

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

DISTRICT OFFICE - Windmill Room  
201 W. Third Street, White Deer, Texas  
January 12, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Those Present Were:

Jim Thompson	President
Chancy Cruse	Vice President
David Hodges	Secretary
Charles Bowers	Director
William Breeding	Director
Devin Sinclair	Director
John R. Spearman, Jr.	Director
Britney Britten	General Manager
Ashley Ausbrooks	Hydrogeologist/Program Manager
Jake Robinson	Meter Compliance Officer
Aspen Edgar	PR/Education Director

- Guests Present: Shawn Beach, City of Amarillo; Drew Satterwhite, CRMWA; Chad Parnell, CRMWA; Jamie Rocha, Producer; Ryan Berry, Producer; Brett Friemel, Producer; Madison Bagwell, Producer

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Jim Thompson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

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

No public comment.

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 13, 2022

*Director William Breeding made the motion to accept both the regular meeting and tax abatement minutes from December 13, 2022, seconded by Secretary David Hodges. Motion passed unanimously.*

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DECEMBER 2022 EXPENDITURES

*Director John R Spearman Jr. motioned to approve the December 2022 expenditures, seconded by Director Devin Sinclair.*

5. 2022 ANNUAL WEATHER MODIFICATION EVALUATION REPORT

- *Presented by Dr. Arquímedes Ruiz-Columbié*

Dr. Arquímedes Ruiz-Columbié stated the District had 25 operational days (three in May, two in June, eight in July, eight in August, and four in September). 19 operational days being excellent performances, three with very good performances and another three with good performances. Ruiz-Columbié stated he was extremely impressed with the District Meteorologist, Corey Clay. There were 47 seeded opportunities with a precipitation mass increase of 94%. The average increase in precipitation for the whole target area, referring to the rain gauge seasonal value, was 15%. He stated the radar estimations of precipitation should be considered as measurements of trend and the seeding operations clearly improved the dynamics of the seeded clouds.

***Director Charles Bowers motioned to approve the 2022 annual water modification evaluation report, seconded by Vice President Chancy Cruse. Motion passed unanimously.***

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2021-2022 FINANCIAL AUDIT

Arturo Ortega with Allen & Ortega Certified Accountants presented the financial audit to the Board and explained tax receipts are 86% of the District's total revenue. Ortega said the District had a very good year, and does not see anything of concern at this time.

***Director William Breeding motioned to approve the 2021-2022 financial audit, seconded by Secretary David Hodges. Motion passed unanimously.***

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CALL THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ELECTION ON MAY 6, 2023, FOR PRECINCTS 2, 4, 6, AND 8

***Director William Breeding motioned to call the Board of Director's Election on May 6, 2023, seconded by Director John R. Spearman Jr. Motion passed unanimously.***

8. 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

General Manager, Britney Britten, stated the District is missing the quarterly production reports from Brice Lesley and Phillips 66. They were contacted and reminded, but they were unable to get their reports to us on time. She also said there is a miscalculation on the City of Amarillo's production report that will be revised.

***Director Charles Bowers motioned to accept the quarterly report with the City of Amarillo revisions, seconded by Secretary David Hodges. Motion passed unanimously.***

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO PURCHASE AN ADDITIONAL DISTRICT VEHICLE

Britten explained the District budgets for one vehicle per year, but an opportunity has come up to purchase two at a respectable rate.

*Director William Breeding motioned to approve the purchase of an additional District vehicle, seconded by Vice President Chancy Cruse. Motion passed unanimously.*

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

**RECLASSIFY WELLS –**

Dudley Pohnert requests to reclassify well #527203 located in the SE4 of Section 109, Block M-2, BS&F Survey in Gray County, from an 8” well to a 6” well.

