

# PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

August 16, 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, within the boundaries of the District at 208 Kimberly Dr, Cleburne, TX, and remotely via the publicly accessible audio and video conference call on August 16, 2021.

### CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARE REGULAR MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

In the absence of President Charles Beseda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Randy Kirk presided and called to order the regular Board of Directors Meeting at 9:10 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 Beseda, 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 Osborn to approve the consent agenda. Director Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by all those who were present.

### PRESENTATION OF UNAUDITED FINANCIALS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2021 – Brian Watts, Comptroller

- a) Review of monthly cash flow and cash projection for 2021. Mr. Watts discussed the

balance sheet and profit and loss analysis for the month of July 2021. Director Osborn made a motion to approve the finances as presented, and Director Curtis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Following the motion, Mr. Watts briefly discussed a cash flow projection for the remainder of 2021 for information purposes only and stated there was no action necessary.

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

Ms. Newby provided a brief update on recent educational and outreach initiatives, including an event with the District's water education trailer at David Walker Elementary in Crowley in collaboration with Northern Trinity GCD, an informative eblast regarding the 2022 water use fees that was distributed to well owners, and a presentation to the members of the Johnson County Association of Realtors. She also discussed the upcoming rainwater harvesting workshop the District would be hosting on September 18 and other upcoming events for the following weeks.

#### **DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-006 ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE DISTRICT BYLAWS UPDATING 2.4 OFFICERS – KATHY TURNER JONES** *Copy of said Resolution #21-006 attached hereto as Exhibit "B".*

Ms. Jones discussed how the proposed Resolution #21-006 would adjust the description of officer positions among the Board of Directors to only include the offices of president, vice president and secretary/treasurer. She added if approved, the election of officers would take place at the September board meeting following the swearing in of appointed directors. Director Osborn made a motion of approve Resolution #21-006 to adopt amendments to the District Bylaws updating 2.4 Officers. Director Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously by all present.

#### **GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 8 – UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES RELATED TO JOINT PLANNING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS – Kathy Turner Jones**

Ms. Jones stated more information on an upcoming GMA 8 meeting would be shared when either the cancelled July 20, 2021 meeting had been rescheduled or the Explanatory Report was made available.

#### **ENGINEERING REPORT – Wade Oliver, INTERA**

Mr. Oliver provided an update on recent discussions with the Rules and Bylaws Committee on August 5 regarding well spacing rules and implementation of those rules. He also reported on recent efforts in collaboration with the Planning and Development Committee to review aquifer storage and recovery project tied to an objective in the District's Management Plan. He explained how his firm would be utilizing the framework from a statewide project and scaling the scope down to a local level to reflect the District. He concluded his report by discussing ongoing activities with the District's monitoring program and assessing water level

trends within the District. Mr. Oliver states he would be meeting with District staff soon to discuss more in-depth updates and planning.

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

- a) Update on current administrative activities of the District. Ms. Jones reported Modern Contractors and Magee Architects conducted a walk through of the District's office facility to review any necessary repairs following the one-year mark of the building's completion date. She reported staff had been busy working with HALFF Associates to complete trial-runs of the new database in an effort to have the new program launched within the next thirty-sixty days. She also reported she had conducted all of the District staff's annual performance reviews by the end of July. She provided a brief summary of a Rules and Bylaws Committee meeting that focused on discussion of water availability planning and water loss planning. Ms. Jones also stated in June, the District received notice of a UIC application for a class one injection well to be located in Hill County, and General Counsel and his consultant would be reviewing the application to determine if the District needs to requested a contested case hearing.

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

Mr. Sledge reported he had been working on District Rules revisions for the Rules and Bylaws Committee and would be working with District staff to begin scheduling Historic Use Permit application hearings.


#### **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 Smith. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.**

  
Maurice Osborn, Secretary/Treasurer