

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF
NORTH PLAINS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of North Plains Groundwater Conservation District met in regular session on September 8, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at the North Plains Conservation Center Barn, 6045 County Road E., Dumas, Texas 79029. The following persons participated in the Meeting:

Members Present at 9:30 a.m.:

Daniel L. Krienke, President;
Bob B. Zimmer, Vice-President;
Mark Howard, Secretary;
Gene Born, Director;
Harold Grall, Director;
Justin Crownover; and
Zac Yoder, Director.

Staff present during part or all of the meeting:

Steve Walthour, General Manager;
Kirk Welch, Assistant General Manager — Outreach;
Dale Hallmark, — Hydrologist;
Kristen Blackwell, Executive Assistant;
Lewis Orthman, Natural Resource Specialist;
Curtis Schwertner, Natural Resource Specialist;
Shari Stanford, Natural Resource Specialist;
Paige Glazner, Conservation Outreach Assistant; and
Dusty Holt, Permitting Specialist.

Others present during part or all of the meeting:

Nich Kenny;
Guy Burkett;
Blake Stringer;
Kelly Stringer;
Scott Skalsky;
Mandi Boychuk, Natural Prairie & Northside Farmland;
F. Keith Good, General Counsel for the District; and
Ellen Orr, Paralegal.

President, Daniel L. Krienke declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Director, Harold Grall, gave the invocation and President Krienke led the pledge.

President Krienke recessed the regular Board meeting and called the following matters for hearing:

NPGCD Show Cause Hearing No. 020-001, regarding Guy Burkett, doing business as Burkett Drilling in apparent violation of District Rules 2.14 and 2.18.; and

NPGCD 020-002, regarding Blake Stringer for apparent violation of District Rules 5.1.1; 5.1.4.A and 5.1.5.

At 1:01 p.m., President Krienke closed the Show Cause hearings.

Executive Session - Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

At 1:02 p.m., Gene Born moved to go into Executive Session in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, §551.071, to obtain legal advice on matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with Chapter 551. Bob B. Zimmer seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Executive Session: At 1:12 p.m., the Board went into Executive Session. At 2:25 p.m., Gene Born moved that the Board reconvene into regular session. Bob B. Zimmer seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board reconvened into regular session at 2:30 p.m.

1 – Public Comment

No Public Comment was made to the Board.

2 – Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was discussed by the Board and consisted of: the review and approval of the Minutes of the regularly scheduled Board of Directors Meeting on August 14, 2020; the review and approval of un-audited District expenditures for August 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020, including the General Manager's expense and activity report; and the review and approval of payment to Lemon, Shearer, Phillips & Good, P.C. for professional services and out-of-pocket expenses incurred from August 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020, in the amount of \$31,050.58.

Gene Born moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Harold Grall seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Action Agenda 3.a. - Consider action regarding Show Cause Hearings.

Gene Born moved to adopt the following Board Order regarding Show Cause Hearing No. 020-001 in re Guy Burkett, doing business as Burkett Drilling:

NPGCD BOARD ORDER NO. 020-001

On September 8, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District (District) Board of Directors, under Presiding Officer, Daniel L. Krienke, convened a Show Cause Hearing (Hearing) under District Rule 11.5. The Hearing was convened to permit Guy Burkett, doing business as Burkett Drilling, a sole proprietorship, P.O. Box 630, Sunray, Texas 79086 (Burkett) to come before the Board and show cause as to why Burkett should not be assessed a civil penalty, for violation of District Rules 2.14 and 2.18. The Hearing was duly recorded by Court Reporter, Shelly Burnett.

