

PANHANDLE GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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

DISTRICT OFFICE - Windmill Room
201 W. Third Street, White Deer, Texas
September 17, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

The Board of Directors of Panhandle GCD held a regular meeting on Thursday, September 17, 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
Chancy Cruse	Vice-President
William Breeding	Secretary
Charles Bowers	Director
Danny Hardcastle	Director
Brett Britten	Director
John R. Spearman	Director
CE Williams	General Manager
Julie Bennett	Permitting Clerk

Guests Present by Phone: Kent Satterwhite

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT – Please limit comments to 3 minutes.
There was no public comment.
3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES FROM AUGUST 27, 2020

Brett Britten made the motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by William Breeding. Motion passed unanimously.

A copy is attached to these minutes

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AUGUST 2020 EXPENDITURES

John R Spearman, Jr. made the motion to approve the August expenditures, seconded by Chancy Cruse. Motion passed unanimously.

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

5. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES TO THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

William Breeding made the motion to nominate Phil Fletcher and Lucas Minkley as candidates for the 2021-2022 election to the Armstrong County Appraisal District Board of Directors, seconded by Danny Hardcastle. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2020-2021 TAX RATE AT 0.010200

General Manager C.E Williams stated this is the tax rate the Board approved as the proposed rate at the August 27th meeting.

William Breeding made the motion to approve the proposed tax rate of \$0.010200/\$100 valuation, seconded by John R Spearman, Jr. motion passed unanimously.

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

- a) Parcel 9822 Bid: \$ 65.55
- b) Parcel 9916 Bid: \$ 100.00
- c) Parcel 9918 Bid: \$ 123.72
- d) Parcel 9919 Bid: \$ 123.72
- e) Parcel 9928 Bid: \$ 100.00

Chancy Cruse made the motion to accept bids a-e, seconded by Brett Britten. Motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATION FOR PROERTY TAX ABATEMENT UNDER CH. 312 OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

- a) Property Owner: Illinois Tool Works., a Delaware corporation (as a successor by merger to ITW Tech Spray L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company)
- b) Applicant for Tax Abatement: Panhandle Pure. LLC, a Texas limited liability company
- c) Reinvestment Zone: South side of Northwest 1st Ave. between Hughes and Adams, a Texas Enterprise Zone property, a Texas Census Block Nos. 483750148002140 and 483750148002143 (a Reinvestment Zone is not required to established under Texas Tax Code Section 312.2011)
- d) Anticipated Improvements: Purchase and installation of water purification, bottling equipment, and related site improvements
- e) Estimated Cost of the Improvements: \$7,500,000 (site improvements and equipment)

General Manager C.E. Williams made the Board aware that this agenda item required a thirty-day posting, that we were not aware of. Therefore, this item will be moved to the October meeting.

No Action Taken

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) CA-1354-DW Patrick Warminski – A 2” well to be drilled on 722 ac by Lichtie Drilling by September 8, 2020, in the SE4 of Sec 41, Blk 7, I&GN Survey (being located approx. 1 1/2 mi S of White Deer on FM 294, on W side of FM 294) Carson County Easement **on File**
- 2) GR-805 P&M Jones Family Ranch – An 8” well to be drilled on 3200 ac by Hydro Resources by August 22, 2020, in the NE4 of Sec 212, Blk M-2, BS&F Survey (being located E of Pampa on Hwy 60, approx. 5 mi E of the Hwy 60 Co Rd F intersection on Co Rd F, on the S side of Co Rd F) Gray Co

Danny Hardcastle made the motion to approve consent agenda items 1-2, seconded by John R. Spearman Jr. Motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESPONSE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION REQUEST CASE #RQ-0375-KP

The Board of Directors met in Executive Session from 9:25 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. to discuss the response to the Attorney General Opinion request with our attorney (§551.071) and from 10:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. to discuss personnel matters (§551.074)

Board President Phillip Smith called the meeting back to order at 12:20 p.m.

William Breeding made the motion to approve the response written by the District’s Attorney Monique Norman with the ability to make minor amendments and send to the Attorney General, seconded by John R Spearman, Jr. Motion passed unanimously.

11. STAFF UPDATES – No staff updates

12. MANAGERS REPORT

General Manager C.E. Williams drew the Boards attention to the rainfall totals charts for the District for January – September 2019 and January - September 2020 in their board meeting books. Williams stated that as everyone is aware 2020 has been a much dryer year than 2019 and depending on what the pumping totals show at the end of the year the Board may want to consider some kind of a sliding scale on production for dryer years.

Williams also added that with the Board’s consent he would like to start the process of hiring an assistant manager. The Board gave their consent, adding they would like this to be an agenda item at the next meeting for further discussion.

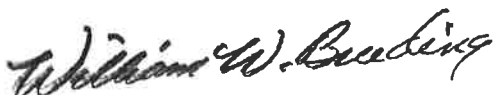
No Action Taken

13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SET FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting date is scheduled for October 22, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

14. ADJOURN

William Breeding made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m., seconded by Brett Britten. Meeting adjourned



William Breeding, Secretary



Phillip Smith, President