

PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

May 19, 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 May 19, 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 9:43 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 Osborn, thus constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors. Vice President Tischler attended the meeting by videoconference in compliance with the requirements of Section 551.127, Government Code. Also, in attendance at said meeting were Kathy Turner Jones, General Manager; District staff; and members of the public. Brian Sledge, General Counsel, attended via videoconference. *Copies of the public sign-in sheets are attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Robert Mathis. Robert Mathis, General Manager for Post Oak SUD, spoke to clarify concerns about the Nexus Land Holdings LLC permit that was approved, which is in Post Oak SUD’s CCN. He explained that Nexus Land Holdings had initially inquired about water service for 400–800 meters but never submitted a formal application. Mr. Mathis expressed concern that the property might be sold or subdivided and potentially misused, bypassing the proper application process.

Ms. Jones reemphasized that Nexus Land Holdings LLC permit is for a single industrial-use well. Use as public water supply would require a formal decertification

process through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), during which Post Oak SUD would be notified.

CONSENT AGENDA

A 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 April 2025. – Mr. Watts reported ending cash balances for April 30, 2025, of \$2,386,560.45. This represents an 11.97% increase compared to the ending cash balances for April 30, 2024. The Profit & Loss Report for April reflects a gross revenue of \$42,532.98, with a refund allowance of \$3,064.57, resulting in a net revenue of \$39,468.41.

UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS RELATED TO GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 8 JOINT PLANNING AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS – Kathy Turner Jones, General Manager

Ms. Jones shared with the board that GMA 8 met April 22nd to discuss the updates to the North Trinity Groundwater Availability Model (“NTGAM”), which is finalized and under review by the Texas Water Development Board. The planning group is moving on a fast schedule. John Ellis from INTERA was scheduled to meet with the District's planning and development committee on Tuesday, May 20th, regarding the aquifer's geology and review current and historical Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) by aquifer and county and to consider if additional model runs are needed.

UPDATE ON WELL REGISTRATION AND PERMITTING ACTIVITIES – Kaylin Garcia, Permitting Director

Ms. Garcia shared with the Board that 101 of the 112 water loss audits (90%) were received on or before the May 1 deadline. Those that did not meet the deadline were sent notices of minor violations with the deadline extended to July 1. Staff have begun the review process on the water loss audits received with a target completion date of June 30.

Ms. Garcia concluded her report noting 23 well registrations were received in April, remaining on trend compared to last year, but lower than 2023. Ms. Garcia noted that despite the 245 permit authorizations totaling 9.7 billion gallons, actual production remains much lower. Year-to-date water production was 1.85 billion gallons, tracking closely with 2024 levels.

UPDATE ON PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES, EDUCATIONAL, AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS – Kaylin Garcia

Ms. Garcia informed the Board that the annual report has been sent to print and will be distributed soon. On May 10th, we hosted a Rainwater Harvesting Workshop with 15 participants who built 21 barrels. Ms. Garcia and Dillon Bybee presented to the Cleburne Rotary Club and the Tri-County Master Gardeners about rainwater harvesting. The Water Education Trailer visited

several schools for career day, reaching many students and promoting awareness of aquifers and groundwater careers.

Ms. Garcia concluded her report highlighting upcoming events of the District, which includes our final spring Rainwater Harvesting Workshop on May 31, one more school career day, a couple of summer camps and a Lions Club presentation.

UPDATE ON WELL MONITORING AND FIELD OPERATIONS – Michael Heath

Mr. Heath provided a brief update on recent field activities since the last board meeting. He reported that field staff have reviewed and calibrated all the monitoring equipment to ensure water level accuracy, with one older well potentially needing cable and transducer replacement due to sun damage.

Mr. Heath concluded his report noting two potential monitoring wells were identified in western Somervell County and hopes to add them to the monitoring program by the end of summer. Continued efforts are being made by Field Staff to find more wells for the monitoring well network program.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT AND UPDATE – Kathy Turner Jones

Ms. Jones updated the board on the regional planning groups stating the District submitted a letter supporting the draft 2020–2026 water plan that stressed the need for coordination between groundwater and surface water planning due to increased strain on our local resources as we approach max levels.

She also reported that earlier in May, the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group held a public hearing to receive comments on the 2026 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP), followed by its regular meeting. The hearing included a summary of the planning process and IPP content, with opportunity for public input.

Ms. Jones concluded her report noting drought conditions persist across Texas, including parts of the district, but no areas are currently in extreme or exceptional drought. Recent rainfall has helped, but summer will determine long-term conditions.

GENERAL COUNSEL’S REPORT — Brian L. Sledge

Mr. Sledge updated the board on legislative activity noting the legislature is in its final two weeks, with several key groundwater bills progressing through the House and Senate. The major \$2.5 billion water funding bill with a \$1 billion annual revenue stream is close to final approval, though debates continue over how funds will be appropriated.

Mr. Sledge mentioned that the multi-year effort to improve groundwater disclosure in Texas Real Estate Commission (TREC) contracts is nearing completion. The updated contracts will now require sellers to disclose detailed groundwater and surface water information across all property types to prevent post-sale issues, marking a significant win for the water districts and buyers. He concluded his report by thanking the District’s long-term support on this effort.

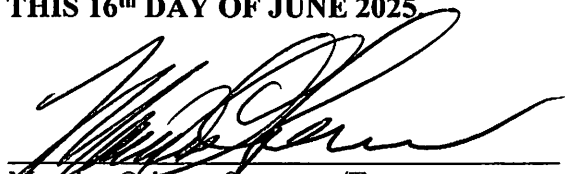
OPEN FORUM / DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

None.

ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

There being no further business, Director McPherson made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Director Daniels. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF JUNE 2025


Maurice Osborn, Secretary/Treasurer