After hearing the evidence submitted by General Manager, Steve Walthour, Guy Burkett and comments by the District's General Counsel, Keith Good, the District's Board of Directors finds:

FINDINGS

The North Plains Groundwater Conservation District (District) was established by the Texas Legislature under enabling legislation ratified on January 27, 1955. The District is authorized under Texas Water Code, Section 36.101, to make and enforce Rules to govern the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste

of groundwater within the District. Further, under Sections 36.114, 36.115 and 36.117(h) of the Texas Water Code, the District is authorized to require the permitting and registration of water Wells;

District Rule 2.14 (Permit Available during Drilling or Equipping a Well) requires that a copy of a Well Registration, Test Hole Permit, or Well Permit approved by the General Manager shall be available (which may be through electronic means) at the drilling rig at all times during which the rig is drilling a Well and when the Well is being completed or equipped;

District Rule 2.18 (Well Registration Required) also requires that monitor wells, domestic wells, livestock wells, and a well used solely to supply water for a rig that is actively engaged in drilling or exploration operations for an oil or gas well permitted by the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) shall be registered with the District;

As observed by District staff, on or about February 27, 2020, Burkett drilled a Well (HN-11503) on the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section 28, Block P, H&GN Ry. Survey, Hansford County, Texas, Latitude 36.444853 and Longitude -101.399076 without having first registered the Well with the District, or applied to the District and received a permit, or amended permit to do so, or indicated to the District that the Well was exempt by law or by District Rules. Further, Burkett failed to make available, a copy of the Well Registration, Test Hole Permit, or Well Permit approved by the General Manager during all times in which the drilling rig was engaged in drilling operations of the Well and during the completing and equipping of the Well on the Property. Well HN-11503 was registered with the District on or about March 17, 2020;

On or about March 2, 2020, Burkett was notified by the District of the apparent violations of District Rule 2.14 and District Rule 2.18. for Well HN-11503;

During the investigation of the foregoing violations by Burkett, District staff discovered that Burkett has also violated District Rule 2.14 and District Rule 2.18 as follows:

1. On or about November 15, 2019, Burkett drilled a Domestic Well (SH-11502) on the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section 59, Block 2-B, GH&H Ry. Survey, Sherman County, Texas, Latitude 36.198306 and Longitude -101.919139 without having first registered the Well with the District, or applied to the District and received a permit, or amended permit to do so, or indicated to the District that the Well was exempt by law or by District Rules. Further, Burkett failed to make available, a copy of the Well Registration, Test Hole Permit, or Well Permit approved by the General Manager during all times in which the drilling rig was engaged in drilling operations of the Well and during the completing and equipping of the Well on the Property. Well SH-11502 was registered with the District on or about March 17, 2020;
2. On or about November 16, 2019, Burkett drilled a Domestic Well (SH-11263) on the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section 214, Block 1-C, GH&H Ry. Survey, Sherman County, Texas, Latitude 36.3278 and Longitude -101.9352 without having first registered the Well with the District, or applied to the District and received a permit, or amended permit to do so, or indicated to the District that the Well was exempt by law or by District Rules. Further, Burkett failed to make available, a copy of the Well Registration, Test Hole Permit, or Well Permit approved by the General Manager during all times in which the drilling rig was engaged in drilling operations of the Well and during the completing and equipping of the Well on the Property. Well SH-11263 was registered with the District on or about March 17, 2020; and

3. On or about February 26, 2020, Burkett drilled a Domestic Well (HN-11509) on the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section 59, Block P, H&GN Ry. Survey, Hansford County, Texas, Latitude 36.459243 and Longitude -101.367977 without having first registered the Well with the District, or applied to the District and received a permit, or amended permit to do so, or indicated to the District that the Well was exempt by law or by District Rules. Further, Burkett failed to make available, a copy of the Well Registration, Test Hole Permit, or Well Permit approved by the General Manager during all times in which the drilling rig was engaged in drilling operations of the Well and during the completing and equipping of the Well on the Property. Well HN-11509 was registered with the District on or about March 17, 2020;

The District issued its Order for a Show Cause Hearing to Burkett on March 13, 2020 for violations of District Rules 2.14 and 2.18 for Well HN-11503;

The District's Order for a Show Cause Hearing set the location of the Hearing at the Conference Room in the Richard S. Bowers Water Conservation Learning Center Building at the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Water Conservation Center, 6045 County Road E, Dumas, Texas 79029-7201; set the date for April 14, 2020; and set the time at 9:30 a.m.;

Burkett was submitted notice of the District's Show Cause Hearing Order by certified and regular U. S. mail delivery;

