



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PERMITS AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

of the

PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To be held

IN PERSON AND REMOTELY VIA AUDIO/VIDEO CONFERENCE

Prairielands GCD – Board Room

208 Kimberly Drive

Cleburne, TX 76031

Monday, October 19, 2020, AT 9:00 A.M.

Notice is hereby given to all interested members of the public that the Board of Directors of the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District will hold a regular public meeting both in person and via audio and video conference call pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.125, and as modified by the Governor of Texas who ordered suspension of various provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, effective March 16, 2020, in accordance with the Texas Disaster Act of 1975. Any member of the public who wishes to participate remotely may do so through the remote access options provided below.

Click the following link to join by computer, tablet, or smartphone:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86379627819?pwd=TllyQjZFVEFmdXlqMklzemtjUzB3dz09>

Meeting ID: 863 7962 7819

Passcode: 867467

or

To join by phone only, dial the following 1-346-248-7799

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Permit Hearing

The Prairielands GCD Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the following permit and permit applications:

1. Call to Order and Declare Permit Hearing Open to the Public
2. Roll Call
3. Receive permit hearing report from General Manager, receive any public comment(s) or requests to contest, and consider granting, denying, or amending applications for the following

Applications for Operating Permits and/or Exceptions to Well Spacing Requirements:

- 1) (continued from September 21, 2020, hearing) Aqua Texas Inc, for a proposed well (#2186) to be drilled in Johnson County at 4205 Oak Drive West, Alvarado, Texas 76009; not to exceed 4,500,000 gal. for 2020 annually thereafter; Municipal Use. (Driller of record: To Be Determined).

4. Adjourn or continue permit hearing in whole or in part.

Regular Board Meeting

The Prairielands GCD Board of Directors may discuss, consider, and take all necessary action, including possible expenditure of funds, regarding each of the agenda items below:

1. Call to Order and Declare Regular Meeting Open to the Public
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment (verbal comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
4. Consent Agenda. All items are considered routine and self-explanatory and may be considered and approved by one motion of the Board. There will be no separate discussion of the items unless a Board Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence.
 - a) Minutes of the August 17, 2020 Permit Hearing Minutes
 - b) Minutes of the September 21, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 - c) Minutes of the September 21, 2020 Permit Hearing Minutes
 - d) Unaudited financial report for the months of September 2020
 - e) September 2020 monthly invoices and payment of bills
5. Consider and act on Resolution #20-005 In Memory of and Honoring Dennis Erinakes, District Director from Johnson County
6. Administrative and Financials – Kathy Turner Jones
 - a) Update on current administrative and financial activities of the District
 - b) Review 3rd Quarter Investment Report 2020
7. Budget and Finance Committee Report – Maurice Osborn, Chair
 - a) Discuss, consider, and take action as necessary to approve Resolution #20-006 reviewing and approving Investment Policy and Investment Strategies as required annually by the

Public Funds Investment Act of Texas

- b) Consider and act on Resolution #20-007 adopting water use fee rate schedule for 2021
8. Rules and Bylaws Committee Report – Randel Kirk, Chair
 - a) Discussion and possible action to authorize publication of proposed amendments to the District Rules for public hearing and comment.
9. Update on public outreach activities, educational, and conservation efforts – Sinclaire Newby, Public Relations/Educational Administrator
10. Groundwater Management Area 8 – update on activities related to joint planning and the development of desired future conditions – Director Charles Beseda
11. Update and discussion of Brackish Groundwater Production Zones designated by the Texas Water Development Board – Brian Sledge
12. Replacement Well / Permit Amendment Application: Discuss, consider, and take action on the application of James A. Dyche / Crest Water Company for a replacement well to be located at 108 East Oakdale, Keene, Texas 76059. Lat: 32.4021339; Long: -97.3252560. The well is proposed to have a maximum instantaneous pumping capacity of 35 gallons per minute. Type of use: Public water system / municipal use to supply water to the Oak Leaf Trail subdivision in the City of Keene. Proposed well depth: 750 feet. The new well is proposed as a replacement well for an existing Public Water Supply well presently located in the Oak Leaf Trail subdivision for which a Historic Use Permit application has been submitted to the District, but which is experiencing operational troubles. If the application is granted, the existing well will be plugged, and the pending Historic Use Permit application will be amended to substitute in the new proposed well in place of the existing well, and any groundwater production authorization that may be approved by the District for the existing well will be transferred from the existing well to the proposed new well.
13. General Manager’s Report and Update – The General Manager will brief the Board on the following administrative, operational, and regulatory matters of the District and any other items included in the General Manager’s written report, which may be discussed, considered, and acted upon by the Board, including authorizing the initiation of, managing, or resolving enforcement action or litigation where applicable – Kathy Turner Jones
 - a) Historic Use Permit Applications
14. General Counsel’s Report – The District’s legal counsel will brief the Board on pertinent legal issues and developments impacting the District since the last Board meeting, and legal counsel’s activities on behalf of the District, including without limitation waste injection well monitoring activities including any protests of injection well applications with the Railroad Commission of Texas or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, District rules enforcement activities, rules and management plan implementation issues, groundwater-related legislative activities, joint planning and DFC development activities, developments in

groundwater case law and submission of legal briefs, contractual issues related to the District, open government, policy, personnel, and financial issues of the District, and other legal activities on behalf of the District – Brian L. Sledge

15. Open Forum / Discussion of New Business for Future Meeting Agendas
16. Adjourn Regular Meeting
17. Open House / Grand Opening of New District Office / Memorial Celebration

The District is celebrating the opening of its new District Office with a ribbon-cutting ceremony immediately after the conclusion of the Board meeting. The public is welcome to attend this social event. A memorial presentation will also be made in honor of the late Dennis Erinakes, District Director from Johnson County, who recently passed away after over a decade of exemplary public service on the District's Board of Directors. A quorum of the Board of Directors may be present at this social event, but no District business will be discussed or transacted by the Board, nor will it take any action.

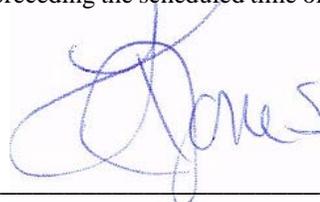
The above agenda schedule represents an estimate of the order for the indicated items and is subject to change at any time. Public hearings and public meetings of the District are available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance to attend a hearing or meeting, please call (817)556-2299 at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing or meeting to coordinate any special physical access arrangements.

At any time during a hearing or meeting of the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District Board and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the Board may meet in a closed executive session on any of the above agenda items or other lawful items for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (§551.071); deliberation regarding real property (§551.072); deliberation regarding prospective gifts (§551.073); personnel matters (§551.074); and deliberation regarding security devices (§551.076). Any subject discussed in executive session may be subject to action during an open hearing or meeting.

Persons may make comments for or against an application for any type of permit, permit amendment, replacement well, or exception request without the need to request a contested case hearing on the application. However, persons wanting to protest an application involving a permit or permit amendment by requesting a contested case hearing must do so either in writing or by appearing at the public hearing in person or by videoconference or telephone on the date specified in this notice before the time that the Board takes final action on the application, as set forth more specifically in the District Rules.

Certification

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that on October 15, 2020, at or before 5:00 PM, I posted and filed the above notice of meeting(s) and hearing(s) with the Texas Secretary of State, the Johnson County Clerk, and also posted a copy in the front window of the Prairielands GCD office in a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public all times and that it will remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.



Kathy Turner Jones, General Manager
Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District