

# PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

DECEMBER 21, 2020

## MINUTES OF OPERATING PERMIT HEARING

The Board of Directors of the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District (“District”) met in special session, open to the public, at 208 Kimberly Dr, Cleburne, TX, within the boundaries of the District on December 21, 2020.

President Charles Beseda presided and called to order the Operating Permit Hearing at 9:08 a.m.

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

Charles Beseda  
John Curtis  
Randy Kirk  
Paul Tischler

Maurice Osborn  
Kent Smith  
Marty McPherson

All members of the Board were present, with the exception of Director Kirk, thus constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors. Also, in attendance at said meeting were Kathy Turner Jones, General Manager; Brian Sledge, General Counsel; District staff; and members of the public. *Copies of the public sign-in sheets and video conference attendee list are attached hereto as Exhibit “A” to the December 21, 2020 Regular Board Meeting minutes.*

**RECEIVE PERMIT HEARING REPORT FROM GENERAL MANAGER, ANY PUBLIC COMMENT(S), REQUESTS TO CONTEST AND CONSIDER GRANTING, DENYING, OR AMENDING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING OPERATING PERMITS AND/OR EXCEPTIONS:**

- 1) Monarch Utilities (Triple H Estates), for a proposed Operating Permit for an existing well not to exceed 1 MG for 2020, and 5 MG annually thereafter; 1822 Hudson Court, Alvarado, Texas; Johnson County; Municipal Use. Ms. Jones stated the applicant provides water from one well to Triple H Estates, a subdivision in Johnson County that serves a population of 60 with 20 connections. They are requesting the Operating Permit to avoid over-pumping on their existing Historic Use Permit. She reported District staff had reviewed the application information and it would be her recommendation to approve the requested permit. Director Tischler made a motion to approve the Operating Permit application for Monarch Utilities. Director Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2) Woodrow Osceola WSC, for a proposed Operating Permit for existing wells not to exceed 5 MG for 2020, and 15 MG annually thereafter; 1147 FM 934, Blum, Texas; Hill County; Municipal Use. Ms. Jones reported the applicant has three water systems servicing under one CCN consisting of seven wells that are interconnected and are controlled by pressure valves. The applicant provides water to a population of 4,000 with 1,343 connections. Ms. Jones added although the CCN does overlap with White Bluff and City of Covington CCNs, the applicant did confirm they do not provide water in the overlapping areas. She reported District staff had reviewed the application information and it would be her recommendation to approve the requested permit. Director Tischler made a motion to approve the Operating Permit application for Woodrow Osceola WSC. Director Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  
- 3) Joe Sonntag, for a proposed Operating Permit for an existing well not to exceed 864,000 gallons for 2020, and 9.5 MG annually thereafter; 1258 County Road 300, Rainbow, Texas; Somervell County; Commercial Use for sand and gravel mining. Ms. Jones stated the applicant entered into a lease agreement in September 2020 with 190 contiguous acres and one existing exempt well. The applicant did register the well in December 2020 as non-exempt and is requesting authorization to begin producing water from the existing well for commercial sand and gravel mining. Ms. Jones reported the requested amount of 864,000 in 2020 is to allow the system to become operational, and the applicant has requested 9,500,000 gallons per year beginning in 2021. The project is estimated to only be a three-to-five year operation to complete the mining. She stated District staff had reviewed the application information and it would be her recommendation to approve the requested permit. Director Tischler made a motion to approve the Operating Permit application for Joe Sonntag. Director Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  
- 4) Owen Oil Tools (a division of Core Laboratories) for a proposed Operating Permit for existing wells not to exceed 400,000 gallons annually; 12001 County Road 1000, Godley, Texas; Johnson County; Industrial Manufacturing/Public Water. Ms. Jones discussed that the applicant currently holds a Historic Use Permit with an interim authorization of 1.9 million gallons annually, and the applicant is requesting additional authorization for potable water for employee use across several buildings and for manufacturing. She stated the applicant is requesting to avoid over-pumping of existing Historic Use Permit. Director Curtis asked about a statement in the review regarding current situations making it not economically feasible to repair a leak in the system. Amanda Swope, Environmental Coordinator for Owen Oil Tools, spoke on behalf of the applicant and stated that the area where the leak is anticipated to be has been shut off from production and is isolated at this time and that a repair could be made in 2021. After some discussion, Ms. Jones stated based on the technical review and the acreage under ownership provided, it would be her recommendation to approve the requested permit. Director Tischler made a motion to approve the Operating Permit application for Owen Oil Tools. Director Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed, with four voting for and one against.

There being no further discussion, Director Smith made a motion to adjourn the Operating Permit Hearing. Director McPherson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The Operating Permit Hearing was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2020.**



Maurice Osborn, Board Secretary