

PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

November 17, 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 November 17, 2025.

CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARE REGULAR MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

President Charles Beseda presided and called the public hearing to order at 10:43 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
Gary Farmer

All members of the Board were in attendance, thus constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors. Also, in attendance at said meeting were Kathy Turner Jones, General Manager; District staff; and members of the public. Brian Sledge, General Counsel, and John Ellis, INTERA, attended via videoconference. *Copies of the public sign-in sheets are attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”*

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

A 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 October 2025. – Mr. Watts reported ending cash balances for October 31, 2025, of \$2,395,371.35. This represents a 13.34%

increase compared to the ending cash balances for October 31, 2024. The Profit & Loss Report for October reflects a gross revenue of \$65,698.00, with a refund allowance of \$955.66, resulting in a net revenue of \$64,742.34.

- b) Review of cash flow and cash projection for year end 2025. – Mr. Watts provided an overview and a positive projection of the 2025 Cash Flow Schedule, indicating a favorable financial position for the District.

CONSIDER ENFORCEMENT ACTION FOR THE FOLLOWING, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION TO SETTLE THE VIOLATION, ORDER A SHOW CAUSE HEARING TO BE SET, OR INSTRUCT THE GENERAL MANAGER TO INSTITUTE A CIVIL SUIT FOR VIOLATIONS OF DISTRICT RULES – Kathy Turner Jones, General Manager

- a) Operating a well without permit; Failure to submit Water Use Fees; and Failure to Submit Accurate Water Production Reports for water well PGCD-003430 located at 119 CR 2133, Whitney, Hill County, TX:

- Stuart Parsons

Ms. Jones reported that, following posting of the agenda and prior to the Board meeting, Mr. Parsons satisfied all requirements necessary to resolve the enforcement matter and that no further action be taken.

Upon consensus of the Board, no further enforcement action was taken, and the matter was considered resolved.

HYDROGEOLOGIST REPORT – John Ellis, INTERA, Inc.

Mr. Ellis provided an overview of current joint planning activities in GMA 8, noting key upcoming deadlines. He reported that at the November 14 meeting, members reviewed model runs and discussed multiple groundwater scenarios evaluated using the Groundwater Availability Model (GAM).

Mr. Ellis explained that Run 4.1b represents the best-estimate scenario, while Run 4.2 serves as the baseline for the 2024–2080 period based on current pumping conditions. Run 4.3 modifies the best-estimate scenario by adjusting pumping across multiple counties and groundwater conservation districts. He further noted that a potential Run 4.4, which would follow the same approach as 4.3 through 2040 and applied a 10% decline per decade thereafter; however, this scenario did not receive the required two-thirds approval by the GMA. Run 4.5 mirrors 4.3 but maintains levels through 2040 without subsequent declines.

Mr. Ellis stated that additional model runs are still under development with the technical committee. Discussion concluded with consideration of the potential significance of desired future condition (DFC) methodologies and the use of pumping estimates for non-groundwater conservation district counties.

UPDATE ON GROUNDWATER AVAILABILITY CERTIFICATIONS – Dillon Bybee,

Staff Geologist

Mr. Bybee provided an update on the District's current involvement in reviewing Groundwater Availability Certifications (GACs) for local platting authorities within the District. He explained that GACs are required under the Texas Local Government Code when an applicant seeks to plat a tract of land for which groundwater is intended to be the source of supply. These certifications are intended to confirm that adequate groundwater is available for the proposed subdivision, in accordance and in compliance with the rules of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) set forth in Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 230.

Mr. Bybee reported that in 2025, the District received six GAC submissions and facilitated evaluation of those reports using site specific data and the Northern Trinity and Woodbine Aquifers Groundwater Availability Model. He concluded by highlighting the results of a recently submitted GAC for the Tabletop Ranch Addition in southwest Johnson County, a 29-lot subdivision proposing to utilize individual wells in the Hensell formation.

