

PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

March 16, 2020

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 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, TX.

CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARE REGULAR MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

President Charles Beseda presided and called to order the regular Board of Directors Meeting at 9:12 a.m., announcing the meeting open to the public.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called of the members of the Board of Directors, to wit:

Charles Beseda	Maurice Osborn
Dennis Erinakes	John Curtis
Randy Kirk	Kent Smith
Marty McPherson	Paul Tischler

All members of the Board were present, with the exception of Director(s) Erinakes and Tischler, thus constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors. Also, in attendance at said meeting were Kathy Turner Jones, General Manager; District staff; and members of the public. *Copies of the public sign-in sheets and comments cards received are attached hereto as Exhibit "A".*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Director Smith to approve the consent agenda. Director Kirk seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by all those who were present.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIALS

- a) Update on current administrative and financial activities of the District. Ms. Jones gave an update on the two certificate deposits at Grandview Bank, the first of which matured on March 6, 2020 and was moved to the District's money market account. The other certificate of deposit Ms. Jones reported does not mature until August 2020. Ms. Jones

also stated that the current construction cost of the new District office facility is at \$2.3M including a retainage of \$116,000. Ms. Jones added that she met with Director Osborn to finalize budget items that include more realistic numbers as the building draws closer to completion. She said the goal is to have a healthy balance of minimizing changes to the budget while still maintaining reserve funds.

UPDATE ON PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES, EDUCATIONAL AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Ms. Newby discussed some of the recent public relations and education efforts since the previous meeting. She said the winter issue of the Prairielands eLine Newsletter was released on February 20, and she had been working on finalizing the draft of the 2019 annual report that was included in the board packet for discussion at this meeting. She gave an update on two presentations she gave to the Cleburne Kiwanis club on February 18 and the Alvarado Lions Club on February 25. She also discussed the event at Dinosaur Valley State Park that she had taken the Water Education Trailer to, which had 102 participants. She also showed an example of the water conservation kits that she will be distributing at presentations for civic organizations and clubs. The kits include a moisture meter, rain gauge, leak detection tabs, flow rate test bag, and an outdoor spray nozzle. She discussed some of the public outreach events she had scheduled for the upcoming weeks. Lastly, she gave a brief summary of the District's social media platform performance for February 2020, with the Facebook posts reaching 5,283 people and Twitter posts being seen 3,734 times.

- a) Discuss, consider and take action on approval of the draft 2019 annual report. Ms. Newby said based on feedback from county commissioners, county judges, and members of the public, she and Ms. Jones worked on improvement of balancing the descriptions of management objectives and their performance standards with information, graphics, and visualization of data in the most efficient way. She added that she and Ms. Jones also worked with Brian Sledge on verifying information about the management objectives related to injection wells and oil and gas compliance. Ms. Newby said this draft had also been reviewed by Jennifer Smith of SledgeLaw, PLLC to verify performance standards met the management objectives and for formatting, clarity, and grammar. Ms. Newby pointed out three pages on the draft where numbers were noted with an asterisk, and said these numbers were not complete for 2019 due to a small amount of semi-annual reporting numbers that the District was still expected to receive from permittees. She said that when these numbers were in by April 1, 2020 then the numbers would be updated. Director Osborn made a motion to approve the draft 2019 annual report. Director McPherson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 8 – UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES RELATED TO JOINT PLANNING AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS

- a) Update and possible action on evaluation of production and procedures from various aquifers as related to DFC Planning. Mr. Beach discussed the Run 11 update of the NTWGAM DFC. He said Upper Trinity GCD and Southern Trinity GCD had submitted changes, with the latter reporting less pumping in the Hosston. Mr. Beach also talked

about how the District's DFC committee decided to take the GAM structure and weight it by transmissivity distribution by shifting vertical distribution from the Hensell and Pearsall to the Hosston. He said WSP will input this data into runs and models. He then discussed the Run 11 results and the differences between Run 10 and Run 11. He said there is some drawdown in the Hensell from shifting in Hood and Parker Counties in Upper Trinity GCD. He also said the Pearsall was added since the DFC called for its inclusion. Mr. Beach said overall, pumping is the same but has been shifted. He then discussed the Run 11 DFC for 2080. He said the Pearsall is not always considered, but the GAM does consider it. He said if you look at all of the counties, Johnson County had an increase in Hensell and drawdown in Hosston. Mr. Beach discussed that at the last GMA 8 meeting there was discussion of looking at supply needs and management strategies and how money and infrastructure is needed to meet those needs. He said all of this data comes from the 2012 state water plan which is from 2010 planning and looking at a pie chart of each county's use of groundwater, surface water, and reuse and groundwater volume. He said looking at the same graphic for 2050, use appeared to level off in Hill County and Ellis County is not planning for much use of groundwater. He said at the next GMA 8 meeting, the three factors to be discussed would be socioeconomic impacts, DFC feasibility, and any other important items of consideration. He reiterated that the importance of the GMA 8 process is to work together and send data to state water plan. He said the GMA sets the number that regional water planning groups can consider, which sets the stage for those RWPGs when they are building reservoirs and pipelines.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND UPDATE

- a) Status report and possible action regarding construction of office facility. Ms. Jones said the flags and flag poles are up at the building. She said the ceiling grid and light fixtures were about to be installed and that the roof would begin installation within the next week or so depending on how soon the crimping equipment could arrive. She said electrical work in the garage continues and millwork and ceramic tile would begin to be installed by the end of the month. She said contractors estimate the building is at 80% complete.

Ms. Jones reported that District auditors were in the office the previous week. She said they were rigorous in their assessments and she is hoping to have an audit report for the budget committee before the next board meeting.

For her legislative update Ms. Jones reminded those in attendance of the Senate Water & Rural Affairs Committee and the Senate Natural Resources & Economic Development Committee joint meeting on Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 9:00 AM to hear invited and public testimony on joint interim committee charges. She said the District will provide additional updates as more information becomes available on the specific interim charges that may be the subject of this hearing.

Ms. Jones discussed the 2019 Year to Date Water Usage data chart included in the board packet and updates on well registration information. There were 5 new wells drilled in the last 30 days. She also said field staff had been busy conducting HUP field verifications and working on monitor well maintenance and locations for additional monitoring wells.

Ms. Jones also provided an update on the violations discussed in the previous month's meeting. She said Carroll Water Supply had paid their first payment, Crest Water Supply still had time to replace their meter, and that Rural Bardwell did have a meter after all and District staff worked with them to resolve the issue and HILCO has taken over operation of the system.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT – THE DISTRICT'S LEGAL COUNSEL WILL BRIEF THE BOARD ON PERTINENT LEGAL ISSUES AND DEVELOPMENTS IMPACTING THE DISTRICT – Brian Sledge

None.

OPEN FORUM / DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

None.

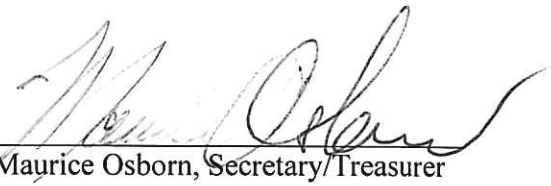
ADJOURN

There being no further business, upon a motion made by Director McPherson and seconded by Director Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF MARCH 2020.



Charles Beseda, President



Maurice Osborn, Secretary/Treasurer