PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

May 18, 2026

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS

The Board of Directors of the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District ("District") met in a public hearing within the boundaries of the District at 208 Kimberly Dr, Cleburne, TX 76031, on May 18, 2026.

At the request of President Beseda, Vice President Tischler assumed the role of Presiding Officer, and called the public hearing to order at 9:01 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	John Curtis
Brad Daniels	Maurice Osborn
Barney McClure	Marty McPherson
Paul Tischler	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; Brian Sledge, General Counsel; District staff; and members of the public. Wade Oliver, EKI Environment & Water, attended via videoconference. *Copies of the public sign-in sheets are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to the May 18, 2026, Regular Board Meeting minutes.*

RECEIVE SUMMARY PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS FROM THE DISTRICT'S CONSULTING HYDROGEOLOGIST – Wade Oliver, EKI Environment & Water, Inc.

Before the summary presentation began, Director Tischler announced that notice of this public hearing on proposed desired future conditions was provided as required by Section 36.063(b) and 36.101(d) of the Texas Water Code and copies of the proposed desired future conditions had been made available in the District office. He also stated that although the Board would consider public comments at this meeting, the period to submit public comment would end on July 31, 2021.

Vice-President Tischler added that Prairielands GCD is one of eleven groundwater conservation districts within Groundwater Management Area (GMA) 8 required to jointly develop and adopt Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for the aquifers every five years. He explained that

the proposed DFCs have been adopted by the GMA 8 districts, and each district is currently conducting public hearings to receive comments, which will be forwarded to GMA 8 for consideration before finalizing the DFCs for the current five-year planning cycle.

Mr. Oliver began his summary of the presentation on the proposed DFCs for GMA 8 and the process used to develop them. He explained that DFCs are long-term groundwater management goals adopted every five years by the groundwater conservation districts within a GMA and must establish projected aquifer conditions at least 50 years into the future. The Texas Water Development Board uses the DFCs to calculate Modeled Available Groundwater (MAG), which helps guide regional water planning efforts.

Mr. Oliver reviewed the nine statutory factors required to consider when developing DFCs, including current and projected groundwater use, regional water planning needs, hydrologic conditions, environmental impacts, subsidence, socioeconomic impacts, private property rights, DFC feasibility, and other relevant information. He noted that municipal and irrigation uses account for the majority of groundwater production within GMA 8 and that regional water demand is projected to increase significantly.

Mr. Oliver provided a summary of the proposed DFCs for the Trinity and Woodbine aquifers, including updates to the groundwater availability model, changes in the DFC measurement methodology, and projected groundwater conditions through 2080. He noted that the proposed DFCs are considered both physically achievable and within the regulatory authority of the groundwater conservation districts. He concluded his report by noting that the public comment period is open through July 31, 2026. Comments received will be forwarded to GMA 8 for consideration in the fall, with final adoption of the DFCs anticipated by January 5, 2027.

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS FROM ANY IN-PERSON MEETING ATTENDEES OR BY WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT.

None.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Director McPherson made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Director Daniels seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 15TH DAY OF JUNE 2026.

Maurice Osborn, Secretary/Treasurer