



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Of the

PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To be held

Prairielands GCD – Board Room

208 Kimberly Drive

Cleburne, TX 76031

9:00 AM, Monday, November 21, 2022

Special Board Meeting
to adopt Desired Future Conditions (“DFC”)
that apply to the Prairielands Groundwater District

The Special Board Meeting to adopt DFC will begin at 9:00 AM. The Notice of Special Board Meeting was posted separately in accordance with the District Rules, and Chapter 36, Texas Water Code, on October 25, 2022.

1. Call to Order and Declare Meeting Open to the Public
2. Roll call
3. Presentation and discussion of DFCs applicable to the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District as adopted by the district representatives of Groundwater Management Area (“GMA”) at the GMA 8 joint planning meeting held on November 4, 2021 – Wade Oliver, INTERA, Inc.

The Desired Future Conditions for the District are based on the total average number of feet of drawdown in water levels in the aquifers/layers from January 1, 2010, through calendar year 2080. They were adopted on three scales: county by county; for each groundwater conservation district within GMA 8; and aquifer-wide within GMA 8. The three scales do not differ substantively in their application. For the District, the relevant proposed DFCs include the following District-wide average aquifer drawdown numbers through 2080 (expressed in terms of feet of drawdown by aquifer/layer): 44’ in Woodbine; 44’ in Paluxy; 142’ in Glen Rose; 170’ in Twin Mountain; 323’ in Travis Peak; 201’ in Hensell; 364’ in Hosston.

County-wide average aquifer drawdown through 2080 of (in feet by aquifer/layer) are as follows: Ellis County: 76' in Woodbine, 128' in Paluxy, 220' in Glen Rose, 413' in Twin Mountain, 380' in Travis Peak, 290' in Hensell, 390' in Hosston; Hill County: 20' in Woodbine, 45' in Paluxy, 149' in Glen Rose, 365' in Travis Peak, 211' in Hensell, 413' in Hosston; Johnson County: 4' in Woodbine, -57' in Paluxy, 66' in Glen Rose, 184' in Twin Mountain, 235' in Travis Peak, 120' in Hensell, 329' in Hosston; and Somervell County: 4' in Paluxy, 4' in Glen Rose, 50' in Twin Mountain, 64' in Travis Peak, 17' in Hensell, 120' in Hosston.

4. Public comment or other information on the adoption of the DFCs.
5. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the adoption of Resolution #22-008 – Resolution for the Adoption of Desired Future Conditions for relevant aquifers that apply to the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District, in accordance with Section 36.108(d-4) of the Texas Water Code.
6. Adjourn.

Public Hearing on Applications for Operating Permits

The Public Hearing on Applications for Operating Permits will begin at 9:00 AM or upon adjournment of the above listed Public Hearing on Proposed Historic Use Permits. Notice of the Hearing on Applications for Operating Permits was also posted separately in accordance with the District Rules, and Chapter 36, Texas Water Code, no later than 10 days prior to the date of this hearing.

1. Call to order and declare public hearing open to the public
2. Roll call
3. Board will receive a report from the General Manager, receive any public comment(s) or requests to contest, and consider granting or denying, in whole or in part, the following applications for an Operating Permit:
 - 1) South Ellis County WSC, for a proposed amendment to an existing Operating Permit (OP-21-017) to add additional groundwater production authorization in Ellis County; not to exceed 20,000,000 gallons annually (→2026); Public Water Supply

- 2) Parker WSC, for a proposed Operating Permit (OP-22-031) for additional groundwater production authorization in Johnson County at 7001 CR 1200, Cleburne, TX 76031; not to exceed 25,000,000 gallons annually for 2022→2027; Public Water Supply
 - 3) Somervell County Water District, for a proposed Operating Permit (OP-22-032) for additional groundwater production authorization in Somervell County at 2099 CR 301, Glen Rose, TX 76043; not to exceed 32,591,000 gallons annually for 2022→2027; Public Water Supply
 - 4) Woodrow-Osceola WSC, for a proposed amendment to an existing Operating Permit (OP-20-004) to add additional groundwater production authorization in Hill County in the amount of 15,000,000 gallons annually; not to exceed 30,000,000 gallons thereafter (→2025); Public Water Supply
4. Adjourn or continue public hearing in whole or in part.

Regular Board Meeting

The Regular Board Meeting will begin at 9:00 A.M. or upon adjournment of the above listed Public Hearing on Operating Permit applications.

