

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

DISTRICT OFFICE - Windmill Room
201 W. Third Street, White Deer, Texas
December 14, 2023– 9:00 a.m.

Those Present Were:

Chancy Cruse	President
Devin Sinclair	Vice President
Lee Peterson	Secretary
Charles Bowers	Director
William Breeding	Director
Wes Stockett	Director
Marcus Hardcastle	Director
Britney Britten	General Manager
Ashley Ausbrooks	Hydrogeologist/PM
Jake Robinson	Meter Specialist
Rita Poor	Administrative Assistant

- Guests Present: Drew Satterwhite, CRMWA; Chad Parnell, CRMWA; Floyd Hartman, City of Amarillo; Benjamin Orr, City of Amarillo

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Cruse called the regular meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

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

No public comment.

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 16, 2023

Director Breeding motioned to approve the November 2023 Regular Meeting minutes, seconded by Director Peterson. The motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXPENDITURES FOR NOVEMBER 2023

Director Peterson motioned to approve the November 2023 expenditures, seconded by Director Sinclair. The motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2022-2023 DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT

-Presented by General Manager Britney Britten

General Manager Britten stated that the District completed all management plan goals.

Director Sinclair motioned to approve the 2022-2023 PGCD Annual Report, seconded by Director Breeding. The motion passed unanimously.

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, 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 OR 17.5 GPM – NONE

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

1. ACB Holdings/Austin Bamert – An 8” well to be drilled on 2432 ac by Litchie Drilling by 11.28.23 in the SW4 of Section 87, Blk 2, TT RR Survey (being located approx. 2 mi W of Panhandle on Hwy 60 to CR L, N on CR L approx. 5 ½ mi, E side of CR L) **CARSON COUNTY**
2. BLB Holdings/Brett Bamert – An 8” well to be drilled on 923 ac by Litchie Drilling by 11.28.23 in the SW4 of Section 85, Blk 2, TT RR Survey (being located approx. 2 mi W of Panhandle on Hwy 60 to CR L, N on CR L approx. 3 ½ mi, E side of CR L) **CARSON COUNTY**
3. Layne McCasland – A 4” well to be drilled on 420 ac by Faulks Drilling by 12.1.23 in the SW4 of Section 25, Blk A-4, H&GN Survey (being located N of Wheeler on Hwy 83 to CR 15, N on CR 15 approx. ¾ mi, E side of CR 15) **WHEELER COUNTY**

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

7. REPORT FROM RULES COMMITTEE AND DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT RULES

The Rules Committee met on December 5th to make Board-recommended revisions to District Rule 3.3. The Committee stated that the changes clarify the fining process for violations of the rule. General Manager Britten mentioned that approximately 85-90% of District Operating Permits have four years of data which will be evaluated for compliance by early 2024. The remaining operating permits do not have four years of data because they are newer ones approved after 2020. When those permits obtain four years of data, they will be evaluated in the same manner as the ones previously mentioned. The Rules Committee has met many times over the last two years to discuss this rule, and how it would be implemented by staff. The proposed rule aims to treat operators the same while also achieving the District's 50/50 Desired Future Condition.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DRAFT RULE 3.3 REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF RULES FOR HEARING

Director Sinclair motioned to take the changes to Rule 3.3 to hearing on January 11, 2024, seconded by Director Bowers. The motion passed unanimously.

9. STAFF UPDATES

General Manager Britten announced that the District hired a new District Public Relations and Education Director who will start in January.

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager 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 statistics, and a weather update. She stated that all staff attended the Amarillo Farm & Ranch Show from November 28-30, 2023, and she reminded the Board that she will accompany Director Peterson to the Groundwater Management Area 1 (GMA 1) meeting on January 10th, 2024, at PRPC in Amarillo.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SET FUTURE MEETING DATES

The Rules Hearing and next Regular Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11th, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION ON LISTED AGENDA ITEMS

None.

13. ADJOURN

Director Peterson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 a.m., seconded by Director Stockett. The motion passed unanimously.



Chancy Cruse



Lee Peterson