

PANHANDLE GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR MEETING – BY TELECONFERENCE - MINUTES

DISTRICT OFFICE - Windmill Room
201 W. Third Street, White Deer, Texas
August 27, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

The Board of Directors of Panhandle GCD held a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., by **teleconference*** to discuss and, if appropriate, act upon the following items:

***Participants were asked to dial in call (844)844-0014 – Access Code: 610970**

Board members or staff present in person or by phone were:

Phillip Smith	President
Chance Cruse	Vice-President
William Breeding	Secretary
Danny Hardcastle	Director
Charles Bowers	Director
Jim Thompson	Director
Brett Britten	Director
John R. Spearman	Director
CE Williams	General Manager
Monique Norman	District Legal Representation
Suzy Pool	PR/Education

Guests Present by Phone: Lance Weaver

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

There was no public comment.

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES FROM JULY 22, 2020

Bill Breeding made the motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Danny Hardcastle. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON JULY 2020 EXPENDITURES

Jim Thompson made the motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Bill Breeding. Motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the July 2020 expenditures is attached to these official minutes.

5. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SETTING THE PROPOSED 2020-2021 TAX RATE

Williams explained that the procedure has changed. The 2020 Total Adjusted Taxable Value is \$12,827,386,192. The 2020 No New Tax Rate is 0.010090. The Voter Approved Rate is 0.0109100. Williams proposed the 2021 rate at 010200. The new rate will go into effect beginning in October. The board will vote to approve the new rate at the next meeting.

Danny Hardcastle made the motion to propose the new tax rate at 0.010200, seconded by Jim Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the proposed 2020-2021 tax rate is attached to these official minutes.

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AG LOANS.

a) Charles Bowers

Charles Bowers AL 20-3

The request is for \$106,646.55 for eight years at 3.03% rate provided by TWDB.

Money will be used to purchase a 11 Tower non-towable Zimmatic Sprinkler system. 9500P w/9500 series spans. The total length of the system will be 1,700 Feet

Gary Sutherland recommends funding.

Director Charles Bowers is abstaining from this vote.

John R. Spearman Jr. made the motion to approve the application for the ag loan, seconded by Bill Breeding. Motion passed with 7 for and Charles Bowers abstaining.

A copy of the Ag Loan request is attached to these official minutes.

A copy of the Affidavit of Abstention from voting is attached to these official minutes.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ON TRUST PROPERTIES WITH CITY OF GROOM

Williams stated that this agreement is similar to the other agreements they have had before. Once the properties had gone thru the Sheriff's sale then the money from the sale would go to the city to help clean up the properties.

Bill Breeding made the motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement, seconded by Jim Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the Interlocal Agreement on Trust Properties request is attached to these official minutes.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TAX DEEDS AND PROPERTY CARDS FOR TRUST PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF HOWARDWICK

a) Parcel 7988	Bid: \$ 55.55	g) Parcel 9043	Bid: \$ 50.00
b) Parcel 8062	Bid: \$150.00	h) Parcel 9125	Bid: \$150.00
c) Parcel 8724	Bid: \$ 51.00	i) Parcel 9876	Bid: \$ 55.55
d) Parcel 8877	Bid: \$ 55.59	j) Parcel 9977	Bid: \$100.00
e) Parcel 8879	Bid: \$ 50.00	i) Parcel 9993	Bid: \$ 60.00
f) Parcel 8936	Bid: \$ 75.00	j) Parcel 9994	Bid: \$ 50.00

k) Parcel 9995 Bid: \$ 50.00
l) Parcel 9996 Bid: \$ 50.00

m) Parcel 9997 Bid: \$ 50.00

Williams stated that the agenda read wrong and that instead of the city of Clarendon it should state that it is the city of Howardwick. Williams also stated that the City of Howardwick had requested that number h, Parcel 9125, be withdrawn.

Bill Breeding made the motion to approve Parcels a – g and i - m, seconded by Danny Hardcastle. Motion passed unanimously.

Charles Bowers made the motion to withdraw number h, Parcel 9125, seconded by Jim Thompson. 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 –

- a. Lance Weaver requests to reclassify well #525539, located in the NE4 of Section 77, Block 3, I&GN Survey in Gray County from a 1” well to a 3” well.

President Smith introduced Mr. Weaver who had called in by Teleconference. Weaver stated that his well had originally been put in as a domestic well which he was using to water livestock with. He also stated that he decided to put in a 22 acre pivot to water grass and increase the grazing capacity. First Priority Irrigation located in Wellington came out put in a 10.5 horsepower pump in which changed the use from a domestic to irrigation well. Weaver stated that he was advised by First Priority Irrigation that there was no need to contact the Water District about the change in the well. Williams stated that the problem became when the change was made to the pump Weaver does not meet spacing requirements from his neighbor and changes use from domestic to irrigation. Weaver has since received an easement from his neighbor. Williams stated that it is a violation of the district rules for changing the well from domestic to irrigation. A penalty fine of \$1500.00 would be assessed since Weaver did not request a change in his well with the district. Weaver stated that he thought he was under the requirements.

