

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

DISTRICT OFFICE - Windmill Room
201 W. Third Street, White Deer, Texas
September 15, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

Those Present Were:

Chancy Cruse	Vice President
William Breeding	Director
Lee Peterson	Director
Devin Sinclair	Director
John R. Spearman	Director
Britney Britten	General Manager
Aspen Edgar	PR/Education Director
Ashley Ausbrooks	Hydrogeologist
Corey Clay	Meteorologist
Jake Robinson	Meter Specialist

- Guests Present: Jay O'Brien, Rancher; Kent Satterwhite, CRMWA; Chad Parnell, CRMWA

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice President, Chancy Cruse, called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rancher, Jay O'Brien, voiced his concerns and requested that the District discontinue the Precipitation Enhancement Program.

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES FROM AUGUST 18, 2022

William Breeding made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from August 18, 2022, seconded by Lee Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.

William Breeding made a motion to approve the Tax Abatement Meeting minutes from August 18, 2022, seconded by Lee Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AUGUST 2022 EXPENDITURES

General Manager, Britney Britten, said the District continues to be under budget for the fiscal year.

Lee Peterson motioned to approve the August 2022 expenditures, seconded by Devin Sinclair. Motion passed unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2022-2023

Britten stated there is no change on this due to the motion to accept the proposed tax rate during the July 2022 Board Meeting. Britten reminded the Board that they set the proposed tax rate in August, and she said the District completed its posting requirements per the tax code and received no public comment. She said we have this agenda item in case anyone from the public wants to voice their opinion before the Board votes.

No action taken and no public comment.

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED 2022-2023 TAX RATE

John R. Spearman motioned to adopt the 2022-2023 no-new-revenue tax rate of \$0.009361 per \$100 of taxable valuation, seconded by William Breeding. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SEALED BID FOR DONLEY COUNTY

1. Benjamin Taylor- E 66 of Lot 13-14, Block 3, Original Town Hedley

William Breeding motioned to accept the bid for Donley County, seconded by Devin Sinclair. Motion passed unanimously.

8. 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 –

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

1. James McAnear – A 5” well to be drilled on 2388 acres by Klassen Drilling by 9.1.22 in the NE4 of Sec 68, Blk B-3, H&GN Survey (being located approx. ½ mi N of the intersection of Juliet Rd & CR 30, on the W side of CR 30) **ARMSTRONG CO WELL #1**
2. James McAnear – A 5” well to be drilled on 2388 acres by Klassen Drilling by 9.1.22 in the NE4 of Sec 68, Blk B-3, H&GN Survey (being located approx. ½ mi N of the intersection of Juliet Rd & CR 30, on the W side of CR 30) **ARMSTRONG CO WELL #2**
3. Walker McAnear – A 4” well to be drilled on 955 acres by Klassen Drilling by 8.29.22 in the SE4 of Sec 70, Blk B-3, H&GN Survey (being located at the intersection of CR 30 & US Hwy 287) **ARMSTRONG COUNTY**
4. Walker McAnear – A 4” well to be drilled on 2388 acres by Klassen Drilling by 9.7.22 in the NW4 of Sec 68, Blk B-3, H&GN Survey (being located approx. 1 ½ mi W of the Donley Co line on the N side of Juliet Rd.) **ARMSTRONG COUNTY**
5. Tejas Feeders – A 6” well to be drilled on 2165 acres by Etter Water Well by 9.9.22 in the NW4 of Sec 144, Blk M-2, BS&F Survey (being located E of Pampa at the intersection of Hwy 152 & CR 21) **GRAY COUNTY**

Lee Peterson motioned to approve drilling permit requests 1 through 5, seconded by John R. Spearman. Motion passed unanimously.

9. STAFF UPDATES

No updates

10. DISCUSSION AND END OF SEASON REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT'S PRECIPITATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

District Meteorologist, Corey Clay presented an overview of the Precipitation Enhancement Program for the year. Clay stated we were below average on rainfall and above average for high temperatures. He said there have been a total of 24 seed days and explained the events of two operations. Vice President, Chancy Cruse asked Clay if flares are dropped on top of cloud cells during operation. Clay explained that our District does not top seed. We enhance the cell from the base of the cell as this has the greatest success rate. Director, Lee Peterson asked if operations are still active during times of heavy rain. Clay said we do not and are always very conscience of rainfall amounts throughout the District. He said we never enhance if there are any flood warnings or advisories.

11. MANAGER'S REPORT

Britten said the Texas Comptroller, Glenn Hegar, will stop at Tradewind Airport as part of his Good for Texas Tour on Tuesday, September 20 at 11:00 a.m. and encouraged Board Members to attend. She said that the recent GMA 1 meeting went well, and each District updated each other about any upcoming rule changes or management plan updates. The representatives voted to extend Chairman Bob Zimmer's term for an additional year while the GMA finishes this round of DFCs. Director Lee Peterson asked about our 3-year rolling average for producers; Britten stated we voted to change this to a 4-year rolling average and suggested we set a rules committee meeting to discuss if there are any changes that need to be made.

12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SET FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next Board Meeting is set for Thursday, October 27th at 9:00 a.m.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION ON ANY LISTED AGENDA ITEM

Lee Peterson motioned to adjourn at 9:51 a.m., seconded by John R. Spearman. Motion passed unanimously.



Jim Thompson



David Hodges