The Prairielands GCD Board of Directors may discuss, consider, and take all necessary action, including possible expenditure of funds, regarding each of the agenda items below:

1. Call to order and declare regular meeting open to the public
2. Roll call
3. Public comment (Verbal comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
4. Presentation of Consent Agenda. All items are considered routine and self-explanatory and may be considered and approved by one motion of the Board. There will be no separate discussion of the items unless a Board Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence.
 - a) Minutes of the September 19, 2022 Public Hearing on HUP Applications and Proposed Permits
 - b) Minutes of the October 17, 2022 Public Hearing on HUP Applications and Proposed Permits
 - c) Minutes of the October 17, 2022, Public Hearing on Applications for Operating Permits
 - d) Minutes of the October 17, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting
 - e) October 2022 monthly invoices and payment of bills
5. Finance Report – Brian Watts, Comptroller

- a) Presentation of unaudited financials for the month of October 2022
 - b) Review of cash flow and cash projection for YE 2022
 - c) Discuss, consider, and take action to approve 2022 YE Budget Transfer/Amendment(s)
 - d) Consider and take action to declare the following item(s) surplus and authorize General Manager to dispose or auction:
 - i. 2012 Chevrolet 1500 VIN 45587 – online auction
 - ii. 2012 Chevrolet 2500 VIN 05381 – online auction
 - iii. (5) Obsolete computers with HDD removed - disposal
6. Discuss, consider, and take action to execute agreement with René Bates Auctioneers, Inc. to conduct online auctions of surplus property for the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District – Brian Watts, Comptroller
7. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve Resolution #22-009 authorizing Public Power Pool as an agent to negotiate the purchase of electricity with the goal of obtaining lower electricity rates and authorize the General Manager to take any and all action necessary for the implementation of this Resolution – Brian Watts, Comptroller
8. Budget and Finance Committee – Maurice Osborn, Chair
- a) Discussion and possible action to approve 2023 funding for Regulatory and Compliance Contingency Fund.
 - b) Discuss, consider, and take action to approve Resolution #22-010 reviewing and adopting FY 2023 Operating Budget and authorize the General Manager to take any and all action necessary for the implementation of this Resolution
9. Rules and Bylaws Committee – Randell Kirk, Chair
- a) Brief the Board on the Committee activities – Kathy Turner Jones/Brian Sledge, Legal Counsel, SledgeLaw Group, PLLC
 - b) Discussion and possible action to authorize publication of proposed amendments to the District Rules and setting a date for public hearing and comments – Brian Sledge, Legal Counsel, SledgeLaw Group, PLLC
10. Update on public outreach activities, educational, and conservation efforts – Whitney Curry, Public Relations/Education Director
11. Update on well monitoring and field operations – Michael Heath, Field Operations Coordinator
12. Groundwater Management Area 8 – update on activities related to joint planning and the development of desired future conditions – Kathy Turner Jones
13. Hydrogeologist Report – Wade Oliver, INTERA, Inc.

- a) Update on District involved activities.
14. General Manager’s Report and Update – The General Manager will brief the Board on the following administrative, operational, and regulatory matters of the District and any other items included in the General Manager’s written report, which may be discussed, considered, and acted upon by the Board, including authorizing the initiation of, managing, or resolving enforcement action or litigation where applicable – Kathy Turner Jones
- a) Update on current administrative activities of the District
 - b) Historic Use Permit Applications
 - c) Enforcement
15. General Counsel’s Report — The District’s legal counsel will brief the Board on pertinent legal issues and developments impacting the District since the last Board meeting, and legal counsel’s activities on behalf of the District, including without limitation waste injection well monitoring activities including any protests of injection well applications with the Railroad Commission of Texas or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, District rules enforcement activities, rules and management plan implementation issues, groundwater-related legislative activities, joint planning and DFC development activities, developments in groundwater case law and submission of legal briefs, contractual issues related to the District, open government, policy, personnel, and financial issues of the District, and other legal activities on behalf of the District – Brian Sledge, Legal Counsel, SledgeLaw Group, PLLC
16. Open Forum / Discussion of New Business for Future Meeting Agendas
17. Adjourn Regular Meeting

The above agenda schedule represents an estimate of the order for the indicated items and is subject to change at any time. Public hearings and public meetings of the District are available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance to attend a hearing or meeting, please call (817)556-2299 at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing or meeting to coordinate any special physical access arrangements.

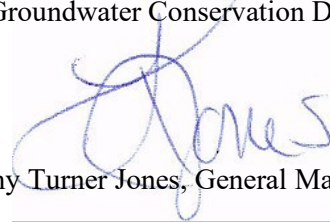
At any time during a hearing or meeting of the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District Board and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon’s Texas Codes, Annotated, the Board may meet in a closed executive session on any of the above agenda items or other lawful items for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (§551.071); deliberation regarding real property (§551.072); deliberation regarding prospective gifts (§551.073); personnel matters (§551.074); and deliberation regarding security devices (§551.076). Any subject discussed in executive session may be subject to action during an open hearing or meeting.

Persons may make comments for or against an application for any type of permit, permit amendment, replacement well, or exception request without the need to request a contested case hearing on the application. However, persons wanting to protest an application involving a permit or permit amendment by requesting a contested case hearing must do so in writing in accordance with District Rule 10.6 that is either received by the District or submitted at the public hearing in person before the time that the Board takes final action on the application, as set forth more specifically in the District Rules.

Certification

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that on November 17, 2022 at or before 5:00 PM, I posted and filed the above notice of meeting(s) and hearing(s) with the Texas Secretary of State, the Johnson, Ellis, Somervell, and Hill counties' clerk offices, and also posted a copy in the front window of the Prairielands GCD office in a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public all times and that it will remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District



Kathy Turner Jones, General Manager