

PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

July 17, 2023

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, on July 17, 2023.

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 9:00 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	John Curtis
Brad Daniels	Maurice Osborn
Barney McClure	Marty McPherson
Paul Tischler	Kathy Tucker

All members of the Board were in attendance, with the exception of Director McPherson, thus constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors. Also present at said meeting were Kathy Turner Jones, General Manager; District staff; and members of the public. Brian Sledge, General Counsel, participated via video conference. *Copies of the public sign-in sheet(s) are attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

FINANCE REPORT – Brian Watts, Comptroller

- a) Presentation of unaudited financials for the month of March 2023. – Mr. Watts reported ending cash balances for June 30, 2023, of \$1,941,588.71. Compared to the ending cash balances on June 30, 2022, totals reflect a 3.4% increase in cash which continues to be a positive indicator of the overall financial health of the District. The Profit & Loss Report

for the month of May reflects gross revenue of \$322,028.22 with a refund allowance of \$44,265.36 resulting in a net revenue of \$277,762.83. Mr. Watts highlighted that June is a month in which the District only invoices both monthly and quarterly permittees.

- b) Review 2nd Quarter Investment Report 2023. – Mr. Watts presented the Quarterly Investment Report for the 2nd Quarter of 2023 detailing banking and investments transactions for all funds of the District.. He reported that for the 2nd quarter, the funds of the District were being held in combination of five accounts and three separate depositories. Mr. Watts noted that in the summary section of the report, all the District’s funds are adequately collateralized by a combination of FDIC insurance and pledged securities and all funds are in compliance with the PGCD Investment Policy. Director Curtis made a motion to accept the 2nd Quarter Investment Report and Director Osborn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all those who were present.

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

Ms. Jones shared an update of the GMA8 meeting that took place in June. During this meeting, the technical consultant provided a status report on the update to the Northern Trinity Groundwater Availability Model. A motion was made and approved to form a technical review committee consisting of members previously appointed to technical review committee and non-voting District staff within GMA 8.

ENGINEERING REPORT – Wade Oliver, INTERA

- a) Update on District involved activities. – Mr. Oliver stated he is aiming to schedule a project review on the NTGAM update with GMA8’s technical review committee in September. He also reported that a recent mechanical issue with the drilling company's equipment resulted in the monitor well drilling schedule being postponed by a month, now expected to commence in August.

UPDATE ON PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES, EDUCATIONAL AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS – Kaylin Garcia, Public Relations and Education Director

Ms. Garcia reported on recent educational activities the District had participated in, including an event with the Water Education Trailer at the Lake Whitney Public Library on July 13th. Unfortunately, the trailer experienced an unexpected power outage during one of the presentations, requiring further investigation before its next usage. Ms. Garcia stated the District had received Tinker, LLC's annual report for the water education program for the 2022-2023 school year. She concluded her update by outlining the objectives for the water education program in the coming year.

UPDATE ON WELL MONITORING AND FIELD OPERATIONS – Michael Heath, Field Operations Coordinator

Mr. Heath reported on field activities since the last board meeting. He stated field staff has completed 23 meter verifications and 28 inactive well verifications. Mr. Heath noted the District would be collaborating with Upper Trinity GCD on obtaining geophysical logs for six wells. These logs will help verify the screen intervals of two wells, with the aim of incorporating them into the Monitoring Well Program. Other field activities reported included: continue to contact well owners regarding the inclusion of their wells in the expansion of the Districts Monitoring Program and work with INTERA on monitor well drilling project.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND UPDATE – Kathy Turner Jones

- a) Update on current administrative activities of the District. – Ms. Jones reported both Region G and Region C are scheduled to meet this month to discuss and take action to approve population and municipal demand projection revisions to TWDB draft projections, and to authorize consultant to submit revision request to TWDB. Other upcoming meetings of interest include: The rules and bylaws committee is scheduled to meet August 28th to review proposed changes to the bylaws; a meeting date with Collier and Associates has been finalized to discuss the District's groundwater allocation provisions; and the budget and finance committee will be meeting prior to August's board meeting.
- a) Monthly update on well registrations and groundwater production reports. – Ms. Jones reported the month of June water usage reported totaled 564,809,801 gallons. 2023 production through June 2023 is down 13.57% from 2022, totaling 2,956,383,015 gallons. Ms. Jones noted in total, the District has issued 210 permits with a total permitted authorization of 9,569,144,762 gallons.
- b) Enforcement. – Ms. Jones stated that staff is managing those currently on enforcement and no formal board action is required at this time.

Concluding her report, she noted District staff and board members planned to attend the TAGD Groundwater Summit in August.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT – Brian L. Sledge

Mr. Sledge provided an update on the current work, which includes evaluating bills recently enacted by the legislature. Actions of TCEQ and the RRC in relation to injection wells are being monitored. Mr. Sledge pointed out that Senate Bill 2440, which mandates groundwater availability certifications, is among the passed legislations that will significantly influence the volume of work undertaken by the District. He highlighted the potential need for some modifications to existing rules to clarify permitting procedures. Ms. Jones inquired about the status of the task involving simplified summaries of rules concerning the petition for additional authorization and compliance orders. Mr. Sledge responded that he had completed the task concerning compliance orders and was still progressing with the task on additional authorization.


OPEN FORUM / DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

None.

ADJOURN

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

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF AUGUST 2023



Maurice Osborn, Secretary/Treasurer