

PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

May 15, 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 May 15, 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 Osborn, 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 McClure to approve the consent agenda. Director Curtis 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 April 30, 2023, of \$2,058,012.40. Compared to the ending cash balances on April 30, 2022, totals reflect a 2.8% increase in cash which continues to be a

great indicator of the overall financial health of the District. The Profit & Loss Report for the month of April reflects gross revenue of \$37,122.73 with a refund allowance of \$1,715.29 making the net revenue \$35,407.44. Mr. Watts highlighted that April is a month in which the District only invoices monthly permittees.

RECEIVE PRESENTATION OF 2022 ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR BOARD'S ACCEPTANCE – Bryan Thomas, YWRD, P.C.

Mr. Thomas discussed an overview of different sections within the 2022 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, 2022. Ms. Jones added the District's Budget and Finance Committee met the week prior and reviewed the audit for recommendation today. Director McClure made a motion to accept the 2022 financial audit, and Director McPherson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF BYLAWS

No action taken. President Beseda stated discussion of District Bylaws will be relisted for discussion at the June 19th board meeting.

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

Ms. Jones reported ten of the eleven Districts within GMA 8 committed to fund the update of the Northern Trinity Groundwater Availability Model. Saratoga UWCD, being the 11th district, has committed to assisting with funding although the specific amount has not been determined. The next GMA 8 meeting will be on June 27, 2023, held here at the District office.

UPDATE ON PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES, EDUCATIONAL AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS – Kathy Turner Jones

Ms. Jones reported on recent educational activities the District had participated in, including events with the Water Education Trailer at various schools and events throughout the District. She noted that District staff has taken on additional responsibilities to ensure the District's continued participation in educational outreach despite the vacancy in the position. She concluded her report by describing the upcoming outreach and education events District staff would be attending in the coming weeks.

- a) Review and possible action to approve draft 2022 Annual Report for the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District for publication and distribution. – Ms. Jones reported she and staff continue to work on the draft 2022 Annual Report. She hopes to have a completed draft before our next board meeting. No action was taken.

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 93-meter verifications and performed routine maintenance on monitor wells. Other field activities reported included: continuing to contact well owners regarding the inclusion of their wells in the expansion of the Districts Monitoring Program and working with INTERA on monitor well drilling project. INTERA was approved to begin initiating the monitor well agreement with Associated Well Services.

ENGINEERING REPORT – Wade Oliver, INTERA

- a) Update on District involved activities. – Mr. Oliver reported the monitor well project is set to begin drilling in early July. He also provided a brief overview of INTERA's progress on the District's allocation assessment and the update of the GMA 8 Northern Trinity Groundwater Availability Model. Other projects discussed included the development of Groundwater Availability Certification thresholds for three out of the four counties within the District, as well as a review of a GAC for Rutherford Springs located in Johnson County.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND UPDATE – Kathy Turner Jones

- a) Update on current administrative activities of the District. – Following April's board meeting, Collier Consulting notified the District they had met with their clients and were ready to sit down with staff and consultants to discuss all of the various considerations that go into the District's allocation rule in finer detail before presenting to the Board. Ms. Jones is working to identify dates.

Johnson County has officially signed the interlocal agreement with the District for GAC reviews and has incorporated the GAC threshold recommendations into their subdivision rules. The staff has seen a rise in the volume of correspondence concerning proposed subdivisions that rely primarily on private domestic water wells as their water source. These letters do not indicate the availability of sufficient water; however, they confirm the proposed subdivision meets our rules.

Ms. Jones informed the Board that the staff has successfully completed annual cyber security training requirements. Additionally, Ms. Jones mentioned several past and upcoming meetings of interest involving the District.

- b) Monthly update on well registrations and groundwater production reports. – Ms. Jones reported the month of April water usage totaled 470,155,589 gallons. 2023 production through April 2023 is down from 2022, totaling 1,886,194,602 gallons. Ms. Jones noted in total, the District has issued 38 well registrations during the month of April.
- c) Enforcement. – Ms. Jones stated that the staff is managing those currently on enforcement and no formal board action is required at this time.

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. Updates were presented regarding amendments to S.B. 2440, which now mandates cities and counties to make Groundwater Availability Certifications a requirement for any development that relies on groundwater. This change alters their authority from being permissive to becoming mandatory.

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 McClure. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF JUNE 2023



Maurice Osborn, Secretary/Treasurer