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

Ms. Garcia shared progress on the District's meter verification effort, with 90% of permittees now compliant, covering approximately 84% of wells requiring meters. Additionally, the 2026 Water Use Fee statements were issued to all permittees, which included applicable disincentive fees and compliance orders, as several permits are now subject to those requirements.

Ms. Garcia noted that Hill County is leading in well registrations, largely due to a developer project creating multiple large acre lots, while overall registrations across the District remain comparable to 2024. Ms. Garcia concluded her report stating that 2025 year-to-date groundwater use totals approximately 5.47 billion gallons, with October data still pending. The District has 252 permits totaling 9.8 billion gallons.

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

Mr. Heath provided an update on field activities, reporting that water level measurements are ongoing throughout the District. He noted that maintenance has been completed on an Ellis County monitor well, which included removal of the transducer and cable. Mr. Heath reported the new tripod winch system performed well and improves both safety and equipment protection. He also noted that three previously unregistered wells had been identified and added to the District's records.

Mr. Heath concluded by stating that field staff continue to evaluate the potential installation of a Hensell Formation monitoring well in Grid 32-38, with the associated agreement currently under review as part of ongoing budget planning. He further reported no new monitoring wells were added toward expansion goals during the reporting period.

UPDATE ON PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES, EDUCATIONAL, AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS – Sarah Clark, Public Relations/Education Coordinator

Ms. Clark reported on outreach and educational activities since the last board meeting. She noted that on October 25, she gave a presentation at the Grandview Water Wise event, which was attended by approximately 25 participants, and that 30 rain barrels were distributed in partnership with the City of Grandview. Ms. Clark also reported that the winter *e-line* newsletter is waiting for final review and that she met with Tinker LLC to review fall recruitment efforts, which included participation from 11 schools and engagement with 645 students.

Ms. Clark concluded by highlighting recent social media activity. She reported that seven Facebook posts reached 943 people, generating 92 engagements and six new followers. Additionally, the District published seven posts on Twitter, resulting in 95 impressions, and the District's LinkedIn page recorded 10 views since the previous update.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND UPDATE – Kathy Turner Jones

Ms. Jones reported that the TCEQ recently held a hearing on November 5th regarding a proposed development in Ellis County. She stated that the Commission followed the Administrative Law Judge's recommendations, denying the request to create a Municipal Utility District while approving the associated wastewater discharge permit. Ms. Jones noted that staff will continue to monitor future activity related to the project.

Ms. Jones concluded her report with an update on drought conditions, reporting that the District is not currently experiencing extreme or exceptional drought and providing a brief overview of drought conditions across the state.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT — Brian L. Sledge

Mr. Sledge reported that, aside from Proposition 4 passing overwhelmingly by 70 percent, which secures additional water funding over the next 20 years, overall legislative and regulatory activity has slowed due to the recent election and the holiday season.

Mr. Sledge provided an update on a pending groundwater-related legal matter in East Texas involving a dispute over procedural issues associated with permit processing by a groundwater conservation district. He explained that litigation resulted in a settlement that voided certain prior administrative actions and temporarily paused permit approvals until additional aquifer and water availability studies are completed.

He further noted that a third party has intervened to challenge the settlement, and the matter remains under judicial review. The case has generated substantial public interest, including a significant number of contest requests, and the district involved has retained additional legal counsel to assist with the ongoing litigation.

Mr. Sledge concluded his report having met with the Senate Natural Resources chairman regarding groundwater district operations. No immediate changes are expected, though there is interest in improving consistency and coordination in the Groundwater Management Area process.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT(S) (DISTRICT BYLAWS 4.1) – Charles Beseda, President

- a) Advisory Committee(s) –Chairman Beseda stated that consideration of Advisory Committee appointments was tabled and that appointments will be announced at the December 15, 2025, Board meeting.

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 Curtis. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.


Maurice Osborn, Secretary/Treasurer