PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

September 21, 2026

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 September 21, 2026.

CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARE REGULAR MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

In the absence of President Beseda, Vice President Tischler assumed the role of Presiding Officer, and called the public hearing to order at 9:09 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 with the exception of Director Beseda, thus constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors. Also, in attendance were Kathy Turner Jones, General Manager; District staff; and members of the public. Brian Sledge, General Counsel, and Wade Oliver, EKI Environment & Water, 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 Farmer 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 August 2026. – Mr. Watts presented the unaudited financial statements for the month ending August 30, 2026. He noted that the District's cash balances remain strong and ahead of the prior year. He also reviewed the District's revenues, expenditures, and overall financial condition.

HYDROGEOLOGIST REPORT – Wade Oliver, EKI

a) Update on activities and meetings related to Groundwater Management Area 8 joint planning and the development of desired future conditions – Mr. Oliver said the GMA 8 meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 2026. He reported that at least one groundwater conservation district received comments regarding the proposed Desired Future Conditions (DFCs), which will be discussed at the meeting.

b) TWDB Groundwater, Science, Research, and Data Collection Grant update
   a. Hensell Aquifer Monitoring Well status - Mr. Oliver provided an update on site logistics for the new monitoring well and reported that drilling is now anticipated to begin in December or January. The District is expected to receive at least two weeks' notice prior to mobilization. The drilling process is expected to take approximately three weeks.

c) Other District involved activities – Mr. Oliver reported that guidelines for hydrogeologic reports are being developed in accordance with the District's newly adopted rule requirements. A preliminary draft has been completed and is ready for review with District staff to finalize the guidelines and ensure they clearly communicate the District's expectations.

   Ms. Jones added that because portions of the District are experiencing extreme drought conditions and noted that Rule 5.10 provides for the Board consideration of limited overproduction during extreme drought conditions. She indicated that a committee meeting may be held to review the matter before bringing it to the full Board for consideration.

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

Ms. Garcia reported that five permittees were notified of the requirement for independent validation of their 2025 system water loss, and the recent rule amendments were communicated to permittees via email. She also noted that 17 permittees are required to submit renewals this year, with six received to date.

Ms. Garcia concluded her report by noting continued activity in well registrations and groundwater production, with production remaining higher than the previous year. She also

reported that two Operating Permits were approved, with approximately 9.8 billion gallons of total permitted annual authorization.

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

Mr. Heath reported that Field Operations completed numerous meter and GPS verifications during the month, including verification of exempt wells to ensure compliance with spacing requirements. Staff also completed GPS verifications requested by drillers prior to registration, addressed several spacing violations, and performed maintenance on monitoring well equipment to ensure continued data collection.

UPDATE ON PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES, EDUCATIONAL, AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS – Macy Kendrick, Public Relations/Education Director

Ms. Kendrick reported that planning is underway for the October Lunch & Learn for local realtors, along with development of educational presentations, and an assessment of equipment needs. She also reported that she and Dillon Bybee hosted a rainwater harvesting workshop for the Ellis County Master Gardeners and participated in the Johnson County 4-H's inaugural "Harvest Fest at the Ballpark". She concluded by highlighting several upcoming outreach and educational events scheduled in October and November.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND UPDATE – Kathy Turner Jones

Ms. Jones provided an update on the U.S. Drought Monitor and ongoing drought conditions throughout the District. She also reported meeting with the Texas Water Development Board regarding administration of the District's grant, including expectations, deadlines, and reporting requirements. Ms. Jones concluded her report noting that enforcement activities remain on track, with staff continuing to work with permittees toward compliance while maintaining detailed documentation of enforcement efforts and communications.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT — Brian L. Sledge

Mr. Sledge reported that legal matters had been relatively quiet following the adoption of the District's new rules. He also provided updates on recent groundwater litigation and ongoing legislative discussions regarding groundwater permitting and the potential impacts of data centers on water supplies.

OPEN FORUM / DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

Ms. Jones reminded the Board of the need to schedule a Budget and Finance Committee meeting.

ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

There being no further business, Director McPherson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Director Farmer. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2026.

Maurice Osborn, Secretary/Treasurer