

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

DISTRICT OFFICE - Windmill Room
201 W. Third Street, White Deer, Texas
December 13, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

Those Present Were:

Jim Thompson	President
Chancy Cruse	Vice President
David Hodges	Secretary
Charles Bowers	Director
Danny Hardcastle	Director
Lee Peterson	Director
William Breeding	Director
John R. Spearman, Jr.	Director
Britney Britten	General Manager
Aspen Edgar	PR/Education Director
Katie Hodges	Office Manager
Jake Robinson	Meter Compliance Officer
Ashley Ausbrooks	Hydrogeologist
Rita Poor	Administrative Assistant

- Guests Present: Kevin Carter, Amarillo EDC; Hollie Shankle, Amarillo EDC

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Thompson called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

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

No public comment.

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 27, 2022

Vice President, Chancy Cruse motioned to approve the minutes from October 27, 2022, seconded by Director Lee Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXPENDITURES

- (1) October 2022
- (2) November 2022

President Thompson asked if our CD interest rates are locked in. General Manager Britney Britten stated that most of the interest rates are locked and under 1%. Britten also stated that the District is now getting property taxes in steadily.

Director John R. Spearman, Jr. motioned to approve the October expenditures, seconded by Director Charles Bowers. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Danny Hardcastle motioned to approve the November expenditures, seconded by Director William Breeding. Motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TRUST PROPERTIES IN CARSON COUNTY
a) Lots 9-12 Block 5 OT- 506 Main St Skellytown, TX 79080 BID: \$130.00

Director Lee Peterson motioned to approve the trust property bid of \$130 in Skellytown, seconded by Director David Hodges. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTING AN ELECTION CLERK FOR FUTURE ELECTION DUTIES

Britten made the recommendation to appoint Katie Hodges as the Election Clerk for the District. Hodges has successfully completed the administrative duties and filings for the last two elections, and has since completed proper training that makes her the most qualified person for this job. She also stated that four Board Members are up for election next year. Those being: Jim Thompson, Charles Bowers, Danny Hardcastle and David Hodges. Candidate filing will begin on January 18th, 2023, through February 17th, 2023.

Director Charles Bowers motioned to appoint Katie Hodges as the Election Clerk for the District, seconded by Director William Breeding. Motion passed unanimously.

7. 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

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

1. Howard Lane Family Trust/Williams Family Land, LLC – An 8” well to be drilled on 800 acres by Hydro Resources by 11.21.22 in the NE4 of Sec 22, Blk 2, TT RR Survey (being located approx. 2 mi E of Panhandle on FM 293 at the intersection of FM 293 & CR Q) **CARSON COUNTY**
2. LDR Farms/Lewis Davis – A 5” well to be drilled on 320 acres by Hydro Resources by 12.31.22 in the SE4 of Sec 200, Blk 3, I&GN Survey (being located approx. 1 mi W of the Gray County line at the intersection of Hwy 152 & CR DD, S side of Hwy 152 & W side of CR DD) **WELL #1 CARSON COUNTY**

