed – An 8” well to be drilled on 160 ac by Hydro Resources by 3.15.22 in the NW4 of Sec 61, BLK 2, I&GN Survey (being located approx. 2 ½ mi N of the Gray Co line. Approx. 1 ½ mi N of the intersection of FM 2391 & FM 282) **ROBERTS COUNTY**

Charles Bowers made the motion to approve all drilling permits for wells pumping more than 25,000 gallons a day or 17.5 GPM, seconded by Bill Breeding. Motion passes unanimously.

17. STAFF UPDATES

Britten stated we will be hiring a field tech and as soon as the database gets up and running and we will then investigate a meter compliance employee. Director, Danny Hardcastle asked when the production reports will be sent out. Britten anticipates them all being out by the first of April.

18. MANAGER'S REPORT

19. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SET FUTURE MEETING DATES

Next Board Meeting is set for May 26, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION ON ANY LISTED AGENDA ITEM


None

21. ADJOURN

Bill Breeding motioned to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 12:41 p.m., seconded by Devin Sinclair.



David Hodges, Secretary



Jim Thompson, President