

PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

March 18, 2019

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District (the "District" or "Prairielands GCD") met in a regular board meeting at 205 S. Caddo Street, Cleburne, Texas.

At 9:06 a.m., President Charles Beseda called the regular meeting to order, established a quorum, and declared the meeting open to the public. Roll was called, and the following board members were present: Charles Beseda, Dennis Erinakes, Maurice Osborn, Randy Kirk, Marty McPherson, Paul Tischler, and Kent Smith. Director Tod Sandlin had provided notice before the meeting that he was not able to attend. Also present were Jim Conkwright, Kathy Turner Jones, Rosetta Douthitt, Stephanie Rexrode, Michael Heath, and Sinclaire Newby from the staff of Prairielands; Brian Sledge, the District's legal counsel of SledgeLaw Group, PLLC; James Beach, the District's hydrologist from WSP USA, and members of the public.

Under Item #2 Public Comment, there were none made.

Pertaining Item #3 Administrative and Financials, President Beseda inquired if any director would entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Director Kirk seconded the motion and it carried.

Moving to Item #4 Administrative, operational, and regulatory issues of the District, Mr. Conkwright highlighted areas in his Manager's Report where significant time had been spent.

- He introduced Sinclaire Newby as the District's new Public Relations and Education Administrator and summarized major accomplishments of each member of the staff since the last board meeting in February.
- He talked about attending the 75th Convention of the Texas Water Conservation Association (TWCA), and was caught by surprise when it was announced that the convention was dedicated to him and to Mr. Con Mims of the Nueces River Authority and was appreciative of the award he received.
- He introduced Ms. Kathy Turner Jones as the District's new General Manager, stated that he was glad to bring her talents to the District, and called attention to the press release that had been sent to the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) welcoming her as the District's New General Manager.
- He reminded the Board that the next board meeting is Tuesday, April 16, 2019.
- The GMA-8 meeting would occur sometime in April or early May.
- He asked Mr. Sledge to provide an update on the District's Management Plan. Mr. Sledge apprised the Board that it had received pre-approval, but the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) requested that the subject of subsidence be addressed more thoroughly. While the Management Plan has received pre-approval, the plan awaits TWDB final approval, expected later in 2019. Mr. Beach added that there is a medium risk of subsidence.
- Mr. Conkwright spoke about the development of a new spacing tool that WSP is building. Mr. Beach stated that the new spacing tool would be available to staff to answer applicants quickly regarding spacing, transmissivity, and storativity. It would guide staff of alternatives in other aquifers, higher or lower. Mr. Conkwright added that it would provide good information regarding spacing between wells, and between property lines.

The subsequent Item #5 was to Discuss progress of District office facilities. Mr. Conkwright apprised the Board he had spoken with Alan Magee and should have the construction contract early this week. The construction documents involve the blue prints which are being finalized.

At 9:23 President Beseda announced, "the Board will recess into a Closed Executive Session under Government Code Section 551.071, for consultation concerning attorney-client matters. No action will be taken in closed session, and the Board will reconvene in open session at the conclusion of the closed session." The Executive Session concluded at 11:04 a.m.

At 11:14 a.m. the regular meeting reconvened in open session.


Proceeding to Item #7 Open forum / discussion of new business, Mr. Conkwright asked that the wording "contract" of the February minutes, page 2, paragraph 4, be changed to "employment agreement". Director Tischler moved to change the wording from "contract" to "employment agreement". Director McPherson seconded the motion and it carried.

At 11:16, Director McPherson moved to adjourn, Director Kirk seconded, and the motion carried.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the BOARD of DIRECTORS this 16th day of April 2019.



Charles Beseda, President



Maurice Osborn, Secretary/Treasurer