

PANHANDLE GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DISTRICT OFFICE - Windmill Room
201 W. Third Street, White Deer, Texas
August 26, 2019 - 9:00 a.m.

Those present were:

Phillip Smith	President
Bill Breeding	Secretary
F. G. Butch Collard	Director
John R. Spearman	Director
Danny Hardcastle	Director
Brett Britten	Director
Charles Bowers	Director
C.E. Williams	General Manager
Jennifer Puryear	Meteorologist
Britney Britten	PR/Education

Guests Present: Kent Satterwhite and Chad Pernell

1. CALL HEARING TO ORDER

The public hearing was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

3. EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED TAX RATE INCREASE FOR 2019-2020

General Manager CE Williams explained the District is proposing a 7.9 percent tax increase. Increasing taxes from \$.00905/\$100 valuation to \$.0096/\$100 valuation. He noted this increase is below the rollback tax increase rate and funds generated from the tax increase will be used for general operation.

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

There was no public comment regarding the tax increase.

5. ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

6. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES

a. Board Meeting 08/08/19

Bill Breeding made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by F.G. Butch Collard. Motion passed unanimously.

A copy on the 08/08/19 Minutes is attached to these Minutes.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON JULY 2019 EXPENDITURES

Williams noted nothing out of the ordinary for July Expenditures other than the Potter County Tax Assessor’s office has not sent all the tax revenue yet due to a computer error on their part.

F.G. Collard made a motion to approve the July 2019 Expenditures, seconded by Bill Breeding. Motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the July 2019 Expenditures is attached to these Minutes.

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

a. Parcel 8692	Bid: \$55.00	s. Parcel 8710	Bid: \$50.00
b. Parcel 8679	Bid: \$300.00	t. Parcel 7758	Bid: \$50.00
c. Parcel 8678	Bid: \$300.00	u. Parcel 7657	Bid: \$50.00
d. Parcel 9000	Bid: \$50.00	v. Parcel 7545	Bid: \$151.00
e. Parcel 8999	Bid: \$50.00	w. Parcel 8339	Bid: \$200.00
f. Parcel 7310	Bid: \$55.00	x. Parcel 9010	Bid: \$50.00
g. Parcel 8194	Bid: \$55.00	y. Parcel 9011	Bid: \$100.00
h. Parcel 8636	Bid: \$150.00	z. Parcel 8737	Bid: \$50.00
i. Parcel 7993	Bid: \$55.00	aa. Parcel 8734	Bid: \$61.00
j. Parcel 8618	Bid: \$117.77	bb. Parcel 9291	Bid: \$100.00
k. Parcel 8617	Bid: \$60.77	cc. Parcel 9444	Bid: \$100.00
l. Parcel 8581	Bid: \$50.00	dd. Parcel 9216	Bid: \$50.00
m. Parcel 8583	Bid: \$50.00	ee. Parcel 9664	Bid: \$50.00
n. Parcel 8549	Bid: \$51.50	ff. Parcel 9657	Bid: \$50.00
o. Parcel 8548	Bid: \$51.50	gg. Parcels 8590, 8591, 8592 and 8593	Bid: \$10.00
p. Parcel 8539	Bid: \$1,251.00		
q. Parcel 8423	Bid: \$200.00		
r. Parcel 7912	Bid: \$50.00		

Charles Bowers made a motion to approve the Tax Deeds and Property Cards as presented, seconded by Danny Hardcastle. Motion passed unanimously.

After voting, Director Hardcastle asked if the City of Clarendon is charged for the water they transport outside of the District, Williams said he believed they are charged a transportation fee, but he would review the matter.

10. 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

IRRIGATION WELLS – None

1. RO-236-R Mesa Vista Ranch – An 8” well to be drilled on 44,000 ac by Hydro by August 10, 2019 in the NW4 of Sec 21, Blk G, G&M Survey (being located approx. 4 mi W of Hwy 70 and approx. 1 ½ mi NE of end of Reynolds Ranch Rd) Roberts County **REPLACEMENT WELL**

John R. Spearman made a motion to approve consent agenda item 1, seconded by Bill Breeding. Motion passed unanimously.

11. STAFF UPDATES

Williams and Director Hardcastle updated the Board on GMA1 modeling contract negotiations with Intera, Inc. and the other members of GMA1. Williams presented payment options for the contract and quotes for the work to be done by either Intera or North Plains Groundwater Conservation District (NPGCD). NPGCD has agreed to work with Intera on the explanatory reports portion. The Board agreed NPGCD could compile the explanatory reports if Intera will review and make necessary changes to the reports. Hardcastle explained payment for the contracts has always been split equally between each of the Districts since each District gets one vote. The Board also agreed the payment options could be negotiated. Williams and Hardcastle recommended “Option C”, which is a weighted option where NPGCD and PGCD pay \$50,333.33 and Hemphill Underground Water Conservation District and High Plains Water District pay \$25,166.67. Williams said these payments will be spread out over the next three years.

12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SET FUTURE MEETING DATES


The second Public Hearing on Tax Increase is set for September 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office. A regular Board Meeting, including the vote on the tax increase, is set for September 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. also at the District Office.

13. MANAGER’S REPORT

A copy of the Manager’s Report is attached to these Minutes.

14. ADJOURN

F.G. Collard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Danny Hardcastle. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.



William W. Breeding, Secretary



Phillip Smith, President