

# AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND BOARD MEETING

## OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Of the PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To be held at 9:00 AM, Monday, September 15, 2025 Prairielands GCD – Board Room 208 Kimberly Drive Cleburne, TX 76031

#### **Notice of Oath of Office**

- 1. Execution of Statement of Appointed Officer
- 2. Administer Oaths of Office and execution of Oath of Office form
  - 1) Gary Farmer, Ellis County
  - 2) Brad Daniels, Hill County
  - 3) Paul Tischler, Johnson County
  - 4) Marty McPherson, Somervell County
- 3. Call to Order and Declare Meeting Open to the Public
- 4. Roll Call
- 5. Consider and take action as necessary to elect officer (2.4 Bylaws)
- 6. Adjourn Special Meeting

## Notice of Public Hearing on Permit Application(s)

The Prairielands GCD Board of Directors will hold a hearing on the below-listed application(s) for Operating Permit and/or Amendment to Permit. Notice of the Hearing on Permit Applications and/or Permit Amendments was also posted separately in accordance with the District Rules, and Chapter 36, Texas Water Code, no later than 10 days prior to the date of this hearing.

1. Call to order and declare hearing open to the public

- 2. Roll call
- 3. Board will receive a report from the General Manager describing the following applications for an Operating Permit and the General Manager's recommendation to the Board:
  - 1) <u>Hilco United Services Inc. (Murray Hill Water System) (PWS #1090014)</u>, for authorization through an Operating Permit (OP-25-094) to amend an existing well registration to substantially alter and increase the maximum designed production capacity from 142 GPM to 220 GPM. The existing well (PGCD-000718; 31.88980807, -97.33438772) is located within CCN #12998 in Hill County at 802 Hwy 22, Whitney; Public Water Supply (KB);
  - 2) Gholson WSC (PWS ##1550028), for a proposed Operating Permit (OP-25-095) for additional groundwater production in the amount of 15,000,000 gallons in 2025 and 76,000,000 gallons thereafter producing from wells (PGCD-001039; 31.82674400, -97.23598400) and (PGCD-001040; 31.77449649, -97.28885375) located within CCN #11194 in Hill County. OP-25-095 not to exceed a total permitted authorization of 15,000,000 gallons in 2025 and 76,000,000 gallons annually beginning 2026→2029; Public Water Supply (KB);
  - 3) <u>Tally, Jim</u>, for a proposed Operating Permit (OP-25-093) for authorization to drill a new well (PGCD-003724; 32.52236000, -97.09180000) to be located at 2740 Hardy St, Venus, in Johnson County; and to produce groundwater in an amount not to exceed 248,200 gallons annually for 2025→2029; Commercial Use (AK);
  - 4) QZE Nevada Trust, for authorization through an Operating Permit (OP-25-090) to amend an existing well registration from Domestic Use to Commercial Use and to produce groundwater in the amount not to exceed 2,400,000 gallons from one (1) existing well (PGCD-003568; 32.44794133, -97.13201370) located at 880 CR 615, Venus, in Johnson County. OP-25-090 not to exceed 2,400,000 gallons annually 2025→2029; Commercial Use (AK).
- 4. Receive public comment(s) or requests to contest the above-listed application(s) for Operating Permits or Operating Permit amendments
- 5. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on the above-listed applications for Operating Permit(s) or Operating Permit amendment(s)
- 6. Adjourn or continue public hearing in whole or in part.

## **Continued Public Hearing on Exception to Spacing Requirements**

## The Prairielands GCD Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the following application for an exception to minimum spacing requirements:

- 1. Call to order and declare public hearing open to the public
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Receive report from the General Manager describing the following application for an exception to minimum spacing requirements and the General Manager's recommendation to the Board Kathy Turner Jones:
  - 1) Undine Texas, LLC (Crowley II Acre Subdivision), to continue operation of a pump supply well located at 32.537158, -97.448991; LOT 4 BLK A (CENTRAL PT) CROWLEY II ACRES Acres:1.0100; Johnson County
- 4. Receive public comment(s) or requests to contest the above-listed application for an exception to minimum spacing requirements
- 5. Discussion to consider granting, denying, or amending the above-listed application exception to minimum spacing requirements
- 6. Adjourn or continue public hearing in whole or in part.

## Notice of Continued Show Cause Hearing on Enforcement Matters Continued from May 19, 2025, June 16, 2025, July 21, 2025, and August 18, 2025

The Continued Show Cause Hearing on Enforcement Matters will begin at 9:00 a.m., or upon the adjournment of the Public Hearing on Permit Applications.

The Prairielands GCD Board of Directors may discuss, consider, and take all necessary action regarding the enforcement item(s) listed below:

- 1. Call to order and declare hearing open to the public
- 2. Roll call
- 3. Show Cause Hearing for **Undine Texas, LLC**, pursuant to District Rule 9.6
  - A. Show Cause Hearing directing **Undine Texas, LLC**, ("Respondent"), pursuant to District Rule 9.6 to appear before the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation Board of Directors and show cause why the District should not:
    - 1) issue a cease and desist order indefinitely suspending operation of the existing Well ID No. PGCD-001080;
    - 2) initiate legal action against Respondent in State District Court seeking enforcement of District rules and the collection of any and all attorney's fees and court costs incurred by the District in the prosecution of claims against Respondent; and

- 3) take all other enforcement appropriate action that is necessary and appropriate under the laws of the State of Texas.
- B. Consider, discuss, and take action on matters raised in the **Undine Texas, LLC** show cause hearing, including, but not limited to, issuing a cease and desist order described in Agenda Item No. 3.A.1., authorizing filing of a civil suit against Respondent in State District Court as described in Agenda Item No. 3.A.2., and taking all other enforcement action described in Agenda Item No. 3.A.3.
- 4. Adjourn or continue Show Cause Hearing on Enforcement Matters in whole or in part.