John R. Spearman Jr. made the motion to reclassify the well from a domestic to an irrigation and accept the easement, seconded by Jim Thompson. John R. Spearman Jr. then amended to include a penalty fine of \$1500.00. Jim Thompson withdrew his second, seconded by Charles Bowers. Motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the Easement on file is attached to these official minutes.

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

- 1) CA-1345 Russell Obert – An 8” well to be drilled on 2062 ac by Lichtie Drilling by July 27, 2020 in the SW4 of Sec 150, Blk 7, I&GN Survey (being located approx. 3 mi W of Groom on I-40 to FM 294, then approx. 3 mi N on FM 294 to CR 5, then approx. ¾ mi W on CR 5, then approx. 280 yds N to well location) Carson County

Director Brett Britten is abstaining from this vote as he is the operator of this well.

Bill Breeding made the motion to approve the permit for this well, seconded by Charles Bowers. Motion passed with 7 for and Brett Britten abstaining.

A copy of the Affidavit of Abstention from voting is attached to these official minutes.

- 2) CA-1350-R Gerald Berry – An 8” well to be drilled on 987 ac by Lichtie Drilling by July 20,2020 in the NW4 of Sec 5, Blk 2, TT RR Survey (being located approx. 3 mi E of Panhandle on Hwy 60 to CR R, then 2 mi N on CR R to FM 2385, then approx. 1 mi W on FM 2385) Carson County
REPLACEMENT WELL
- 3) CA-1351-DW-SW Tim Bolding – A 3” well to be drilled on 87 ac by Lichtie Drilling by August 31,2020 in the SW4 of Sec 25, Blk 7, I&GN Survey (being located approx. ¾ mi S of White Deer City Limits on FM 294, then E 200 yds to well location) Carson County
- 4) CA-1352-DW Jerry Urbanczyk – A 2” well to be drilled on 400 ac by Magic Circle Drilling by August 5, 2020 in the NE4 of Sec 22, Blk 4, I&GN Survey (being located approx. 3 mi E of White Deer on Hwy 60 to CR CC, then approx. 2 mi N on CR CC to CR 21) Carson County
- 5) GR-809 Barry Smith – A 5” well to be drilled on 778 ac by 3T Drilling by August 12, 2020 in the SE4 of Sec 1, Blk 30, H&GN Survey (being located approx. 1 ¼ mi N of McLean City Limits on CR 28, then approx. 360 yds W to well location) Gray County **Well #1**
- 6) GR-810 Barry Smith – A 5” well to be drilled on 778 ac by 3T drilling by August 12., 2020 in the NE4 of Sec 1, Blk 30, H&GN Survey (being located approx. 1 ½ mi N of McLean City Limits on CR 28, then approx. 350 yds W to well location) Gray County **Well #2**
- 7) RO-238-R Mesa Vista Ranch – An 8” well to be drilled on 44,314 ac by Hydro Resources by August 21,2020 in the SE4 of Sec 21, Blk 46, H&TC Survey (being located on Mesa Vista Ranch) Roberts County **REPLACEMENT WELL**

Danny Hardcastle made the motion to approve the permits for items 2-7, seconded by John R. Spearman Jr.. Motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST FOR AN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION ON BOUNDARY ISSUE IN POTTER COUNTY BETWEEN HIGH PLAINS UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND PANHANDLE GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Board of Directors met in Executive Session from 10:05 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. to discuss the issue with our attorney.

A copy of the Attorney General's Opinion on Boundary Issue in Potter County High Plains Underground Water Conservation District and Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District is attached to these official minutes.

A copy of the Easement is on file is attached to these official minutes.

11. STAFF UPDATES
 - a) Mid-Season Production Reports – Kelly Lane

Kelly Lane presented a report on district Meters and use 01.01.2020 – To Date.

A copy of the report is on file is attached to these official minutes.

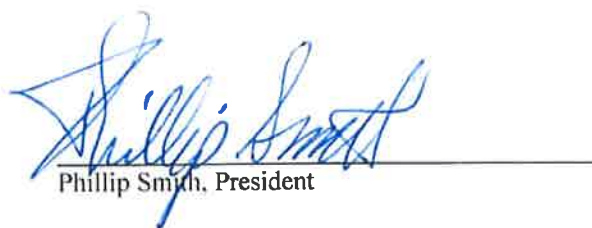
12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SET FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

13. ADJOURN

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:56 a.m.


William Breeding, Secretary


Phillip Smith, President