The Burkett Show Cause Hearing was continued by the District until September 8, 2020 and the location was moved to the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Water Conservation Center Barn, 6045 County Road E, Dumas, Texas 79029-7201 at 10:30 a.m.;

After the Order for the Show Cause Hearing was submitted to Burkett, District staff discovered that Burkett violated District Rule 2.14 and District Rule 2.18 by also drilling Well SH-11502, Well SH-11263 and Well HN-11509;

Pursuant to Texas Water Code, Section 36.102 and District Rule 12.1.2, the District may assess a civil penalty against Burkett for failure to comply with the District's Rules;

The violation of District Rule 2.14. may be enforced by the District by assessing a Class 1 civil penalty against Burkett;

The violation of District Rule 2.18 may also be enforced by the District by assessing a Class 1 civil penalty against Burkett;

A Class 1 civil penalty shall not be less than \$50, nor more than \$10,000 per violation, and each day of a continuing violation shall be deemed a separate violation.

Burkett has violated both District Rule 2.14 and District Rule 2.18 on four separate occasions; and

All of Burkett's administrative remedies have been exhausted in this matter under the District's Show Cause Rule number 11.5.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Burkett shall pay the District the sum of FORTY THOUSAND AND NO/100THS DOLLARS (\$40,000.00), of which TEN THOUSAND AND NO/100THS DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) shall be paid by check to the District on or before October 7, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the payment of the remaining THIRTY THOUSAND AND NO/100THS DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) shall be deferred for a period of ten (10) years from the date this Order was signed and the partial payment of TEN THOUSAND AND NO/100THS DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) paid by Burkett shall be treated as fully satisfying this civil penalty unless a Default (as defined below) occurs.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a "Default" means the occurrence of any of the following at any time during the ten-year period following the date of this Order: (1) the payment of TEN THOUSAND AND NO/100THS DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) is not paid-in-full to the District, in the manner required, and the time specified herein; (2) Burkett violates District Rules 2.14 and 2.18 at any time during the ten-year (10)-year period following the date of this Order; or (3) Burkett files a petition in a bankruptcy court for relief from creditors.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if a Default occurs, Burkett shall immediately deliver the remaining deferred balance of THIRTY THOUSAND AND NO/100THS DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) to the District within ten (10) days of the Default.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order is effective immediately and shall continue in force and effect until further order of the Board of the District. This Order is binding on Burkett his agents, employees and/or other representatives.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all of Burkett's administrative remedies have been exhausted in this matter under the District's Show Cause Rule number 11.5.

Mark Howard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Harold Grall moved to adopt the following Board Order regarding Show Cause Hearing No. 020-002 in re Blake Stringer:

NPGCD BOARD ORDER NO. 020-002

On September 8, 2020, at 10:30 a.m., the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District (District) Board of Directors, under Presiding Officer, Daniel L. Krienke, convened a Show Cause Hearing (Hearing) under District Rule 11.5. The Hearing was convened to permit Blake Stringer, P.O. Box 1090, Dumas, Texas 79029 (Stringer) to come before the Board and show cause as to why Stringer should not be assessed a civil penalty, and/or why the District should not suspend, cancel, or otherwise limit Stringer's operating authority or Well(s) permit(s) for violation of District Rules 5.1.1; 5.1.4.A and 5.1.5. The Hearing was duly recorded by Court Reporter, Shelly Burnett.

After hearing the evidence submitted by General Manager, Steve Walthour, Blake Stringer, and comments by the District's General Counsel, Keith Good, the District's Board of Directors finds:

FINDINGS

The North Plains Groundwater Conservation District (District) was established by the Texas Legislature under enabling legislation ratified on January 27, 1955. The District is authorized under Texas Water Code, Section 36.101, to make and enforce Rules to govern the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste of groundwater within the District. Further, under Sections 36.114, 36.115 and 36.117(h) of the Texas Water Code, the District is authorized to require the permitting and registration of water Wells;

District Rule 5.1.1 requires all Owners of Wells in existence prior to October 14, 2003 which are reworked to increase production, and all Wells drilled after October 14,

2003 to install a Water Meter to measure the Groundwater production from the Well; and to report Annual Production from the new Well and other Wells on the Groundwater Production Unit ("GPU") in accordance with District Rules;