### **Regular Board Meeting**

The Regular Board Meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m., or upon the adjournment of the Show Cause Hearing on Enforcement Matters.

The Prairielands GCD Board of Directors may discuss, consider, and take all necessary action, including possible expenditure of funds, regarding each of the agenda items below:

- 1. Call to order and declare regular meeting open to the public
- 2. Roll call
- 3. Public comment (Verbal comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
- 4. Presentation of Consent Agenda. All items are considered routine and self-explanatory and may be considered and approved by one motion of the Board. There will be no separate discussion of the items unless a Board Member requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence.
  - a) Minutes of August 18, 2025, Hearing on Permit Applications
  - b) Minutes of August 18, 2025, Public Hearing on Exception to Spacing Requirements
  - c) Minutes of August 18, 2025, Show Cause Hearing on Enforcement Matters
  - d) Minutes of August 18, 2025, Regular Board Meeting
  - e) August 2025 monthly invoices and payment of bills
- 5. Finance Report Brian Watts, Comptroller
  - a) Presentation of unaudited financials for the month of August 2025
  - b) Review of cash flow and cash projection for year end 2025
  - c) Authorize General Manager to establish P-Card Purchasing Account under the Texas State contract with US Bank.
  - d) Consider and take action to declare the following item(s) surplus and authorize the General Manager to dispose or auction:
    - 1. Dell Latitude 7480 Laptop (HDD Removed)
    - 2. Intel NUC (HDD Removed)
    - 3. Qty (2) 30x66 L Shaped Desk

- 6. Consider expending funds for educational program regarding Proposition 4 on the November ballet
- 7. Budget and Finance Development Committee Maurice Osborn, Treasurer
  - a) Consider and act on Resolution #25-004 adopting half-cent increase in water use fee rate schedule for 2026.
- 8. Update on activities and meetings related to Groundwater Management Area 8 joint planning and the development of desired future conditions John Ellis, District Hydrogeologist
- 9. Update on well registration and permitting activities Kaylin Garcia, Permitting Director
  - a) Monthly well registration(s) report
  - b) Report on current and YTD permitted authorization and production
- 10. Update on well monitoring and field operations Michael Heath, Field Operations Coordinator
  - a) Overview of field related activities
- 11. Update on public outreach activities, educational, and conservation efforts Sarah Clark, Public Relations/Education Coordinator
  - a) Overview of District involved activities
- 12. General Manager's Report and Update The General Manager will brief the Board on the following administrative, operational, and regulatory matters of the District and any other items included in the General Manager's written report, which may be discussed, considered, and acted upon by the Board, including authorizing the initiation of, managing, or resolving enforcement action or litigation where applicable Kathy Turner Jones
  - a) Update on current administrative activities of the District
  - b) Drought Monitoring
  - c) Enforcement
- 13. General Counsel's Report The District's legal counsel will brief the Board on pertinent legal issues and developments impacting the District since the last Board meeting, and legal counsel's activities on behalf of the District, including without limitation waste injection well monitoring activities including any protests of injection wellapplications with the Railroad Commission of Texas or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, District rules enforcement activities, rules and management plan implementation issues, groundwater-related legislative activities, joint planning and DFC development activities, developments in groundwater case law and submission of legal briefs, contractual issues related to the District, open government, policy, personnel, and financial issues of the District, threatened or pending claims or litigation against the District, and other legal activities on behalf of the District Brian Sledge, Legal Counsel, Sledge Law Group, PLLC
- 14. Open Forum / Discussion of New Business for Future Meeting Agendas

#### 15. Adjourn Regular Meeting

The above agenda schedule represents an estimate of the order for the indicated items and is subject to change at any time. Public hearings and public meetings of the District are available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance to attend a hearing or meeting, please call (817)556-2299 at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing or meeting to coordinate any special physical access arrangements.

At any time during a hearing or meeting of the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District Board and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the Board may meet in a closed executive session on any of the above agenda items or other lawful items for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (§551.071); deliberation regarding real property (§551.072); deliberation regarding prospective gifts (§551.073); personnel matters (§551.074); and deliberation regarding security devices (§551.076). Any subject discussed in executive session may be subject to action during an open hearing or meeting.

Persons may make comments for or against an application for any type of permit, permit amendment, replacement well, or exception request without the need to request a contested case hearing on the application. However, persons wanting to protest an application involving a permit or permit amendment by requesting a contested case hearing must do so in writing in accordance with District Rule 10.6 that is either received by the District or submitted at the public hearing in person before the time that the Board takes final action on the application, as set forth more specifically in the District Rules.

#### Certification

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that on or before 5:00 PM on September 10, 2025, I posted and filed the above notice of meeting(s) and hearing(s) with the Texas Secretary of State, the Johnson, Ellis, Somervell, and Hill counties' clerk offices, and also posted a copy in the front window of the Prairielands GCD office in a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times and that it will remain so posted continuously for at least three business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.043.

Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District

Kathy Turner Jones, General Manager