

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

DISTRICT OFFICE - Windmill Room  
201 W. Third Street, White Deer, Texas  
September 23, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

Those Present Were:

Jim Thompson	President
David Hodges	Secretary
Charles Bowers	Director
William Breeding	Director
Danny Hardcastle	Director
Lee Peterson	Director
Britney Britten	Asst. General Manager
C.E. Williams	General Manager
Aspen Edgar	PR and Education Director

Guests Present: Floyd Hartman, City of Amarillo; Kent Satterwhite, CRMWA; Chad Pernell, CRMWA; Steve Kersh, Pantex; Phillip Smith

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

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

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES

a) August 19, 2021

***Bill Breeding made the motion to approve the July 29, 2021, minutes as written, seconded by Danny Hardcastle. Motion passed unanimously.***

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AUGUST 2021 EXPENDITURES

a) August 2021

Assistant General Manager Britney Britten stated that the District is going to end the year under budget.

***Danny Hardcastle made the motion to approve the July 2021 expenditures, seconded by Lee Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.***

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

5. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2021-2022 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Britten stated that regional planning costs which were previously approved at \$5,000 needs to be changed to back to \$15,000.

***Lee Peterson made the motion to approve the amount change, seconded by David Hardcastle. Motion passed unanimously.***

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSED 2021-2022 TAX RATE

Britten stated that the District posted the notice on the website and had it ran in the Amarillo Globe News on Saturday, September 18, 2021. The District has not received any public comment and is still proposing the current tax rate.

***Danny Hardcastle made the motion to approve the proposed 2021-2022 tax rate of \$0.010200/100 of valuation, seconded by Charles Bowers. Motion passed unanimously.***

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE 2022-2023 COLLECTION CONTRACT WITH DONLEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

***Danny Hardcastle made the motion to approve the 2022-2023 collection contract with Donley County appraisal district, seconded by Bill Breeding. Motion passed unanimously.***

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES TO BE PLACED ON BALLOT FOR ELECTION TO THE GRAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Britten stated that Matt Brock, Peter Denney, Jeff Haley, David Haynes & Kevin Hunt all want to be placed on the ballot for election to the Gray County Appraisal District Directors.

***Bill Breeding made the motion to nominate all 5 of the people listed, seconded by Lee Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.***

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HIRING GENERAL MANAGER EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

***Charles Bowers made the motion to approve Assistant General Manager Britney Britten to be hired as General Manager effective October 1, 2021. Seconded by Bill Breeding. Motion passed unanimously.***

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

General Manager Williams said the attorneys are still working on it. Britten stated that going forward we need to use the same boundary as High Plains to avoid confusion. Director Breeding stated that we need to follow the way the boundary is tax wise. Director Bowers stated that our new boundary line will be the same as the taxing entity. Director Hardcastle stated that if they accept this then decouple it from the potter county issue with an agreement to work forward.

*Danny Hardcastle made the motion to decouple the boundary from potter county with an agreement to work forward on the District's boundary issue with HPWD, seconded by Bill Breeding. Motion passed unanimously.*

## 11. CONSENT AGENDA- DRILLING PERMITS

The following items are a part of the Consent Agenda. All Well Permit requests have been thoroughly reviewed by the staff, are administratively complete and the Assistant General Manager and Permitting Administrator is recommending issuance.

### RECLASSIFY WELLS –

1. **Scott McLaughlin requests to reclassify irrigation well #663112 located in the SW4 of Sec 168, Blk B-3, H&GN Survey in Armstrong Co. from a 6” to a 4” well**
2. **Scott McLaughlin requests to reclassify irrigation well #663113 located in the SE4 of Sec 168, Blk B-3, H&GN Survey in Armstrong Co. from a 6” to a 4” well**
3. **Scott McLaughlin requests to reclassify irrigation well #663220 located in the SE4 of Sec 168, Blk B-3, H&GN Survey in Armstrong Co. from a 6” to a 4” well**

