

**PANHANDLE GROUNDWATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

District Office – Windmill Room  
201 W. Third Street, White Deer, Texas

Thursday January 19, 2017

Those present were:

Danny Hardcastle	President
Phillip Smith	Vice-President
Charles Bowers	Director
Joy Shadid	Director
John R Spearman, Jr.	Director
Jim Thompson	Director
C. E. Williams	General Manager
Jennifer Puryear	Meteorologist
Julie Bennett	Admin. Asst.

Guests present: James Allen, CPA

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Call to Order

President Hardcastle called the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Public Comment

President Hardcastle opened the floor for public comments.

No comments were made at this time.

**ACTION ITEMS**

AGENDA ITEM 3 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES

- a. Board Meeting 12/15/16

*After discussion Joy Shadid made the motion to approve the minutes with the correction made to reflect that John R. Spearman, Jr. was not at the 12.15.16 meeting, seconded by Phillip Smith, motion passed unanimously.*

A copy is attached to these minutes

AGENDA ITEM 4 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXPENDITURES

a. December 2016

*After review Jim Thompson made the motion to approve the December 2016 financials, seconded by Charles Bowers, motion passed unanimously.*

A complete copy of the financial statement(s) are attached to these minutes

AGENDA ITEM 5 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AUDIT 2015/2016

James R. Allen, CPA presented the FY 2015/2016 Annual Audit to the Board of Directors

*After discussion and review Phillip Smith made the motion to accept the audit as presented, seconded by John R. Spearman, Jr., motion passed unanimously.*

A Complete copy of the 2015/2016 audit is attached to these minutes

AGENDA ITEM 6 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CALL ELECTION ON MAY 6, 2017 FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR PRECINCTS 1, 3, 5, 7 AND 9

*Charles Bowers made the motion to call for the general election in director precincts one, three, five, seven and nine, to be held on May 6, 2017, seconded by Jim Thompson, motion passed unanimously.*

General Manager C.E. Williams made the Board aware that the State is in the process of re-codifying the groundwater districts' enabling acts, and it was discovered that the districts are out of compliance. Mr. Williams stated that our act was not updated, when in 2012, the Board approved moving the election day from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in January to the uniform election day in May of odd number years. C.E. added in order to bring the Districts into compliance Senator Seliger has drafted a bill to update the enabling acts with the correct election information, and the required notice of the change will be published in the newspaper of every county in the District.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BID FOR PROPERTY IN DONLEY COUNTY

a. Lots 667-668, Red Feather Addn., Howardwick, TX. Min: \$1200 Bid:\$1200

*Charles Bowers made the motion to accept the bid of \$1200 for Lots 667-668, Red Feather Addn., Howardwick, TX., seconded by Jim Thompson, motion passed unanimously.*

AGENDA ITEM 8 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANY CHANGES TO MANAGEMENT PLAN

General Manager C.E. Williams began, reporting to the Board that the District's management plan will be out of date in May of this year, which he was aware of; however, TWDB is requiring the District to submit a pre-approval draft by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Williams continued stating that he is requesting authorization from the Board to make the staff recommended non-substantive changes, along with replacing the out of date model run with the new High Plains GAM completed in 2016. Mr. Williams also stated that since the Board is in the process of reviewing and possibly amending the conservation area process, that it be removed from the management plan at this time, and added back in when the Board has made a final decision. C.E. added that a red line strike through draft of the plan will be sent to all the board members for review before submitting to the TWDB.

*Charles Bowers made the motion to authorize the Staff to make the needed amendments to the management plan in order to meet the pre-approval draft submission deadline and post the required notice for the public hearing required to approve the final draft to be sent to the TWDB, seconded by Joy Shadid, motion passed unanimously.*

AGENDA ITEM 9 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CITY OF AMARILLO’S REQUEST TO WITHDRAW THE MARCH 18, 2014 AMENDMENT ON MULTIPLE WELL PERMIT CP-1117-A-MULT

General Manager C.E. Williams reminded the Board, that it was realized by the City of Amarillo in 2012, that three water wells drilled in 2009 were not in compliance with District Rule 4.3 (m), requiring a one-half mile set back from the property line for a well drilled in a multi well field. Mr. Williams stated that due to the fact the City had been unsuccessful in securing the needed water rights or easements to bring the wells into compliance they requested an amendment to their multiple well permit CP-1117-A-Mult giving an exception to the setback rule. C.E. added that the Board tabled the request in March of 2015 allowing more time for the City to negotiate with the neighboring landowners. Since that time the City has been able to secure the needed water rights to bring the wells into compliance and requesting to withdraw the amendment request.

*Phillip Smith made the motion to approve the City of Amarillo’s request to withdraw the amendment request to multiple well permit CP-1117-A-Mult, seconded by Jim Thompson, motion passed unanimously.*

AGENDA ITEM 10 - CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WORDING CHANGES ON WELL PERMIT FORMS

General Manger C.E. Williams began, stating that the District’s attorney Monique Norman, suggested some wording in the well drilling applications be amended. C.E. stated that currently section vi reads “I have read the foregoing statements and to the best of my knowledge and belief all data therein contained are true and correct and complies with District Rules. Ms. Norman advises that it be reworded to read “I have read the foregoing statements all data therein contained are true and correct and complies with District Rules.”

*After Discussion, Charles Bowers made the motion to amend the wording in the well drilling permits, section vi to read “I have read the foregoing statements and all data is true and correct”, seconded by Joy Shadid, motion passed unanimously.*

AGENDA ITEM 11 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION APPOINTING A SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

After discussion Joy Shadid, Charles Bowers and John R. Spearman, Jr. were appointed to the scholarship committee with Bill Breeding as alternate.