3. LDR Farms/Lewis Davis – A 5” well to be drilled on 320 acres by Hydro Resources by 12.31.22 in the SE4 of Sec 200, Blk 3, I&GN Survey (being located approx. 1 mi W of the Gray County line at the intersection of Hwy 152 & CR DD, S side of Hwy 152 & W side of CR DD) **WELL #2 CARSON COUNTY**
4. Rio Real Estate/Barrett Pierce – An 8” well to be drilled on 1877 acres by Lichtie Drilling by 11.14.22 in the NW4 of Sec 161, Blk B-3, H&GN Survey (being located approx. 5 mi W of Groom on I-40 to CR X, N side of I-40, W side of CR X) **CARSON COUNTY**
5. Troy Ritter/Wade Ritter – An 8” well to be drilled on 960 acres by Lichtie Drilling by 11.30.22 in the SE4 of Sec 61, Blk 7, I&GN Survey (being located approx. 1 mi W of White Deer on Hwy 60 to CR X, then approx. 3 mi S on CR X, W side of CR X) **WELL #1 REPLACEMENT CARSON COUNTY**
6. Troy Ritter/Wade Ritter – A 6” well to be drilled on 960 acres by Lichtie Drilling by 11.30.22 in the SE4 of Sec 61, Blk 7, I&GN Survey (being located approx. 1 mi W of White Deer on Hwy 60 to CR X, then approx. 3 mi S on CR X, W side of CR X) **WELL #2 CARSON COUNTY**
7. Williams Family Land, LLC – An 8” well to be drilled on 520 acres by Hydro Resources by 11.30.22 in the SE4 of Sec 52, Blk 7, I&GN Survey (being located approx. 3 mi W of White Deer at the intersection of CR V and CR 14) **CARSON COUNTY**
8. Williams Family Land, LLC – An 8” well to be drilled 800 acres by Hydro Resources by 11.30.22 in the SW4 of Sec 23, Blk 2, TT RR Survey (being located 1 ¼ mi E of Panhandle on FM 293, on the N side of FM 293) **CARSON COUNTY**
9. Colt Brittan, LTD/Lee Peterson – A 4” well to be drilled on 2025 acres by Peterson Drilling by 10.31.22 in the SW4 of Sec 60, Blk C-6, GC&SF Survey (being located approx. ¼ mi S and approx. ½ mi E of the intersection of Hwy 287 and FM 1260) **DONLEY COUNTY**
10. LK Farms/Lewis Davis – An 8” well to be drilled on 393 acres by Hydro Resources by 12.31.22 in the NW4 of Sec 43, Blk 3, I&GN Survey (being located approx. 3 mi E of Pampa on Hwy 60 to CR 12, then approx. ¾ mi N on CR 12, E side of CR 12) **GRAY COUNTY**
11. Need it More/Justin Crownover – A 6” well to be drilled on 320 acres by Hydro Resources by 11.30.22 in the NW4 of Sec 119, Blk 3, I&GN Survey (being located approx. 5 mi N of Hwy 60 on Price Rd to CR A, E side of Price Rd, S side of CR A) **WELL #1 GRAY COUNTY**
12. Need it More/Justin Crownover – A 6” well to be drilled on 320 acres by Hydro Resources by 11.30.22 in the NW4 of Sec 119, Blk 3, I&GN Survey (being located approx. 5 mi N of Hwy 60 on Price Rd to CR A, E side of Price Rd, S side of CR A) **WELL #2 GRAY COUNTY**
13. Barry Smith – A 4” well to be drilled on 778 acres by Magic Circle by 10.31.22 in the NW4 of Sec 30, Blk R, A Rowe Survey (being located at the intersection of Hwy 273 & CR Y, E side of Hwy 273, S side of CR Y) **GRAY COUNTY**
14. Barry Smith – A 4” well to be drilled on 1280 acres by Magic Circle by 12.31.22 in the SE4 of Sec 15, Blk 30, H&GN Survey (being located approx. 4 mi N of McLean on Hwy 273, W side of Hwy 273) **GRAY COUNTY**

15. City of Amarillo – A 4” well to be drilled on approx. 36,000 acres by Talon LPE by 12.31.22 in the SE4 of Sec 157, Blk 2, AB&M Survey (being located in the SE corner of Martin Road Park at the intersection of the Martin Rd and NE 15th Ave in the city limits of Amarillo) **POTTER COUNTY**

Britten said everything meets spacing and is properly permitted.

Director Danny Hardcastle motioned to approve items 1-8, and items 10-15, seconded by Vice President, Chancy Cruse. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Chancy Cruse motioned to approve item number 9, seconded by Director Charles Bowers. Motion passed with a vote of 7 for and an abstention from Director Lee Peterson due to personal interests.

8. STAFF UPDATE

Britten stated the District is looking to hire a new Field Technician.

9. MANAGER’S REPORT

Britten reiterated information about the upcoming election and made the Board aware of some upcoming keys dates. Spearman asked if we have any update on the boundary issue with High Plains Water District. Britten explained that all information was sent to their General Manager in hopes that it would be posted on their agenda. The issue was not posted on their recent agenda, and Britten will reach out again before their next board meeting. Hardcastle asked where we are at on measuring and reading meters. District Hydrogeologist Ashley Ausbrooks said that 30% of the wells have been measured, and District Meter Compliance Officer Jake Robinson said that a third of the meters have been read. Hardcastle asked if the new database is working well. Britten stated it’s been very good and a Halff (database) representative came to visit the office for training and to address most things that were concerning. Britten stated the District pays a \$5,500 yearly fee for Halff to keep up with maintenance. She did mention there were a few things the Database was not currently doing that the staff considers necessary needs, some of which was documented during initial conversations, and some were not. She said she is working with Halff to see if there will be any added costs for these items. Cruse asked what the District does if a landowner is in a hurry to see their meter report. Britten said any constituent can call and request a Field Technician to come out and read their meter if they are wanting the report quickly, however, if every landowner requested that, then we wouldn’t be able to get it out as quickly. She said there are about 660 operating permits and around 1,200 meters. Once meters are read, the data is analyzed in the office, and each report is looked at individually. Cruse asked if operators sending in their own meter readings would speed up the process, and she agreed it would. Britten stated March is the District’s target date to get all reports sent out.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SET FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next Regular Meeting is set for Thursday, January 12th at 9:00 a.m.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION ON ANY LISTED AGENDA ITEM

None

12. ADJOURN

Director John R. Spearman, Jr. motioned to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Director Danny Hardcastle. Motion passed unanimously.


Jim Thompson


David Hodges