*Director William Breeding motioned to approve the reclassification of Dudley Pohnert’s well, seconded by Vice President Chancy Cruse. Motion passed unanimously.*

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

1. Jimmy Osborn – A 4” well to be drilled on 155 acres by Trident Drilling by 12.19.22 located in the SE4 of Section 92, Blk 7, I&GN Survey (being located approx. 7 mi S of White Deer on FM 294, at the intersection of FM 293 & FM 294, the W side of FM 294 & the N side of FM 293)  
**CARSON COUNTY**
2. Williams Family Land, LLC – A 6” well to be drilled on 1278 acres by Hydro Resources by 12.16.22 located in the NW4 of Section 79, Blk 7, I&GN (being located approx. 5 mi E of Panhandle on CR 12, on the S side of CR 12) **CARSON COUNTY REPLACEMENT**
3. Dudley Pohnert – An 8” well to be drilled on 1120 acres by Hydro Resources by 12.13.22 located in the NW4 of Section 109, Blk M-2, BS&F Survey (being located approx. ¾ mi N of the intersection of CR B & CR 13, N side of CR B, E side of CR 23) **GRAY COUNTY**
4. Scott Barefoot – A 4” well to be drilled on 554 acres by First Priority by 2.1.23 located in the SW4 of Section 34, Blk 13, H&GN Survey (being located SW of Shamrock at the intersection of CR 23 & CR SC, E side of CR 23, N side of CR SC) **WHEELER COUNTY**

*Director John R. Spearman Jr. motioned to approve items 1-4, seconded by Director William Breeding. Motion passed unanimously.*

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTING A SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

President Jim Thompson appointed himself along with Director Lee Peterson and Secretary David Hodges to the scholarship committee. Director Charles Bowers was appointed as an alternate.

## 12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE 2021-2022 PGCD ANNUAL REPORT

***Director Devin Sinclair motioned to approve the 2021-2022 PGCD Annual Report, seconded by Vice President, Chancy Cruse. Motion passed unanimously.***

## 13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE DISTRICT'S RAIN GAUGE PROGRAM

- *Presented by District Hydrogeologist, Ashley Ausbrooks*

District Hydrogeologist and Programs Manager, Ashely Ausbrooks, presented the Board with options to update and standardize the rain gauge program. Director Charles Bowers asked if our current rain gauges have ever been updated during the duration of the program. Ausbrooks explained that most of them have been updated but are currently producing very inaccurate readings. General Manager, Britney Britten, asked Ausbrooks if the staff inspects them when being read. Ausbrooks said they are all inspected every time they are read. Ausbrooks presented several different solutions to the Board and the Directors ultimately decided to table the discussion until the next board meeting.

## 14. REPORT FROM THE RULES COMMITTEE AND DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT RULES

Director Devin Sinclair reported on the rules committee meeting from January 9, 2023. He stated the committee proposes to continue with our current Rule 3.3 (e). He said they discussed evaluating the 4-year rolling average in 2024 and fine operators with 4 years of data that are over their 1-acre foot allowable. After 2024, Sinclair proposed we continue evaluating annual production in a two-step process. First, staff will query production for all operating permits. Each permit that breaks the 1-acre foot allowable on their 4-year rolling average will be pulled for further investigation. Staff will look at the current year's production and if that year is over the 1-acre foot allowable, the operator will continue down the fine schedule. If the current year's production is less than 1-acre foot, the operator will be found to be in compliance. The committee proposed that permits without 4-years of data will be given the full 4 years to acquire data. General Manager, Britney Britten, composed spreadsheet examples for the Board to review. The committee plans to meet again in the future to keep discussing potential options, but there are no plans to schedule a rules hearing at this time.

## 15. STAFF UPDATES

Britten announced the hire of our new Field Technician, Shawn Craig.

## 16. MANAGER'S REPORT

Britten stated the report shows all upcoming meetings and all educational programs scheduled through March. She said the Board can see the well registrations, permit applications, website stats and climate update. She said our database needs a couple things configured into the program, but overall we are very pleased and glad to have it up and running.

## 17. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SET FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next Regular Meeting date is set for Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

## 18. EXECUTIVE SESSION ON LISTED AGENDA ITEMS

None.

19. ADJOURN

*Director Devin Sinclair motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 12:15 p.m., seconded by Director William Breeding. Motion passed unanimously.*

  
Chancy Cruse

  
David Hodges