

**PANHANDLE GROUNDWATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
District Office – Windmill Room  
201 W. Third Street, White Deer, Texas

Thursday August 24, 2017

Those present were:

Danny Hardcastle	President
Phillip Smith	Vice-President
Charles Bowers	Director
Bill Breeding	Director
Joy Shadid	Director
John R Spearman, Jr.	Director
Jim Thompson	Director
C.E. Williams	General Manager
Bill Mullican	Professional Geoscientist
Peter Winegeart	Field Technician/Policy
Steve Shumate	Geoscientist
Britney Britten	PR/Education
Julie Bennett	Admin. Asst.

Guests present: Floyd Hartman, City of Amarillo; Chad Pernell, CRMWA

AGENDA ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

President Hardcastle called the meeting to order at 9:09am

AGENDA ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENT

President Hardcastle opened the floor for public comments.

No public comments were made at this time

AGENDA ITEM 9 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AMENDMENT TO CITY OF AMARILLO MULTIPLE WELL PERMIT CP-1117A-MULT

- a. Total Contiguous Acres from 40,669 to 49,210
- b. Maximum water production allowed from 24,900 to 25,240, an addition of 640 ac
- c. PLX-1 City of Amarillo 10” Municipal water well NW4 of NE4, Sec 8, Blk. 1, SK&K Survey (being located approx. 1/3 mi W of Hwy 136 approx. 12 ½ mi N of Amarillo) Potter Co. Texas
- d. PLX2 City of Amarillo 10” Municipal water well SW4 of SE4, Sec 8, Blk. 1, SK&K Survey (being located approx. 1/3 mi W of Hwy 136 approx. 12 mi N of Amarillo) Potter Co. Texas

Floyd Hartman, Director of Capital Product and Development Engineering for the City of Amarillo addressed the Board, stating that the City of Amarillo has procured almost 9000 acres of water rights from the LX Ranch in order to minimize the impact of the current demand on the aquifer within the Carson & Potter County well fields and to prepare for future development. Hartman added that the drilling of the new wells on the LX is to lessen the demand on the existing wells in the Potter County well field; therefore, the City of Amarillo is requesting to amend the total contiguous acres and maximum water production allowable to the City of Amarillo Multiple Well Permit CP-1117A-Mult and approval for (2) new wells to be drilled in the Potter County well field.

*After discussion John R. Spearman, Jr. made the motion to approve A, increasing the number of contiguous acres on permit number CP-1117A-Mult from 40,669 to 49,210 acres, seconded by Charles Bowers, motion passed unanimously.*

*Phillip Smith made the motion to approve B, increasing the maximum water production allowed per permit number CP-1117A-Mult from 24,900 to 25,240, seconded by John R. Spearman, Jr, motion passed unanimously.*

*Bill Breeding made the motion to approve C, City of Amarillo water well application PLX-1, seconded by Joy Shadid, motion passed unanimously.*

*Phillip Smith made the motion to approve D, City of Amarillo water well application PLX-2, seconded by Charles Bowers, motion passed unanimously.*

AGENDA ITEM 3 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES

- a. Board Meeting 7.19.17

*Bill Breeding made the motion approve the minutes as written, seconded by Joy Shadid, motion passed unanimously.*

AGENDA ITEM 4– CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXPENDITURES

- a. July 2017

*After review Joy Shadid made the motion to approve the July 2017 expenditures, seconded by Bill Breeding, motion passed unanimously*

AGENDA ITEM 5– CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SHERIFF’S SALE IN DONLEY COUNTY

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| a. Lot 8, Comanche, Howardwick, Texas       | Advertised Minimum: \$600  | Bid: \$600  |
| b. Lots 9 & 10, Comanche, Howardwick, Texas | Advertised Minimum: \$1200 | Bid: \$1200 |

*Bill Breeding made the motion to accept the bids A & B on the Donley County Sheriff’s sale, seconded by John R. Spearman, Jr., motion passed unanimously.*