AGENDA ITEM 12 – CONSENT AGENDA – DRILLING PERMITS

The following items are a part of the Consent Agenda. All Well Permit requests in Agenda Items A – B have been thoroughly reviewed by staff, are administratively complete and the General Manager is recommending issuance.

RECLASSIFY WELLS –

No wells to reclassify at this meeting

A Drilling Permits for wells with 4” pump or smaller  
\*\* indicated well log has been received

- 1. PO-506-DW – Virginia Ecamilla – A 1” well to be drilled by Currie Drilling by 12/30/16 on 2.08 ac in the NE/4 of Sec. 219. Blk 2, A&BM Survey (being @ 2810 Snowball Trail 1 Chaparral Hills on S side of W Mobley St. in the SW corner of intersection of N Georgia St. & W Mobley St., approx. 1 mi N & 2 mi W of Amarillo City Limits ) Potter County, Texas

2. **PO-507-DW- Michael W. Trumbly** – A 1” well to be drilled by K-Ran by 12/25/16 on 5.01 ac in the SW/4 of Sec. 92, Blk. 9, BS&F Survey (being located @ 12600 Stray Horse Trail approx. 2 1/8 mi N of I-40 on S Dowell Rd & 1/3 mi E to well location, approx. 3 2/3 mi w of Amarillo City Limits) Potter County, Texas
3. **PO-508-DW – Chase Mask.** A 1” well to be drilled by 4M Drilling by 12/30/16 on 1 ac in the NE/4 of Sec. 218, Blk 2, AB&M Survey (being located @ 10600 Arlie Rd in Chaparral Hills Addn. approx. ¼ mi S of Givens Ave and ¼ mi W of N Georgia St., N or Amarillo City Limits) Potter County Texas  
**Easement on File**
4. **PO-509-DW – Raul Vega** - A 1” well to be drilled by 4M Drilling by 12/30/16 on 8.85 ac in the NE/4 of Sec. 18, Blk. 2, AB&M Survey (being located @ 17137 E US 66 in Town E Addn. at intersection of Raff Rd and US Hwy 66 E Business 40, approx. 1 mi E of Amarillo City Limits and Highland Park School) Potter County, Texas

*John R. Spearman, Jr. made the motion to approve consent agenda item 12, A 1-4, seconded by Joy Shadid, motion passed unanimously.*

#### **IRRIGATION WELLS**

5. **DO –474 - Donley County** – A 2” well to be drilled by Morrow Drlg by 12/25/16 on .758 ac in the SE/4 of Sec. 33, Blk. C6, GC&SF Survey (being located on Lot 22, OT Addition in Clarendon at Donley County Courthouse at 300 Sully St. on the SW corner intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> & Jefferson) Donley County, Texas.  
**Have approval letter from City of Clarendon**

*Phillip Smith made the motion to the approve consent agenda item 12, A #5, seconded by John R. Spearman, Jr., motion passed unanimously.*

#### **OTHER WELLS**

6. **DO-473 – Oth – Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept.** – A 4” well to be drilled by Talon/LPE by 9/1/16 on 525 ac in the NE/4 of Sec. 63, Blk. C6, GC&SF Survey (being located on the W side of Leila Lake on the W side of Co Rd 18, approx. 7 mi E of Clarendon on the S side of Hwy 287) Donley County, Texas

General Manager C.E. Williams began, stating that the Board fined the Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. for not securing an administratively complete water well permit application prior to drilling this well at the 12.15.16 meeting, but the well was not on that agenda to be approved . C.E. added that to date the fine has still not been paid.

Several Board members expressed their concern with the purpose of the well, which is to simulate flooding in order to provide cover a roosting sights for migratory birds; therefore, President Danny Hardcastle suggested to recess into executive session with the District’s attorney.

At 10:50 a.m. the Board recessed into Executive Session under Texas Open Meetings Act Chapter 551 Government Code 551.071 Attorney Privilege.

President Danny Hardcastle reconvened the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

*Charles Bowers made the motion to table Agenda Item 12, A #6 until the fine for drilling without securing an administratively complete water well permit application per, District Rule 4.3is paid and the District is furnished with a copy of the TPDES Permit the Texas Parks and Wildlife would have been required to secure from TCEQ before drilling, seconded by John R. Spearman, Jr., motion passed unanimously.*

**B. Drilling Permits for wells larger than 4”**

No wells 4” or larger to take action on at this meeting

AGENDA ITEM 13 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION SET FUTURE MEETING DATES.

The next meeting date is set for Thursday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am

AGENDA ITEM 14 – STAFF UPDATES

Meteorologist Jennifer Puryear presented the 2016 Precipitation Enhance Operations Final Report which also included the annual project evaluation completed by Dr. Arquimedes Ruiz-Columbiè, Texas Tech Professor and owner of Active Influence and Scientific Management. Dr. Ruiz’s report showed a very aggressive seeding season, which resulted in an overall increase of 9% in precipitation when comparing seeded to non-seeded clouds, and stated the overall cost of the program to the District was \$0.04 per acre. Jennifer also reviewed the seeding days and rainfall data per county.

The Board thanked Jennifer for her presentation.

A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes

AGENDA ITEM 15 – MANAGERS REPORT

No Action Taken – Managers Report Attached

President Danny Hardcastle addressed the Board stating that the GMDA Annual Conference hosted by the District went very well and that the Staff did a great job

AGENDA ITEM 18 - ADJOURN

Joy Shadid made the motion to adjourn, seconded by John R. Spearman, Jr., meeting adjourned at 12:04 pm

  
Chancy Cruse, Secretary

  
Danny Hardcastle, President