

PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

January 22, 2024

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 January 22, 2024.

CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARE REGULAR MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

In the absence of the president and vice-president, Secretary/Treasurer Osborn assumed the role of presiding officer, calling the public hearing to order at 9:05 a.m. and 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 President Beseda and Vice-President Tischler, 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. *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 December 2023. Mr. Watts presented unaudited financials for December 2023. The balance sheet indicated an ending cash balance of \$2,038,055.77. Compared to the ending cash balances for the previous year, this shows a decrease in cash of \$335.27.

- Profit and Loss Report (December 2023):
 - Gross Revenue: \$45,551.97
 - Net Revenue: \$41,035.06
- Operating Expenses (December 2023):
 - Total Operating Expenses: \$144,913.34
 - Capital Expenses: \$6,317.50
 - Net Result: \$110,195.78 (Expenses in excess of revenues)
- 2023 Fiscal Year Summary:
 - Gross Revenues: \$2,285,643.85
 - Accrued Refund Allowance: \$293,641.21
 - Net Revenue (Year to Date): \$1,992,002.64

- b) Review 4th Quarter Investment Report for 2023. Mr. Watts presented the 4th Quarter Investment Report and highlighted ending balances for the District’s money market, operating, and investment pool accounts. All accounts held by the District have standard FDIC coverage with the exception of TexPool, which is managed by the Texas Comptroller and has an AAAM rating. Mr. Watts concluded by confirming the report certifies the funds of the District are in strict compliance with the District’s investment policy. Director Curtis made a motion to accept the 4th Quarter Investment Report as presented. Director McClure seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by all who were present.

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

Ms. Garcia reported on recent public relations and educational activities the District had participated in, including the publication of the final 2023 eLine and the distribution of an eblast, containing information on training support provided by TWDB for the completion of the annual water audit. Also highlighted was a meeting with Tinker, LLC regarding the Fall 2023 final numbers related to the education program, emphasizing student knowledge retention. Additionally, she stated the process has begun to become a 2024 signature sponsor for the 4H Water Ambassadors. She concluded her update by highlighting social media analytics and upcoming events the District plans to participate in.

HYDROGEOLOGIST REPORT – Wade Oliver, INTERA, Inc.

- a) Update on District involved activities. Mr. Oliver provided an update on District involved activities since the last board meeting, including the coming update to the District’s Management Plan.
- b) Update on activities related to Groundwater Management Area 8 joint planning and the development of desired future conditions. No Report

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

- a) Update on field activities – Mr. Heath provided an overview of the field activities conducted since the previous board meeting. Field staff has wrapped up 2023 water level measurements. Other field activities reported included: continuing to contact well owners regarding the inclusion of their wells in the expansion of the District’s well monitoring program and utilizing the Eno Scientific Well Watch 700 for gathering water levels from wells that have been previously measured by the airlines.
- b) Progress update on monitoring well expansion and water level trends – Mr. Heath delivered a thorough presentation detailing the monitor well expansion progress and water level data of monitoring wells in the aquifer formations across the District. He specifically emphasized the areas where additional monitoring wells are necessary and provided insights into the trends observed in wells with the most historical water level data collected by the District. Mr. Heath highlighted that, with the ongoing expansion program, the District anticipates achieving more extensive coverage and improved water level data.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT AND UPDATE – Kathy Turner Jones

Ms. Jones updated the Board on current administrative activities. Ms. Jones detailed the remaining two Historic Use Permit applications, following verification period, are scheduled to be heard at the March 18, 2024. Staff is finalizing technical review and will be issuing draft permit recommendations in advance of the March hearing.

Ms. Jones reported the District received groundwater availability modeling report information from the Water Development Board for incorporation into the development of the District’s groundwater management plan. As a reminder, the District’s management plan was last approved by the TWDB on May 31, 2019, and is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2024. According to TWDB regulations, groundwater conservation district (GCD) management plans must be adopted at least 90 days before the expiration of the existing plan (March 2, 2024) and submitted to the TWDB for approval review at least 60 days before expiration (April 1, 2024).

Ms. Jones added, both Brian Sledge and Wade are currently reviewing the technical and non-technical components of the District’s current plan. They will assist in providing redline changes or addressing any inquiries for the Planning & Development Committee’s consideration, leading to the final recommendation to the Board.

The groundwater production for 2023 was reported at 6.898 billion gallons, reflecting a 4.1% decrease compared to the previous year. Ms. Jones attributes this decline in production to the implementation of conservation measures outlined in drought contingency plans.

Additionally, it is worth noting that several drillers are presently under enforcement action following repeated warnings for inadequate or failure to required paperwork.

GENERAL COUNSEL’S REPORT – Brian L. Sledge

Mr. Sledge provided an update on his recent meeting with the Texas Real Estate Commission. Furthermore, he mentioned with the Groundwater Availability Certification requirement becoming effective on January 1 of this year, the District should anticipate a surge in activity moving forward

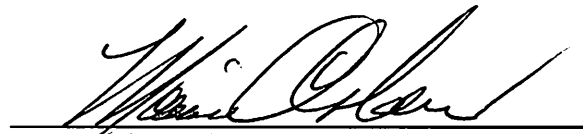
OPEN FORUM/DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

There was no new business to discuss.

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 by all those who were present. The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.



Maurice Osborn, Secretary/Treasurer