

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

DISTRICT OFFICE - Windmill Room
201 W. Third Street, White Deer, Texas
July 31, 2025– 9:00 a.m.

Those Present Were:	Chancy Cruse	President
	Wes Stockett	Director
	Bill Breeding	Director
	David Hodges	Director
	Charles Bowers	Director
	John R. Spearman Jr.	Director
	Marcus Hardcastle	Director
	Monique Norman	District's General Counsel
	Britney Britten	General Manager
	Ashley Ausbrooks	Hydrogeologist/PM
	Jake Robinson	Meter Specialist/Field Tech
	Korri Packard	PR/Education Director
Rita Poor	Administrative Assistant	

Guests Present: Andrew Cook, City of Amarillo; John Madigan, Rainmaker; and William Englehart, Rainmaker.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Chancy Cruse called meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

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

None.

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES FROM JUNE 19, 2025

Director Breeding motioned to approve the minutes from the June 2025 Regular Meeting minutes from June 19, 2025. Director Hodges seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXPENDITURES FOR JUNE 2025

Director Bowers motioned to approve the June 2025 expenditures, seconded by Director Spearman. The motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RATIFY EXPENDITURE FOR CAPITAL OPERATING EXPENSE

No Action Taken.

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AMENDMENTS TO DISTRICT BYLAWS

General Manager Britney Britten proposed four changes to the District Bylaws. The first change is a statutory requirement due to updates to the Open Meetings Act. The second proposed change would allow the General Manager to adjust District office hours as needed while the third proposed change would remove unnecessary language around District audits. The final proposed change would increase the General Manager's spending authority from \$25,000 to \$50,000 as the budget allows. Board approval of any expenditures outside of the budget would remain in place.

Director Hardcastle motioned to approve the amendments to the District Bylaws, seconded by Director Breeding. The motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON QUARTERLY PRODUCTION REPORTS AND OUT OF DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION REPORTS FROM THE CITY OF AMARILLO, CONOCO PHILLIPS, CRMWA, THE CITY OF BORGER, THE CITY OF FRITCH, THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, THE CITY OF CLARENDON, BRICE-LESLEY, AND GREENBELT WATER AUTHORITY

Director Stockett motioned to approve all quarterly production reports and all out-of-District transportation reports, seconded by Director Bowers. The motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CARSON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

General Manager Britten presented the Board with the interlocal cooperation agreement with the Carson County Appraisal District for tax collection services. She noted that this is a legal requirement based on the tax code and the agreement is the same as last year.

Director Breeding motioned to approve the interlocal cooperation agreement with Carson County Appraisal District for collection of taxes, seconded by Director Spearman. The motion passed unanimously.

9. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF AVERAGED AND ANNUAL PERMITTED PRODUCTION FROM 2021-2024

Meter Specialist Jake Robinson presented the District's Annual Permitted Production from 2021-2024. Robinson informed the Board that out of the 637 operating permits for 2024, only 20 of those were over the 1 acre-foot per contiguous acreage rule. He also noted that 2025 production is lower than average based on meter readings so far this year.

10. 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; they are administratively complete, and the General Manager and Permitting Administrator recommend issuance.

RECLASSIFY WELLS – NONE

DRILLING PERMITS FOR WELLS PUMPING LESS THAN 25,000 GALLONS A DAY

- a. Jay McCormick – A 1” well to be drilled on 100 acres by Howell Drilling by 7.17.25, located in the NW4 of Section 32, Blk B-4, H&GN Survey (being located approx. 2 mi W of Conway on I-40 to CR L, S on CR L approx. ½ mi, S side of I-40, E side of CR L)
ARMSTRONG COUNTY

Director Bowers motioned to approve all drilling permits for wells pumping less than 25,000 gallons per day, seconded by Director Hardcastle. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- a. GN DC1, LLC – A 2” well to be drilled on 1699.02 acres by Howell Drilling by 7.17.25, located in the SE4 of Section 283, Blk B-4, H&GN Survey (being located approx. 5 ½ mi S of Claude on Hwy 207 to Lima Rd, E on Lima Rd approx. 3 ¾ mi, N side of Lima Rd)
ARMSTRONG COUNTY WELL #1
- b. GN DC1, LLC – A 2” well to be drilled on 1699.02 acres by Howell Drilling by 7.17.25, located in the NW4 of Section 283, Blk B-4, H&GN Survey (being located approx. 5 ½ mi S of Claude on Hwy 207 to Lima Rd, E on Lima Rd approx. 3 ½ mi, N side of Lima Rd)
ARMSTRONG COUNTY WELL #2
- c. GN DC1, LLC – A 2” well to be drilled on 1699.02 acres by Howell Drilling by 7.17.25, located in the NW4 of Section 284, Blk B-4, H&GN Survey (being located approx. 5 ½ mi S of Claude on Hwy 207 to Lima Rd, E on Lima Rd approx. 2 ½ mi, N side of Lima Rd)
ARMSTRONG COUNTY WELL #1
- d. GN DC1, LLC – A 2” well to be drilled on 1699.02 acres by Howell Drilling by 7.17.25, located in the NW4 of Section 284, Blk B-4, H&GN Survey (being located approx. 5 ½ mi S of Claude on Hwy 207 to Lima Rd, E on Lima Rd approx. 2 mi, N side of Lima Rd)
ARMSTRONG COUNTY WELL #2
- e. Joseph WM Foran – A 4” well to be drilled on 3673 acres by Brice Graham Drilling by 7.17.25, located in the SW4 of Section 135, Blk B-3, H&GN Survey (being located approx. 6 mi S of Groom on FM 294, approx. ¼ mi N of the intersection of FM 294 & Echo Rd, E side of FM 294) **ARMSTRONG COUNTY**
- f. Jay McCormick – A 6” well to be drilled on 910.2 acres by Hydro Resources by 6.18.25, located in the NW4 of Section 208, Blk B-4, H&GN Survey (being located SW of Claude at the intersection of Golf Rd & CR 13, S side of Golf Rd, E side of CR 13)