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

- a) Scott McLaughlin – A 4” well to be drilled on 1930 ac by 3T Drilling by 9.1.21 in the SE4 of Sec 168, Blk B-3, H&GN Survey (being located approx. 6 mi N of Goodnight, 1 mi W of FM 294 and FM 1151 intersection) **ARMSTRONG COUNTY**
- b) Cantex Feeders – A 4” well to be drilled on 1647 ac by Etter Water Well by 8.26.21 in the SE4 of Sec 90, Blk 20, H&GN Survey (being located approx. 2mi SW of Hedley and approx. ½ mi SW of the intersection of CR X & CR 23) **DONLEY COUNTY**
- c) Cantex Feeders – A 4” well to be drilled on 1647 ac by Etter Water Well by 8.27.21 in the NE4 of Sec 90, Blk 20, H&GN Survey (being located approx. 2mi SW of Hedley and approx. ½ mi SW of the intersection of CR X & CR 23) **DONLEY COUNTY**
- d) Denny Hargrove – A 4” well to be drilled on 662 ac by Peterson Drilling by 10.1.21 in the SE4 of Sec 91, Blk C-6, GC&SF Survey (being located approx. 4mi S of Leila Lake on FM 1754 to CR W, then 1/3 mi E to CR 18, then S approx. ¾ mi on CR 18, to CR X, then approx. 175 yds SW of CR X to well location) **DONLEY COUNTY**
- e) Denny Hargrove – A 4” well to be drilled on 662 ac by Peterson Drilling by 10.1.21 in the SE4 of Sec 93, Blk C-6 (being located approx. 4mi S of Leila Lake on FM 1754 to CR W, then 1/3 mi E to CR 18, then approx. 1 ½ mi S on CR 18. W side of CR 18) **DONLEY COUNTY (replacement well)**

- f) Richard DeVuyst-Red River Dairy – A 4” well to be drilled on 2352 ac by Hydro Resources by 9.15.21 in the SW4 of Sec 6, Blk 3, I&GN Survey (being located approx. 6 ½ mi E of Pampa on Hwy 60, to Hwy 152, then approx. ½ mi E to FM 2391, then S on FM 2391 ¾ mi, E side of FM 2391) **GRAY COUNTY**

***Danny Hardcastle made the motion to approve items a-f, seconded by David Hodges. Motion passed unanimously.***

## 12. STAFF UPDATES

- a) Corey Clay- End of season Presentation

The District’s Meteorologist, Corey Clay, presented three case studies explaining the seeding process and growth of storm cells. Clay told the Board that there were 26 total missions for the season. The District’s Pilot, Aaron Woosley, showed an air view video of the cloud seeding process. Clay will be going to Wyoming to work on a snow enhancement program soon.

**A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.**

## 13. DISCUSSION AND END OF SEASON REVIEW ON PRECIPITATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Assistant General Manager, Britney Britten, asked the Board if they wanted to continue with the precipitation enhancement program and discussed that the next permit renewal is in the fall of 2023, and the insurance renewal date is January 2022. Britten said if the Board intends to continue supporting the program that some investments are needed. The Program’s Chief Pilot, Aaron Woosley, then explained how the Aztek plane has been having limitations and problems. Board President, Jim Thompson, suggested that the staff should investigate updating the plane and bring in some options during the next scheduled Board Meeting. Another question Britten and Clay had for the Board was about public outreach regarding the program. Clay is very interested in traveling across the District to schools and civic meetings to debunk many myths about the Program. Director Bowers suggested that the District get GoPro cameras for the plane to show the public the cloud seeding process.

## 14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LIGHTENING MAPPING ARRAY PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP WITH CNS PANTEX

Pantex Meteorologist, Steve Kersh, approached the board to place a Lightning Mapping Array (LMA) on the District’s property. An LMA is a network of antennas, GPS receivers, and processing systems that detect total lightning. This included both lightning that occurs within the clouds and lightning that reaches the ground. Kersh proposed to pay the District \$500.00 for 5 years with zero liability. President Thompson asked to act on the partnership with Pantex and put the LMA on the District’s property.

***Bill Breeding made the motion to partner with Pantex and put an LMA on the District’s property, seconded by Charles Bowers. Motion passed unanimously.***

***President Thompson made the motion to take a 15-minute recess at 10:42 a.m.***

***Meeting resumed at 10:58 p.m.***

## 15. RULES COMMITTEE REPORT AND DISCUSSION ON DISTRICT RULES

Britten asked if the Board was ready to change the three-year rolling average to four and to go to hearing on the specific rule (3.3E) and to put the motion on the next agenda. The Board agreed to vote to go to hearing at the next meeting.

## 16. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

No action taken

## 17. MANAGER'S REPORT

Britten told the Directors about the meetings and education programs scheduled for the next month and said that the new agricultural conservation loan will close on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

## 18. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SET FUTURE MEETING DATES

Due to the Tax Abatement request the Board must wait 30 days until meeting again. The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 26, 2021. President Thompson presented General Manager, C.E. Williams with a retirement award for his 31 years of service.

*Thompson motioned to recess for lunch at 12:10 p.m.*

*Meeting Resumed at 1:02 p.m.*

*Thompson motioned to break out for Executive Session at 1:06 p.m.*

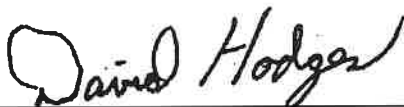
*Meeting Resumed at 2:40 p.m.*

## 19. EXECUTIVE SESSION ON LISTED AGENDA ITEMS

No action taken

*Bill Breeding made the motion to adjourn, seconded by David Hodges.*

*Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.*



David Hodges, Secretary



Jim Thompson, President