

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

DISTRICT OFFICE - Windmill Room
201 W. Third Street, White Deer, Texas
May 26, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

The following were present during all or a portion of the meeting:

Jim Thompson	President
Charles Bowers	Director
Bill Breeding	Director
Chancy Cruse	Vice President
Lee Peterson	Director
John R. Spearman, Jr.	Director
Britney Britten	General Manager
Aspen Edgar	PR/Education Director
Ashley Ausbrooks	Hydrogeologist
Corey Clay	Meteorologist
Darby Taylor	Intern/Field Technician

- Guests Present: C.E. Williams

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Thompson called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Thompson asked if there was any public comment.

No Public Comment

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES FROM MARCH 24,2022

Lee Peterson made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from March 24, 2022, seconded by Chancy Cruse. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXPENDITURES

a. March 2022 Expenditures:

Charles Bowers made a motion to approve March 2022 Expenditures, seconded by Lee Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.

b. April 2022 Expenditures:

Bill Breeding made a motion to approve April 2022 Expenditures, seconded by Chancy Cruse. Motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the expenditures is attached to these minutes.

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

Lee Peterson made a motion to approve the quarterly production reports and out of district transportation reports, seconded by Charles Bowers. Motion passed unanimously.

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

a. Cause # - 19623E & 22250A BID – \$47,001.01

Bill Breeding made a motion to approve the Trustee Property Sales for Potter County, seconded by Chancy Cruse. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NOMINATIONS FOR THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lee Peterson motioned to approve both Phil Fletcher and Lucas Minkley as nominees for the Armstrong County Appraisal District Board of Directors, seconded by Charles Bowers. Motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RAINWATER HARVESTING REBATE APPLICATION

Office Manager, Katie Hodges, stated we have \$35,110 left in the budget for the Rainwater Harvesting Rebate Program and in order to move forward, the District will need to pull extra funds from reserves. Ms. Hodges said she checked with the applicants and the contractor who provided the quotes, and they said the reason for the quotes being much higher than normal is because the costs of supplies went up. There was discussion over past rebate amounts, and the clarification was made that the application states the District will fund \$0.50 per gallon of storage capacity, not to exceed 50 percent of total system costs. This is how the District will fund all future applications. The point was made that the District will not accept any more applications for this program until the start of the next fiscal year.

a. Troy Ritter: \$32,500 for a 65,000-gallon tank

Charles Bowers motioned to approve the Rainwater Harvesting Rebate Application at .50 per gallon of storage for Troy Ritter, seconded by Bill Breeding. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Greg and Lisa Acker: \$25,000 for a 50,000-gallon tank

Chancy Cruse motioned to approve the Rainwater Harvesting Rebate Application at .50 per gallon of storage for Greg and Lisa Acker, seconded by Bill Breeding. Motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AGRICULTURE LOANS

a. O'Neal/ Shadid PTN

Bill Breeding made a motion to approve the Ag Loan for \$150,000 for eight years at 1.08% requested by O'Neal/Shadid, seconded by Charles Bowers. Motion passed unanimously.

b. DMCT Urbanczyk PTN

Lee Peterson made a motion to approve the Ag Loan for \$92,521 for eight years at 1.08% requested by DMCT Urbanczyk, seconded by Chancy Cruse. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Charles Bowers

Chancy Cruse made a motion to table this item until enough board members are present to vote, seconded by Lee Peterson. Motion passed Unanimously.

Bill Breeding made a motion to take this item off the table due to another Director being present, seconded by Lee Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill Breeding made a motion to approve the Ag Loan for \$55,151.99 for eight years at 1.08% requested by Charles Bowers, seconded by Chancy Cruse. Motion passed in a vote of five for with Director Bowers abstaining.

A copy of the of the abstention form is attached to these minutes.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTING A BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Board appointed Chancy Cruse, Devin Sinclair, and David Hodges to the Budget Committee with Danny Hardcastle and Jim Thompson serving as alternates.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE DISTRICT'S WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

District Hydrogeologist, Ashley Ausbrooks, presented the District's current Water Quality program and the changes that have been implemented in the past year. Updates include lab procedures, safety training, training of hazardous materials, field sampling procedures, and procedures for quality control. For consistency and accuracy, Ausbrooks recommends that District staff now refer all water quality requests to be sent to a National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP) laboratory for individuals with concerns about the quality of their well water.

Chancy Cruse made a motion for the District to use an outside lab for all water quality testing moving forward, seconded by Charles Bowers. Motion passed unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DISTRICT'S RAIN GAUGE PROGRAM

Due to the inaccuracies in reporting with the current rain gauge systems throughout the District Meteorologist, Corey Clay proposed to update the program by looking into various types of rain gauges and sites that could potentially eliminate the issue. Many of the Directors offered suggestions on applications they have found to be accurate. He said he would have some different options for the Directors next meeting.

No Action Taken

13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE DISTRICT'S PRECIPITATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Britten stated the District has been contacted by Hearst Media Group to participate in a 4-part climate series that will feature the District's Precipitation Enhancement Program. The series will not be locally broadcasted, but will be pushed out via Newspaper, TV and Radio. She said George Bomar, formally with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation has offered to be the spokesperson to discuss the program.