District Rule 5.1.4.A. requires the Owner to install Meters at the pump on all Wells in the GPU within 365 days after the date the permit, or amended permit, was approved;

District Rule 5.1.5 requires that the Metering System shall remain on the Well and be in proper operating condition at all times when Groundwater is being produced. If the Metering System ceases to operate correctly and/or it becomes necessary to remove the Metering system to make repairs and the Well is in operation, the Owner, or the Owner's legal representative, shall within 30 days:

- A. Inform the District of the date the Metering System ceased to operate, the date the Metering System will be removed, and the totalizer reading of the Meter or the calculated Groundwater usage at the time the Metering System is removed;
- B. Inform the District of the date the Metering System was replaced and the totalizer reading of the Meter at the time the Meter was replaced, if the Metering System utilizes an hour Meter, the number of hours on the Meter at the time of replacement; and
- C. Make a determination of the amount of Groundwater, which was produced during the time the Metering System was not in operation. The General Manager shall work with the Well Owner to select the determination method;

On May 23, 2014, the District approved Well Permit MO-8205 on GPU 5429 for Stringer. One other Well, MO-1532, was also located within GPU 5429. District Rules required Stringer to install flow meters on all Wells within the GPU and report annual Production from the new Well and other Wells in the GPU. On April 29, 2020, and on July 10, 2020, District staff observed that the flow meter at Well MO-1532 appeared not to be functioning properly. Stringer is required to report annual production from GPU 5429 by flow meter. For the past two years, Stringer has reported Groundwater usage through an alternative metering method instead of using the flow meters on GPU 5429;

Additionally, on May 14, 2018, the District approved Well Permit for Well MO-10534 on GPU 7035. Well MO-2052 and Well MO-1972 are also located in GPU 7035. According to District Rules, Stringer had until May 14, 2019 to correct any compliance issue noted on GPU 7035. Additionally, all Wells in GPU 7035 were required to be metered. Stringer was notified by the District on or about February 28, 2020 that Meters must be installed at the pump on Wells MO-1972 and MO-2052 by Monday, March 9, 2020. Stringer installed meters on Wells MO-2052 and MO-1972 in GPU 7035; however, the meters appeared to be non-functional. On July 10, 2020, District staff inspected the meters on Wells MO-2052 and MO-1972 which Wells appeared to be operating without the meters properly functioning;

Stringer was notified by the District on July 13, 2020 that the General Manager would request the District's Board of Directors to issue a Show Cause Order to Stringer for the violation of District Rules for: (1) an improperly functioning flow meter at Well MO-1532; (2) for failing to report annual groundwater production to the District for GPU 5429 by flow meter; and (3) for producing groundwater from Wells MO-2052 and MO-1972 without meters properly functioning;

The District issued its Order for a Show Cause Hearing to Stringer on August 5, 2020 for violations of District Rules 5.1.1; 5.1.4.A and 5.1.5. on GPU 5429 and GPU 7035;

The District's Order for a Show Cause Hearing set the location of the Hearing at the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Water Conservation Center Barn, 6045 County Road E, Dumas, Texas 79029-7201; set the date for September 8, 2020; and set the time at 10:30 a.m.;

Stringer was submitted notice of the District's Show Cause Hearing Order by certified and regular U. S. mail delivery;

Pursuant to Texas Water Code, Section 36.102 and under District Rule 12.1.2, the District may assess a civil penalty against Stringer for failure to comply with the District's Rules;

The violation of District Rules 5.1.1; 5.1.4.A and 5.1.5. may each be enforced by the District by assessing a Class 1 civil penalty against Stringer for each violation;

A Class 1 civil penalty shall not be less than \$50, nor more than \$10,000 per violation, and each day of a continuing violation shall be deemed a separate violation;

Stringer produced evidence that he is not in violation of District Rules 5.1.4.A and 5.1.5. and that all meters on GPU 5429 and GPU 7035 are properly functioning; and,

