

PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

January 21, 2025

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 21, 2025.

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 9:58 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
Brad Daniels
Barney McClure
Paul Tischler

John Curtis
Maurice Osborn
Marty McPherson
Kathy Tucker

All members of the Board were in attendance with the exception of Director Curtis, 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 sheets are attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Director McClure to approve the consent agenda. Director McPherson 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 2024. – Mr. Watts reported ending cash balances for December 31, 2024, of \$2,194,559.25. This represents a 7.68%

increase compared to the ending cash balances for December 31, 2023. The increase in cash is primarily attributed to advance payment of 2025 annual water use fees.

The Profit & Loss Report for December reflects gross revenue of \$16,743.22, with a refund allowance of \$76.60, resulting in a net revenue of \$16,666.62.

- b) Review of 2024 year end Cash Flow. For fiscal year 2024, Mr. Watts reported gross revenues totaling \$2,476,956.63. After accounting for an accrued refund allowance of \$161,333.44, the net revenue for 2024 amounted to \$2,315,623.19.
- c) Discuss and consider action authorizing engagement with Boucher, Morgan and Young, a P.C. (BMY) for 2024 financial audit. Mr. Watts presented the audit engagement letter prepared by Boucher, Morgan and Young, P.C. for the 2024 financial audit, noting that the audit requirement necessitates a signature from both the governing body and General Manager.

Director Osborn made a motion to approve the audit engagement letter with Boucher, Morgan and Young, P.C. for the 2024 audit. Director McClure seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously by all those who were present.

UPDATE ON WELL MONITORING AND FIELD OPERATIONS – Michael Heath

Mr. Heath provided an overview of recent field activities since the last board meeting, the ongoing annual water level measurements, GPM verifications, and meter verifications.

Mr. Heath delivered a detailed presentation on the monitor well expansion progress and the strategy for continued expansion in the coming year. He also reported water level data from monitoring wells in the aquifer formations across the District and identified areas where additional monitoring wells are needed. Additionally, he shared insights into observed trends in groundwater levels, highlighting key findings from recent monitoring activities.

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, highlighting key engagements and ongoing projects. She met with Tinker LLC to discuss the 2025 budget and spring recruitment efforts. She also reported the process has begun to secure a 2025 Signature Sponsorship for the 4H Water Ambassadors program. Additionally, she reported the issuance of a Rainwater Harvesting Rebate for a system installed in Johnson County. Ms. Garcia concluded her update with social media analytics and upcoming events scheduled in the District.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT AND UPDATE – Kathy Turner Jones

Ms. Jones provided the Board with an update on District activities. She highlighted that the U.S. Drought Monitoring report indicates that despite seeing more moisture lately, the District is still experiencing drought conditions. She also stated staff has updated violation and non-compliance and is actively working to resolve issues without requiring Board action.

Ms. Jones gave a brief overview of 2024 groundwater production totals, noting Ellis County as the largest producer in the District and highlighting overall production is down 4.11% from the previous year. She also provided updates on permitted authorization and the total annual permitted allocation. Additionally, she shared that well registrations for the previous month were abnormally low most likely due to holidays and cold weather.

Ms. Jones concluded her report by mentioning regional planning meetings scheduled in February and an upcoming GMA 8 meeting.

At 10:26 a.m., the Board recessed into a closed executive session under Section 551.071, Government Code, to consult with legal counsel regarding items on the agenda. No final action was taken during the closed session. At the conclusion of the closed session, the Board will reconvene in an open public session to continue with the meeting agenda.

At 10:58 a.m. the Board is now reconvening in an open public session. We will now go on to Agenda Item Number nine.

GENERAL COUNSEL’S REPORT — Brian L. Sledge

Mr. Sledge stated he had no any additional report following the closed executive session.

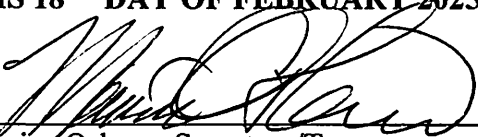
OPEN FORUM / DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

None.

ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

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 10:59 a.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.


Maurice Osborn, Secretary/Treasurer