AGENDA ITEM 6 - CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR NOMINATION FOR YEARS 2018-2019 TO THE GRAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Phillip Smith made the motion to nominate Jeff Haley to the Gray County Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2018 & 2019, seconded by Charles Bowers, motion passed unanimously.*

AGENDA ITEM 7 – REPORT FROM BUDGET COMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2017-2018 BUDGET

*After review and discussion Charles Bowers made the motion to approve the FY2017-2018 proposed annual budget in the amount of \$1,615,285.98, seconded by Bill Breeding, motion passed unanimously*

AGENDA ITEM 8 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2017-2018 TAX RATE

*After discussion Bill Breeding made the motion to adopt the 2017-2018 tax rate at .00905/\$100, seconded by Charles Bowers, motion passed unanimously.*

AGENDA ITEM 10 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON STUDY AND OR CONSERVATION AREAS

General Manager C.E. Williams presented a map to the Board focusing on Study Areas 13-2 and 13-4 in Carson County and 09-3-A10 in Donley County outlining the contiguous acres of landowners with irrigation, confirmed either by mail or verbally and used available meter data as a visual example of compliance of the one-acre foot rule. The map also highlighted areas of irrigation that were not identified by percent decline. Williams stated that the Staff feels a better approach to implementation of one-acre foot rule is strictly on contiguous acreage and production, which is a simpler, more straight forward and more defensible method, and not on percent decline. He reminded the Board that starting in 2004 anyone drilling a non-exempt well is required to obtain a production permit stating that only one-acre foot per contiguous acre owned can be produced, so nothing new is being proposed, just the methodology is changing.

Much discussion ensued concerning IPP's and production permits, base rate production, District rules placing value on property, the delegation of assessing fines on those not in compliance to the Staff, appealing fines to the Board, the abandoning of nineteen years of data, using the study area process to identify problem areas and educate, eliminating the conservation areas triggers that do not work, reviewed the existing depletion rules, enforcement on municipalities, and if it would be the landowner or operator responsible for over pumping.

Mr. Williams stated that the implementation would take place in 3 phases.

Phase 1 is to bring the existing Study Areas into compliance, by confirming the contiguous acreage, making sure all production is being metered, and all non-exempt wells are permitted for the one-acre foot allowable production.

Phase 2 is to bring all permitted wells outside the Study Areas into compliance.

Phase 3 is to permit all non-permitted wells outside the Study Areas and bring into compliance.

*Bill Breeding made the motion that the Staff review the District Rules for any rules that need to be amended in order to implement phase 1, seconded by Joy Shadid, Motion passed 6-1 with Charles Bowers voting against.*

*Joy Shadid made the motion to not delineate any new study or conservation areas or make any changes to the existing study or conservation areas, but will continue to monitor, seconded by Bill Breeding, motion passed unanimously.*

AGENDA ITEM 11 – 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 – NoneA Drilling Permits for wells with 4” pump or smaller  
DOMESTIC WELLS