All of Stringer's administrative remedies have been exhausted in this matter under the District's Show Cause Rule number 11.5.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Stringer shall report annual 2020 groundwater production to the District on or before March 1, 2021, for GPU 5429 based on meter readings from Well MO-8205 and supplemented (because MO-1532 has not been in operation for all of calendar year 2020) by PivoTrac for MO-1532 only for calendar year 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Stringer shall also report annual 2020 groundwater production to the District on or before March 1, 2021 for GPU 7035 based on meter readings from meters MO-8332, MO-2089, MO-2051, MO-1972, MO-0613 and MO-0455.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Stringer shall report annual 2021 groundwater production to the District on or before March 1, 2022, for GPU 5429 and GPU 7035 based solely on operating meter readings from each Well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all of Stringer's administrative remedies have been exhausted in this matter under the District's Show Cause Rule number 11.5.

Mark Howard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Action Agenda 3.b. - Consider final compliance approval of water well permits as active and complete wells.

The General Manager reported that District Rule 2.13 provides, after the site inspection is complete, and it is determined that the Well (and all Wells within the Groundwater Production Unit) is/are in compliance with the Rules of the District, and the Well Permit application, the General Manager shall submit the Well Permit to the Board for final compliance approval.

The General Manager reported that the District staff had processed 23 Water Well Permits which are ready for Board consideration and approval. These permits, listed in the table

below, represent completed Wells that have been inspected and are in compliance with District Rules. The inspections verify that the Wells were completed as required by the respective Permits, including proper Well location, Well classification, maximum yield, and proper installations of check valves and flow meters. Copies of the individual permits were presented to the Board.

Well	Class	Section	Block	Survey	Yards N S	Yards E W
DA-9044	C	35	3	CSS	536 S	833 W
DA-9474	C	26	1	BS&F	720 N	106 W
HA-11173	C	291	44	H&TC	321 S	7 W
HA-11445	C	46	48	H&TC	378 S	879 E
HN-11082	D	210	2	GH&H	125 S	142 W
HU-10746	C	113	5-T	T&NO	111 S	113 E
LI-10574	C	709	43	H&TC	209 N	39 E
MO-11170	C	323	44	H&TC	705 N	50 E
OC-10627	D	145	10	SPRR	450 S	25 E
OC-10628	C	64	13	T&NO	480 N	52 W
OC-10770	C	937	43	H&TC	113 S	321 E
OC-11280	D	25	4	GH&H	110 N	160 W
SH-10180	A	117	1-C	GH&H	37 S	371 W
SH-10285	A	117	1-C	GH&H	123 S	320 E
SH-10592	C	197	1-C	GH&H	854 S	601 E
SH-10593	C	112	1-C	GH&H	752 N	303 W
SH-10718	A	62	1-T	T&NO	328 S	184 E
SH-10748	C	6	2-T	T&NO	847 N	46 W
SH-10788	C	227	1-T	T&NO	849 S	700 E
SH-10923	D	37	3-T	T&NO	130 N	846 W
SH-10942	C	448	1-T	T&NO	292 S	225 W
SH-11078	C	21	3-T	T&NO	288 N	205 W
SH-11291	D	94	1-T	T&NO	109 S	487 E

Mark Howard moved to approve all of the Well Permits on the Well Permit Schedule. Bob B. Zimmer seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Action Agenda 3.c. - Consider action to adopt the proposed 2020 tax rate.

On August 14, 2020, the Board proposed a tax rate of \$0.032600 per \$100 of valuation which is the same tax rate the board adopted in 2019. The Board's Proposed Tax Rate, the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate, and the Voter-approval Tax Rate are as follows:

PROPOSED TAX RATE **\$0.032600 per \$100**

NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE **\$0.034100 per \$100**

VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE **\$0.035200 per \$100**

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for North Plains Groundwater Conservation District from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that North Plains Groundwater Conservation District may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that North Plains Groundwater Conservation District is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, North Plains Groundwater Conservation District is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount = (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the way the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by North Plains Groundwater Conservation District last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by North Plains Groundwater Conservation District this year:

