

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

DISTRICT OFFICE - Windmill Room
201 W. Third Street, White Deer, Texas
March 25, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

Those Present Were:

Phillip Smith	President
Chancy Cruse	Vice-President
William Breeding	Secretary
Charles Bowers	Director
Danny Hardcastle	Director
David Hodges	Director
John R. Spearman	Director
Jim Thompson	Director
CE Williams	General Manager
Britney Britten	Asst. General Manager
Kelly Lane	Compliance Officer
Julie Bennett	Permitting Administrator

Guests Present: Floyd Hartman, City of Amarillo; Matt Lichtie, Well Driller; Ryan Berry, Producer; Zach Berry, Producer; Gerald Berry, Producer; Dale Brooks; Chris Ollinger, Producer; Kelvin Ollinger, Producer; Austin Bamert, Producer; Tim Rocha, Friemel Farms; Lance Ollinger, Producer; Leland Gabel, Producer; Trevor Friemel, Producer; Dustin Babcock, Producer; Cody Babcock, Producer; Nick Bamert, Producer; Dave Davis, Producer; Lewis Davis, Producer.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

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

There was no public comment

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FEBRUARY 23, 2021 MINUTES

Charles Bowers made the motion to approve the February 23, 2021 minutes as written, seconded by Chancy Cruse. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FEBRUARY 2021 EXPENDITURES

Jim Thompson made the motion to approve the February 2021 expenditures, seconded by Danny Hardcastle. Motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the financial statement(s) is attached to these minutes.

5. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WELL #364502 IN ROBERTS COUNTY PUMPING WATER TO AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM LOCATED IN OCHILTREE COUNTY

President Smith made the Board aware the well owner, Joe Turhune, was unable to attend the meeting and suggested the item be tabled until the next meeting.

Charles Bowers made the motion to table agenda item 5 until the next meeting and regardless of whether Mr. Turhune can attend or not, the item will be discussed, seconded by Jim Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

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

a) Cause #21642C	Bid - \$1,501.00	f) Cause #21394D	Bid - \$15,100.00
b) Cause #19781C	Bid - \$5,000.00	g) Cause #21838E	Bid - \$1,000.00
c) Cause #21461E	Bid - \$5,001.99	h) Cause #21372C	Bid - \$501.99
d) Cause #21844B	Bid - \$6,000.00	i) Cause #21549D	Bid - \$701.00
e) Cause #21652C	Bid - \$6,000.00		

William Breeding made the motion to approve bids a-i, seconded by Charles Bowers. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TAX DEEDS AND PROPERTY CARDS FOR PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF MCLEAN

a) Parcel #R14697	Bid - \$55.00
b) Parcel #R14891	Bid - \$101.00

Chancy Cruse made the motion to approved bids a-b, seconded by John R Spearman. Motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WATER CONSERVATION MARKETING PLAN

Assistant Manager Britney Britten stated the Texas Water Foundation has asked the District along with others in our area to partner with them in starting a statewide marketing campaign called "Texas Runs on Water". Water conservation ads would run throughout the year on TV as well as social media targeted to our area. The startup cost of the campaign for our region will be approx. \$30,000, therefore the staff is proposing to take \$10,000 from the advertising budget consisting of \$20,000 to fund this campaign.

Charles Bowers made the motion to fund \$10,000 to the Texas Water Foundation for the "Texas Runs on Water" marketing campaign for our region, and leave the advertising budget at the \$20,000, seconded by Danny Hardcastle. Motion passed unanimously.

9. 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) Billy Bob Brown – A 6" well to be drilled on 320 ac by Lichtie Drilling by 4.1.21 to be located in the SW4 of Sec 48, Blk 2, TT RR Survey (being located 4 mi S of Panhandle on Hwy 207, on the E side of Hwy 207) **CARSON CO REPLACEMENT WELL**

2) Tejas Feeders – A 6" well to be drilled on 205 ac by Etter Water Well by 3.1.21 to be located in the SW4 of Sec 176, Blk M2, BS&F Survey (being located approx. 5 mi from the Hwy 160, Hwy 152 intersection, on the N side of Hwy 152) **GRAY CO REPLACEMENT WELL**

3) Texas Tech University System – A 2" well to be drilled on 10.39 ac by Currie Drilling by 3.1.21 to be located in the SW4 of Sec 58, Blk 9, BS&F Survey (being located approx. 1 ½ mi S of FM 1061/Tascosa Rd and N Loop 335 W/Soncy Rd intersection, on the W side of N Loop 335 W/Soncy Rd) **POTTER CO**

William Breeding made the motion to approve items 1-3, seconded by Jim Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ATTORNEY GENERAL KEN PAXTON'S OPINION NO KP-0356

Danny Hardcastle moved to go into executive session under Texas Open Meetings Act Chapter 551 Government Code 551.072 Real Property and Government Code 551.071 Legal Matters.

The Board continued in executive session under Government Code 551.074 Personnel Matters

The Board recessed into executive session at 11:30 am and reconvened at 12:55 pm

William Breeding made the motion to send General Manager C.E. Williams, Assistant General Manager Britney Britten and Director Danny Hardcastle to the meeting on April 7th with representatives from High Plains Water District to discuss the Potter County boundary issue. Danny Hardcastle has final authority to approve of any agreement on behalf of the District. Seconded by Jim Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

11. DISCUSSION ON DISTRICT RULE AMENDMENTS

Ryan Berry presented a proposed fine schedule put together by himself and a group of local producers. The Proposal included a drought contingency and fines for water users that habitually exceed the annual allowable pumping.

The Board thanked the producers for the proposal. They went on to explain that the purpose of the District is to conserve water and the requirements by the state for any rule change takes time to work through. They also explained that our pumping rules are centered around achieving our state mandated 50/50 DFC and the District would have to show that any rule change would keep the District in compliance. Several board members added that we are only in the first year of the new rule, no fines have been assessed and more data and time is needed before any amendments are made.

Jim Thompson made the motion to table agenda item 11, seconded by David Hodges. Motion passed unanimously.

12. STAFF UPDATES

a) Annual Production Report

Compliance Officer Kelly Lane reviewed and discussed the updated 2020 water usage totals of all the counties in the District with the Board.

13. MANAGER'S REPORT

No Action taken.

14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FUTURE MEETING DATES

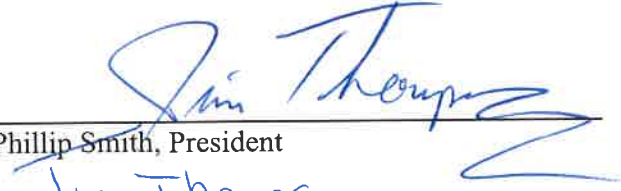
No next meeting date was set.

15. ADJOURN

Danny Hardcastle made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m., seconded by David Hodges. Meeting Adjourned.



William Breeding, Secretary



Phillip Smith, President
Jim Thompson