

PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FEBRUARY 8, 2021

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS

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 February 8, 2021.

President Charles Beseda presided and called to order the Public Hearing on Proposed Desired Future Conditions at 9:03 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; James Beach, Consulting Hydrogeologist; 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 February 8, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes.*

RECEIVE SUMMARY PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS FROM THE DISTRICT’S CONSULTING HYDROGEOLOGIST.

Before the summary presentation began, Mr. Sledge announced that notice of this public hearing on proposed desired future conditions was provided as required by Section 36.063(b) and 36.101(d) of the Texas Water Code and copies of the proposed desired future conditions had been made available in the District office. He also stated that although the Board would consider public comments at this meeting, the period to submit public comment would end on February 14, 2021.

Director Kirk joined the Public Hearing at 9:10 a.m.

Mr. Beach began his summary of the presentation with descriptions of each GCD’s allocation of pumping amounts, and he spoke specifically on Prairielands GCD’s allocation of pumping for the

Hensell, Hosston and Pearsall formations and how the total amount of pumping did not change, only the vertical distribution of pumping amounts was reallocated. He then went on to discuss the DFC differences between Run 10 and Run 11 with charts indicating negative values which reflect higher water levels and positive values indicating greater drawdowns. He focused on Ellis, Johnson, Hill and Somervell counties and described the change in drawdown or higher water levels indicated for each county across the Woodbine, Paluxy, Glen Rose, Twin Mountains, Travis Peak, Hensell and Hosston formations. He then moved on to describe the specific DFC values for each county based on the calculation results from run 11, which is taken as the average drawdown from the start of the model run (2010) until the end of the model run (2080) and then values are averaged over each county and GCD. He went through another series of charts which depicted the proposed DFC value for each of the counties across GMA 8, with specific discussion on the values for Ellis, Hill, Johnson, and Somervell Counties.

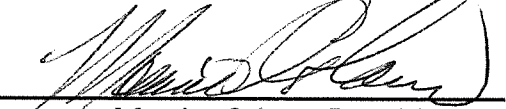
Mr. Beach then discussed each of the nine factors which had been previously presented in groups of three over the course of three separate GMA 8 meetings in November 2019, February 2020, and May 2020. These factors included environmental impacts, subsidence impacts, hydrological conditions, aquifer uses or conditions, supply needs and management strategies, private property rights, socioeconomic impacts, DFC feasibility, and any other relevant information. Mr. Beach briefly discussed the background and relevant data respective to each factor as it related to the development process of the proposed DFCs. He concluded his presentation with a summary of the proposed DFC amounts for each GCD and aquifer within GMA 8.

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS FROM ANY IN-PERSON MEETING ATTENDEES, ANY VIRTUAL ATTENDEES VIA AUDIO/VIDEO CONFERENCE, OR BY WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT.

None.

There being no further discussion, Director Smith made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Director McPherson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH 2021.


Maurice Osborn, Board Secretary