

# PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

June 21, 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

In the absence of President Charles Beseda and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Randy Kirk, Director Maurice Osborne presided and called to order the regular Board of Directors Meeting at 9:34 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	Barney McClure

All members of the Board were in attendance, with the exception of Director(s) Beseda, Kirk, and Smith, thus constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors. Also, attending 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 sheet(s) received and video conference attendee list are attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.*

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

### RECEIVE PRESENTATION OF 2020 ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR BOARD’S ACCEPTANCE – Bryan Thomas, YWRD, P.C.

Mr. Thomas discussed an overview of different sections within the draft 2020 financial

audit report and the firm's assessments and analysis of the District's governmental activities and financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020. Director Osborn reported the District's budget and finance committee had met the week prior, and that it would be the committee's recommendation to accept the audit as presented. Director Curtis made a motion to accept the 2020 financial audit, and Director McPherson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIALS – Kathy Turner Jones**

- a) Update on current administrative and financial activities of the District. Ms. Jones introduced Mr. Brian Watts, the District's new comptroller, to present the balance sheet and profit and loss analysis for the month of May 2021. Ms. Jones stated that with Mr. Watts joining the staff, she would recommend the budget and finance committee reassess the costs for the upcoming renewal of the contract with YWRD, P.C. for financial audit assessment.

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

Ms. Newby discussed the recent Rainwater Harvesting 101 workshop hosted by the District, as well as an educational video she produced and released about the water-efficient product tax savings weekend during Memorial Day holiday weekend. She reported on recent educational presentations to Advantage Academy, Glen Rose Junior High, and at a natural resources camp in Whitney. She briefly provided a summary of a Texas Well Owner Network event the District hosted the week prior to the meeting and also some upcoming education and outreach events.

#### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND UPDATE – Kathy Turner Jones**

Ms. Jones stated Historic Use Permit applications were nearing completion of final review and will be working with legal counsel to begin process to set for hearing and approval. Staff continues preparation and verifying application documents. In terms of enforcement, Ms. Jones stated the City of Burleson payment was pending and she would also be visiting with Mr. Sledge regarding updates on Carrol Water Supply, Inc and Howard Water. She also provided an update on plans for the planning and development committee to meet to discuss the groundwater monitoring program and for the rules and bylaws committee to plan for a meeting to regarding water loss. Director McPherson asked Ms. Jones what the status was on the District's new database development by Halff and Associates, and she reported the database is near completion but there are still a few items left to finetune including possible updates to the payment module to eliminate absorbing merchant fees.

#### **GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT – Brian L. Sledge**

Mr. Sledge reported on several of the bills he and his firm had been monitoring on behalf of the District. He provided updates on minor changes to the Public Information Act and Open Meetings Act, as well as a Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation bill that was monitored for amendments. He briefly discussed the upcoming special sessions coming up regarding election reform and public funds appropriation. At the request of Ms. Jones, he stated

he will be looking into H.B. 1118 relating to state agency and local government compliance with cybersecurity training requirements.

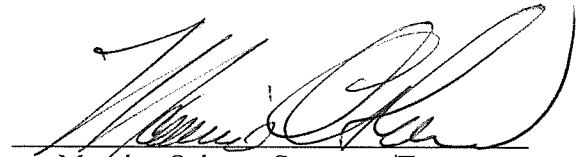
**OPEN FORUM / DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETING  
AGENDAS**

None.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Director McPherson made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Director Curtis. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2021.**



Maurice Osborn, Secretary/Treasurer