Charles Bowers made a motion to approve the District's participation with Hearst Media, seconded by Bill Breeding. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Britten stated the judge signed the declaratory judgement, and affected landowners will have a 30-day protest period, however, she doesn't anticipate any issues since majority have signed the service waivers. Britten said the District's Attorney, Monique Norman, can draft a bill to amend our enabling legislation to reflect the boundary agreed upon by both Districts and as stated in the judgement.

Bill Breeding made the motion for the District's Attorney to draft a bill amending the boundary portion of the District's enabling legislation seconded by Lee Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.

15. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE DISTRICT'S BYLAWS

Britten stated the District needs to change section 7 of the Bylaws in order to reflect and be in compliance with Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code.

Lee Peterson made a motion to change section 7 of the District Bylaws to reflect Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, seconded by Bill Breeding. Motion passed unanimously.

16. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON IT PROJECT WITH RUNBIZ SOLUTIONS.

Due to the District's server issues, RunBiz Solutions will decommission old servers and install a new one in its place. They are positive that this will eliminate the current connection problems. Britten stated it will cost \$20,000 to get the server installed, and it will take about 90 days to complete the project.

Lee Peterson made a motion to approve the project with RunBiz Solutions, seconded by Bill Breeding. Motion passed unanimously.

17. 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. Dennis Babcock – A 6” well to be drilled on 640 acres by Lichtie Drilling by 4.1.22 in the SW4 of Section 151, Blk 7, I&GN Survey (being located 4 mi N of I-40 on FM 294, W side of FM 294)
CARSON COUNTY
2. Corby Shadid – An 8” well to be drilled on 160 acres by Lichtie Drilling by 4.18.21 in the NW4 of Section 19, Blk T, AB&M Survey (being located approx. 4 mi W of Panhandle on Hwy 60 to CR I, then N on CR I approx. 9 mi, on E side of CR I) **CARSON COUNTY EASEMENTS ON FILE**
3. Corby Shadid – An 8” well to be drilled on 320 acres by Lichtie Drilling by 4.27.21 in the NW4 of Section 18, Blk T, AB&M Survey (being located approx. 5 mi W of Panhandle on Hwy 60 to CR H, then approx. 9 mi N on CR H, E side of CR H) **CARSON COUNTY EASEMENT ON FILE**
4. Jay Shadid – An 8” well to be drilled on 1920 acres by Lichtie Drilling by 4.11.22 in the SW4 of Section 14, Blk T, AB&M Survey (being located approx. 9 mi SW of Panhandle on Hwy 60 to FM 2373, N on FM 2373 approx. 9 mi) **CARSON COUNTY**
5. Melvin Edes – A 2” well to be drilled on 220 acres by John Morrow by 4.14.22 in the SE4 of Section 81, Blk C-6, GC&SF Survey (being located approx. 4 mi S of Hwy 287 on FM 1260 to CR W, W side of FM 1260, N side of CR W) **DONLEY COUNTY**
6. Roger Wade – A 4” Well to be drilled on 150.25 acres by Kelly Faulk by 4.1.22 in the NW4 of Section 77, Blk C-6, GC&SF Survey (being located S of Clarendon Airport on CR 13 approx 1 ½ mi) **DONLEY COUNTY**
7. Rick Hargrove – A 4” well to be drilled on 320 acres by Rick Hargrove by 4.1.22 in the SE4 of Section 73, Blk 13, H&GN Survey (being located approx. 4 ½ mi E of Shamrock on I-40 to FM 2168, 2 mi N on FM 2168 to CR Y, 1 mi to CR 22, E side of CR 22) **WHEELER COUNTY**
8. Paul Hathaway – A 6” well to be drilled on 760 acres by Hydro Resources by 3.31.22 in the NW4 of Section 76, Blk A-5, H&GN Survey (being located just N of Mobeetie on CR 48)
WHEELER COUNTY

John R. Spearman made a motion to approve all of the drilling permits for wells pumping more than 25,000 gallons a day or 17.5 GPM, seconded by Lee Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.

18. STAFF UPDATES

Julie Bennett was recognized with 10-year service award.

19. MANAGER'S REPORT

a) Update on TWDB Agricultural Grant:

Britten stated we were selected as a \$75,000 winner to help cost-share remote monitoring systems for operators.

On July 26th, TX Parks and Wildlife staff are doing a Playa Lake Field day in Panhandle. PGCD will sponsor the lunch for the event.

20. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SET FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting is set for Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

21. EXECUTIVE SESSION ON ANY LISTED AGENDA ITEM

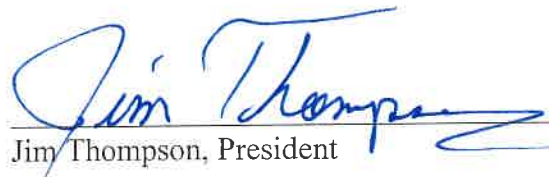
None

22. ADJOURN

Lee Peterson motioned to adjourn, seconded by John R. Spearman. Motion passed unanimously.



David Hodges, Secretary



Jim Thompson, President