

PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

February 8, 2021

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, open to the public, but held via a publicly accessible webinar/telephone conference call, at 208 Kimberly Dr, 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 10:34 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
John Curtis	Kent Smith
Randy Kirk	Marty McPherson
Paul Tischler	

All members of the Board were in attendance, with the exception of Director Tischler, 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 sheet(s) received and video conference attendee list 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 – Kathy Turner Jones

a) Update on current administrative and financial activities of the District. Ms. Jones stated she has been continuing to work with a bookkeeping service to assist in updates and procedures related to QuickBooks, and that an update to create a budget comparison with

the 2021 budget was in the works for the upcoming week. She did confirm the closure of the District's building fund checking account and stated the remaining funds had been moved to the District's money market account.

UPDATE ON PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES, EDUCATIONAL AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS – Sinclair Newby

Ms. Newby provided a brief update on recent public relations and education efforts, including a recent after house business event held at the District office on January 19 and the Water Education Trailer being hosted by Keene Elementary on January 25. She reported she was continuing to work on the draft of the 2020 annual report. She concluded her report with a brief summary of upcoming education and public relations events and the District's social media reach for the month of January 2021.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 8 ACTIVITIES

Ms. Jones reported the GMA 8 had not met since October, and that November 16 marked the beginning of the timeframe in which GCDs were required to hold individual public hearings on the proposed DFCs to receive public comment. She added that the period in which the public can submit comments on the proposed DFCs will end on February 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. She continued to discuss how each GCD must submit their reports by June 1 and by July the GMA will begin to look at each report and consider finalizing the adoption of the DFCs.

There being no further discussion, President Beseda announced, "At this time, 10:41 a.m., the Board will recess into a Closed Executive Session to consult with legal counsel on items on today's agenda under Government Code Section(s) 551.071 for consultation concerning attorney-client matters. No action will be taken in closed session. At the conclusion of the closed session, the Board will reconvene in open session with the public."

At 10:44 a.m. President Beseda announced the meeting was reconvening into an open session and was open to the public.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARD'S RULES AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE REGARDING AMENDING THE DISTRICT RULES TO ALLOW SEMI-ANNUAL GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION REPORTS FOR CERTAIN SMALL, NONEXEMPT WELL OWNERS; CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A BOARD RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SAME PENDING ADOPTION OF FORMAL AMENDMENTS TO THE DISTRICT RULES.

Mr. Sledge reported the Rules and Bylaws Committee recommended to allow permittees to report semi-annually and based on the small number of permittees who fall under these requirements, it would have limited impact on groundwater management within the District. He stated the committee recommended Resolution #21-001 to amend the District Rules to allow small, non-PWS wells which are not permitted to produce more than 10 million gallons or less to report semi-annually. He added that if the owner fails to report, they will lose the ability to report semi-annually and will need to reapply for status. Mr. Sledge stated this action could be implemented by resolution today and any other identified additions to the District Rules could be included in one formal Public Hearing later in the year. Director Kirk made a motion to approve Resolution

#21-001 to authorize semiannual reporting for certain small wells and to provide notice of intent to amend the District Rules. Director Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. *A copy of said Resolution #21-001 is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".*

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND UPDATE – Kathy Turner Jones

Ms. Jones updated the Board on the recent House Natural Resources Committee assignments that had been announced the week prior. She also discussed the year-to-date water usage chart for 2021. She also talked about some potential enforcement items and that staff will be sending out notice of violations.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT – Brian L. Sledge

Mr. Sledge reported he had been working on the technical reviews for Historic Use Permit applications, assisting in the development of Resolution #21-001, and been involved in committee meetings with District staff and directors. He did provide the Board an update on Speaker Phelan's recent appointments to committees of the House. He added that there were not many legislative advancements to report at that time, although the initial 30 days of the legislative session would be coming to a close that week and there would likely be committee hearings beginning shortly thereafter.

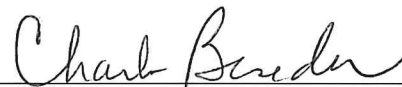
OPEN FORUM / DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

- a) Committee Assignments. President Beseda stated the District's committee assignments had not been updated since 2018, and he had visited with Ms. Jones and she would be distributing updated committee lists for each director to rank their committee preferences and that assignments would be announced at the March board meeting.

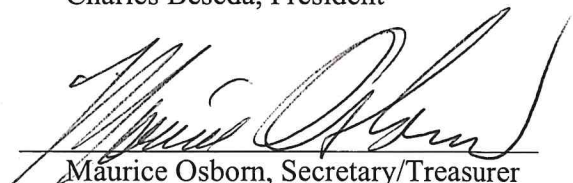
ADJOURN

There being no further business, Director Osborn made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Director McPherson. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021.



Charles Beseda, President



Maurice Osborn, Secretary/Treasurer