ARMSTRONG COUNTY EASEMENTS ON FILE

- g. Ken Burger – An 8” well to be drilled on 2560 acres by Lichtie Drilling by 6.19.25, located in the NW4 of Section 41, Blk B-3, H&GN Survey (being located E of Groom approx. 2 mi to CR 2, approx. 1 ¼ mi S of CR 2, E side of CR 2)

DONLEY COUNTY REPLACEMENT WELL

- h. Greenbelt MIWA – An 8” well to be drilled on 2691.62 acres by Lichtie Drilling by 7.17.25, located in the NE4 of Section 79, Blk HD, JD Jefferies Survey (being located E of Groom on I-40 to CR 9, S on CR 9 approx. 3 mi to unnamed road, S on unnamed road ¼ mi, W side of road) **DONLEY COUNTY**
- i. Merten Family Enterprises-Texas, LLC – An 8” well to be drilled on 620 acres by Hydro Resources by 7.2.25, located in the SE4 of Section 29, Blk 3, I&GN Survey (being located approx. 5 mi E of Pampa on Hwy 60 to CR 14, N of CR 14 approx ¼ mi to CR E, W on CR E approx. ½ mi, N side of CR E) **GRAY COUNTY REPLACEMENT WELL**
- j. Blake Glover – A 6” well to be drilled on 400 acres by First Priority Drilling by 7.15.25, located in the NW4 of Section 31, Blk A-5, H&GN Survey (being located W of Mobeetie on Hwy 152 to County Line Rd, S on County Line Rd approx. 1 ½ mi, E side of County Line Rd, S side of CR H) **WHEELER COUNTY**

Director Spearman motioned to approve all drilling permits for wells pumping more than 17.5 gallons per minute, seconded by Director Hardcastle. The motion passed unanimously.

11. 89th TEXAS LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION UPDATE AND LEGAL UPDATE REGARDING GROUNDWATER ISSUES

District Attorney Monique Norman provided the Board with an update on the 89th Texas Legislative changes and how the changes will affect the District.

12. DISCUSSION ON DISTRICT RULES

None.

13. UPDATE AND PRESENTATION FROM RAINMAKER ON 2025 PRECIPITATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Rainmaker Director of Operations William Englehart updated the Board on the 2025 Precipitation Enhancement Program season. Englehart informed the Board that out of an abundance of caution and to ensure clear communication with regulatory agencies and the public, Rainmaker suspended operations from July 4th until July 30th. He noted that Rainmaker faced a number of public allegations after the flooding which took place in Kerr County and the surrounding area on July 4th. Englehart gave an overview of operations which took place on July 2nd and clarified that this flooding event had no connection to their July 2nd operations. He added that the Texas Department of Licensing

and Regulation (TDLR) gave a statement that they have no objection to Rainmaker resuming operations and noted that as a result of the flooding event, Rainmaker has revised suspension policies and criteria and has created a more stringent formalized process for forecasting and suspension of operations. Englehart informed the Board that in addition to the procedural changes, Rainmaker will be updating communications and adding more designated full-time staff.

14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH RAINMAKER

This item has been tabled for a future meeting.

Director Spearman motioned to table agenda item 14-Consideration and Possible Action on Consulting Agreement with Rainmaker for a future meeting, seconded by Director Hardcastle. The motion passed unanimously.

15. STAFF UPDATES

None.

16. MANAGER'S REPORT

Britten presented her report to the Board of Directors in the Board Packets, which included past and upcoming meetings, District public education events, District well and website statistics, and a weather update.

17. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SET FUTURE MEETING DATES


The next Regular Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION ON LISTED AGENDA ITEMS

At 10:27 a.m., the Board recessed into Executive Session as authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code 551.071, Attorney Privilege. The Board reconvened into the regular session at 12:25 p.m.

19. ADJOURN

Director Breeding motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:29 p.m., seconded by Director Hardcastle. The motion passed unanimously.


Chancy Cruse, President
Lee Peterson, Secretary