PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

March 16, 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 March 16, 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 9:13 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 President Beseda, Director McClure, and Director Osborn, 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 Wade Oliver, EKI Environment & Water, attended via videoconference. *Copies of the public sign-in sheets are attached hereto as Exhibit "A."*

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM TEXAS 4-H YOUTH WATER AMBASSADORS REGARDING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM.

Executive Director, David Smith, provided a virtual overview of the Texas 4-H Youth Water Ambassadors program, highlighting its growth, activities, and outreach efforts, including the fees paid by students to participate in the program. Ms. Nora Pacheco was present and shared her experience as a 4-H Water Ambassador, highlighting the valuable learning opportunities and

exposure to water issues across the state that she has encountered since becoming an Ambassador. Ms. Garcia and Ms. Jones concluded by reviewing possible tiered scholarship and reimbursement opportunities for the students to encourage participation.

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 February 2026. – Mr. Watts reported ending cash balances for February 28, 2026, of $2,994,653.15. This represents a 20.34% increase compared to the ending cash balances for February 28, 2025. The Profit & Loss Report for February reflects a gross revenue of $41,147.77, with a refund allowance of $92,082.01, resulting in a net revenue of $1,229,572.83.

UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS RELATED TO GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 8 JOINT PLANNING AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS. – Wade Oliver, EKI Environment & Water, Inc.

Mr. Oliver reported on the February 26 GMA 8 meeting, highlighting the results of Run 4.7, including changes in drawdown associated with decreased pumping in Williamson County. The GMA approved Run 4.8 as the final run, which will incorporate updated pumping for McClennan County, with results to be reviewed at the GMA's March 31 meeting. Mr. Oliver concluded noting continued concerns regarding impact of non-regulated areas on regional water levels.

RECEIVE UPDATED EXEMPT USE REPORT AND POSSIBLE ACTION – Wade Oliver

No action was taken on this item. Ms. Jones noted this item was inadvertently included on the agenda and will be rescheduled for consideration at the April 20 Board meeting.

RECEIVE REPORT REGARDING THE TWDB 2026 RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION – Kathy Turner Jones And Wade Oliver

Mr. Oliver informed the Board that the District submitted a grant application on Friday, March 13, 2026, to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) requesting $300,000 to enhance the District's monitoring network and data collection efforts. Ms. Jones noted the application was a team effort and expressed appreciation to Wade and District staff for their assistance in meeting the deadline. The TDWB is expected to issue award notifications in May, with funds anticipated to be available in July.

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

Ms. Garcia reported that 2025 refunds and meter verifications for 452 wells have been completed, and three Historic Use Permits were waived. She also noted that all enforcement cases involving overpumpage have been resolved.

Ms. Garcia concluded by stating the District processed 12 well registrations and that 151 of 207 permittees have reported 384 million gallons for February, with totals expected to reach approximately 450 million gallons. Year-to-date production is trending higher than the previous year. Lastly, the District currently has 249 active permits.

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

a) Overview of District involved activities – Ms. Garcia reported ongoing efforts to identify available funding and finalize plans for the 4-H Water Ambassador to increase participation through incentives. She noted participation has historically included up to four ambassadors from multiple counties.

   Ms. Garcia also noted record participation through the public relations and education programs in 2025, the highest in the past 10 years, largely due to increased outreach and event activity. Multiple events have already been completed in 2026, and additional programs are scheduled across the District. She noted Tinker LLC has secured a new partnership with Holy Cross Christian Academy on behalf of the District.

b) Review and possible action to approve draft 2025 Annual Report for the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District for publication and distribution. Ms. Garcia presented a preliminary draft of the 2025 Annual Report noting that even though formatting and visual enhancements are still needed, all substantive content is in place. A copy of the draft report was included in the board packet. Director McPherson made a motion to accept the draft 2025 Annual Report for publication and distribution. Director Curtis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by all those who were present.

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

Mr. Heath provided a brief update of recent field activities since the last Board meeting, including the completion of annual water level measurements, with select wells currently under review for data verification. Staff also assisted the TWDB with equipment upgrades on monitoring wells in Hill and Johnson Counties; with one installation successful, while the other remains under investigation. Mr. Heath concluded his report noting that the monitoring well site agreement with Bethesda WSC has been completed and fully executed.

UPDATE ON GROUNDWATER AVAILABILITY CERTIFICATIONS – Dillon Bybee, Staff Geologist

a) GAC(s) recently submitted to the District
   i. Sunrise Ridge Subdivision (Johnson County) – Mr. Bybee provided an update on the Sunrise Ridge subdivision in Johnson County, consisting of 37 lots. The evaluation included aquifer conditions, pumping test data, and modeling assumptions. Mr. Bybee noted the modeling results indicated lower projected drawdown than the Applicant's analysis due to adjusted well efficiency assumptions. Both standard and peak demand scenarios were evaluated, and in all cases, projected pumping levels remained above the well screen, indicating acceptable conditions and no anticipated adverse impacts under current assumptions.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND UPDATE – Kathy Turner Jones

Ms. Jones reported her recent participation in the North Central Texas Council of Governments' Vision North Texas 2.2 workshop series, to discuss key issues focused on regional long-term water supply, infrastructure, and sustainability.

Ms. Jones concluded her report with an update on drought conditions, noting that as of early March, the majority of Texas was experiencing drought, with conditions in the District ranging from abnormally dry to moderate drought.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT — Brian L. Sledge

Mr. Sledge reported on a groundwater case from the Texas Supreme Court opinion in the Cockrell v. Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District case, noting the Court addressed procedural issues and affirmed that a denied party to a contested case hearing may seek judicial review; the case was remanded for further consideration, with no ruling on the merits.

Mr. Sledge provided an update on proposed revisions to add the "Water Notice: Seller's Disclosure about Groundwater and Surface Water Rights" to the Texas Real Estate Commission ("TREC") disclosure notice to be considered for approval by the TREC broker lawyer committee in April.

Mr. Sledge also discussed anticipated legislative activity, including potential studies on groundwater management, production fee caps, and high-demand water uses such as data centers.

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 Farmer. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 20TH DAY OF APRIL 2026.

Maurice Osborn, Secretary/Treasurer