

PANHANDLE GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR MEETING

DISTRICT OFFICE - Windmill Room

201 W. Third Street, White Deer, Texas

March 25, 2025— 9:00 a.m.

Those Present Were:	Chancy Cruse	President
	David Hodges	Director
	Bill Breeding	Director
	Wes Stockett	Director
	Charles Bowers	Director
	John R. Spearman Jr.	Director
	Marcus Hardcastle	Director
	Britney Britten	General Manager
	Ashley Ausbrooks	Hydrogeologist/PM
	Jake Robinson	Meter Specialist
	Rita Poor	Administrative Assistant

Guests Present: None.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Chancy Cruse called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

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

None.

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 26, 2025

Director Breeding motioned to approve the minutes from the February 2025 Regular Meeting minutes from February 26, 2025. Director Hodges seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXPENDITURES FOR FEBRUARY 2025

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

5. REPORT AND DISCUSSION ON CONTRACT WITH RAINMAKER FOR PRECIPITATION ENHANCEMENT SERVICES FOR THE 2025 SEASON

General Manager Britney Britten informed the Board that the District Attorney reviewed the contract, and some changes were made to the contract the Board reviewed at the past meeting. Britten noted that the main change was regarding the payment schedule which is now based on more accurate estimates of the District's program expenditures, a salary increase for the District Meteorologist, and the cost associated with Rainmaker pilot provisions and travel costs. Britten stated that efforts to secure District pilots for the Precipitation Enhancement Program were unsuccessful, so Rainmaker will provide pilots to run the program until the District is able to hire local pilots. The contract costs will still fall within the 2024-2025 budget.

No action taken.

6. 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 – NONE

DRILLING PERMITS FOR WELLS PUMPING MORE THAN 25,000 GALLONS A DAY OR MORE THAN 17.5 GPM – NONE

1. ACB Holdings/Austin Bamert – An 8” well to be drilled on 3072 acres by Lichtie Drilling by 3.12.25, located in the SE4 of Section 34, Blk 2, TTRR Survey (being located NE of Panhandle on Hwy 207 to FM 2385, E on FM 2385 approx. 1 ½ mi, N side of FM 2385)
CARSON COUNTY
2. Paul Fields – An 8” well to be drilled on 1704.43 acres by Lichtie Drilling by 3.18.25, located in the SW4 of Section 96, Blk B-3, H&GN Survey (being located NW of Groom, approx. 1 mi N of I-40 on FM 294 to CR 3, then approx. 1 ½ mi E on CR 3, on N side of CR 3)
CARSON COUNTY
3. Paul Fields – A 6” well to be drilled on 1704.43 acres by Lichtie Drilling by 3.18.25, located in the SE4 of Section 155, Blk B-3, I&GN Survey (being located N of Groom on FM 295 approx. 2 ¼ mi, W side of FM 295)
CARSON COUNTY REPLACEMENT WELL

4. Mark Urbanczyk – A 6” well to be drilled on 3840 acres by Lichtie Drilling by 3.12.25, located in the NE4 of Section 5, Blk M-4, JH Gibson Survey (being located E of Pantex on Hwy 60 to CR G, N on CR G approx. 1 mi, E side of CR G) **CARSON COUNTY**

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

7. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON AVERAGE ANNUAL PRODUCTION FROM 2021-2024

Britten provided the Board with a list of potential operating permits which may be considered for enforcement. She stated that the operating permits on the list will go before the Rules Committee at their next meeting. Britten added that nearly all reports have been sent to operators within the District at this time. The final results will be presented to the Board at a later meeting.

8. DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT RULES

None.

9. STAFF UPDATES

None.

10. MANAGER’S REPORT

- a) Legislative Update

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.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SET FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next Regular Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION ON LISTED AGENDA ITEMS

At 9:23 a.m., the Board recessed into Executive Session as authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code 551.07, Consultation with Attorney. The Board reconvened into regular session at 10:21 a.m.

No action was taken by the Board during closed session.

13. ADJOURN

Director Hardcastle motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m., seconded by Director Spearman. The motion passed unanimously.



Chancy Cruse

Lee Peterson