1. DO-479-DW-R – RONNIE EDWARDS - A 1” well to be drilled by John Morrow by 7.19.17 on 2.23 ac located in the SW4 of Sec 3, Blk. unbrd, Franklin CSL Survey (being located @ 2671 Co Rd LL on all of Blk. 3 and E2 of Blk. 4 in Ashtola, on the N side of Hwy 287 and Co Rd LL and on the W side of Co Rd 3) Donley County, Texas
2. PO-532-DW – JOHN MAYS - A 1” Well to be drilled by K-Ran by no date on 5.2 acres in the NE/4 of Sec 4, Blk. 6, BS&F Survey (being located @ 4704 Paloma Dr. on the N side of road and approx. 1/3 mi W of N Western St in Tierra Grande Estates, 3 mi W and 2 2/3 mi N of Amarillo City Limits) Potter County, Texas
3. PO-533-DW – LARRY LATHAM – A 1” well to be drilled by Etter Water Well by no date on 10 acres in the SE/4 of Sec 92, Blk. 9, BS&F Survey (being located @ 1720 N Dowell Rd on Lot Block 0004, E 65.45 ft. of 2 and all of 2&3, Eagle Tree 2, in Eagle Tree Addn. approx. 2 ½ mi N of I-40 on S Dowell Rd, then E on N Dowell Rd on S side of road, just past Sherman Trail) Potter County, Texas
4. PO-534-DW – ANTONIO SANTOS – A 1” well to be drilled by k-Ran 7.31.17 on 5.62 acres in the SW/4 of Sec 160, Blk. 2, AB&M Survey (being located on E side of River Rd @ 5638 River Rd approx. 2/10 mi N of 335 N Loop E in Amarillo City Limits) Potter County Texas **In Amarillo City Limits**
5. PO-535-DW-R – JANA CARVER – A 1” well to be drilled by Currie Drilling by no date on 1.88 ac in the SW/4 of Sec 220, Blk. 2, AB&M Survey (being located @ 115 Ruidoso Trail in Rolling Hills Addn. approx. 1 ¼ mi N from N 335 Loop E on N Western St then E on Ruidoso Trail on S side of road) Potter County Texas **Replacement**
6. PO-537-DW-R – WENDY RAFFERTY – A 1” well to be drilled by 4M by no date on 10 acres in the NW/4 of Sec 49, Blk. 2, AB&M Survey (being located @ 7804 Bluebonnet Dr. in River Road Gardens Addn. in N Amarillo approx. 1/3 mi E of Hwy 287 and approx. 5/10 mi N of E Willow Creek Dr. on E side of Bluebonnet Dr.) Potter County Texas **Replacement**
7. PO-538-DW – DAVID KOOTNZ – A 1” well to be drilled by not sure by no date on 2 acres in the NW/4 of Sec 10, Blk. 9, BS&F Survey (being located @ 106 Palomino St. E on Gem Lake Rd from W Amarillo Blvd, then N on S Palomino St to 3<sup>rd</sup> house at 106 Palomino St) Potter County Texas **In Amarillo City Limits**
8. PO-539-DW – TREY WOSSUM - A 1” well to be drilled by K-Ran by 8.4.17 on 4.9 acres in the NE/4 of Sec 22, Blk. 9, TT RR Survey (being located @ 6721 Hester Rd on the N side of W Loop 335 N and the W side of Western St on Cliffside Rd to Hester Rd then S and on the W side of Hester Rd) Potter CO Texas

*John R. Spearman, Jr. made the motion to approve Agenda Item 11, A 1-8 with No. 1 being corrected to read Potter County instead of Donley County, seconded by Bill Breeding, motion passed unanimously.*

B. DRILLING PERMITS FOR WELLS LARGER THAN 4”

1. RO-231-R – MESA VISTA RANCH – An 8” well to be drilled by Hydro by no date on 2560 acres in the NW/4 of Sec 21, Blk. G, G&M Survey (being located approx. 4 ½ mi W of Hwy 70, and approx. 1 ½ mi NE of end of Reynolds Ranch Road) Roberts County Texas **Replacement**

*John R. Spearman, Jr. made the motion to approve Agenda Item 11, B No. 1, seconded by Jim Thompson, motion passed unanimously.*

AGENDA ITEM 12 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SET FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting date is set for Thursday September 28, 2017 at 9:00 am

AGENDA ITEM 13 – STAFF UPDATES

Annual Water Quality Results as required by Management Plan 6.1A

Copy of Presentation attached to these minutes

AGENDA ITEM 14 – MANAGERS REPORT

Manager’s Report Attached – No Action Taken

AGENDA ITEM 6 - ADJOURN

President Danny Hardcastle adjourned the meeting at 11:49 am

  
Phillip Smith, Vice-President

  
Danny Hardcastle, President