	2019	2020	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	2019 adopted tax rate	2020 proposed tax rate	Percentage difference between tax rate for preceding year and proposed tax rate for current year
	\$0.032600 per \$100 of value	\$0.032600 per \$100 of value	0% Increase
Average homestead taxable value	2019 average taxable value of residence homestead \$91,240	2020 average taxable value of residence homestead \$94,557	Increase of percentage between average taxable value of residence homestead for preceding year and current year 4% Increase
Tax on average homestead	2019 amount of taxes on average taxable value of residence homestead \$30	2020 amount of taxes on average taxable value of residence homestead \$31	Percentage difference between taxes imposed for preceding year and taxes proposed for current year 3% Increase
Total tax levy on all properties	2019 levy \$2,294,266	(2020 proposed rate x current total value)/100 \$2,209,152	Percentage difference between preceding year levy and proposed levy for current year 4% Decrease

On August 24, 2020, the District published in a paper of general circulation, the Notice of Meeting to Vote on Tax Rate on September 8, 2020 at 9:30 a.m., CDT, and also published the same Notice on the District’s Internet website, which notified the public that the Board would meet at the North Plains Water Conservation Center Barn, 6045 County Road E, Dumas, Texas 79029-7201.

The General Manager recommended that the Board adopt the 2020 proposed tax rate of \$0.032600 per \$100 of property value as the District’s ad valorem tax rate for 2020.

Bob B. Zimmer moved to adopt the proposed tax rate of \$0.032600 per \$100 of valuation as the District’s 2020 ad valorem tax rate. Gene Born seconded the motion. President Krienke called for the roll-call vote of the Board:

Zac Yoder: Yes
Mark Howard: Yes
Justin Crownover: Yes
Bob B. Zimmer: Yes
Daniel L. Krienke: Yes
Gene Born: Yes
Harold Grall: Yes

Present and Not Voting: None

Absent: None

The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Action Agenda 3.d. - Receive report regarding the District's 25-year groundwater decline rates.

Mr. Walthour stated that Dale Hallmark, the District's Hydrologist, had created an overview report estimating and summarizing the groundwater declines that have occurred within the District over the last 25 years. Mr. Hallmark presented a report to the Board, entitled Twenty-five Years of Groundwater Declines in the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District 1995 – 2020. The report contained maps of declines by county and included a table indicating ranges of declines observed by county. Mr. Hallmark's written report was distributed to the Board at the meeting.

Action Agenda 3.e. - Receive report regarding District Agriculture and other Conservation Education Outreach Programs.

Assistant General Manager, Kirk Welch, presented the following report to the Board:

Master Irrigator

Dates for the 2021 program are March 24, March 31, April 7 and April 14.

The Moore County Community Building has been secured for four dates for the 2021 training. The PAC is going to *consider* an alternative location such as Spearman for the 2022 program.

WCC Rainwater Harvesting Project

A concrete pad has been poured, 3,000-gallon tank placed and plumbing and electrical installed for a rainwater catchment system to collect rainwater from the Richard S. Bowers Conservation Learning Center. This project is being partially funded through an urban grant from the United States Department of Agriculture - Natural Resource Conservation Service. The NRCS area engineer and other staff visited the WCC to inspect the system on August 20. In addition to the rainwater catchment system the project will include landscaping surrounding the Bowers Center featuring pollinator plant varieties.

Conservation Education Outreach

The Outreach Team is researching alternatives to our traditional in-class methods of presenting educational outreach to school age children in the District. Outreach staff are working with the area schools to determine the best ways to communicate important information such as that included in the annual soil labs and other traditionally on-site presentations.

Cotton and Conservation Video Series

Since early June the District and Texas A&M have completed 19 videos. The video series can be found on the District’s website at northplainsgcd.org/cotton. Below, are the numbers of views for each segment in the Cotton and Conservation Series.

Video Title	YouTube Views	Facebook Views
2020 Introduction	6	64
05-28-20 NPWCC	14	424
06-10-20 Sunray Part 1	7	43
06-10-20 Sunray Part 2	6	43
06-26-20 NPWCC	7	37
07-08-20 Sunray Part 1	4	37
07-08-20 Sunray Part 2	1	37
07-08-20 Sunray Part 3	1	37
07-20-20 NPWCC	7	194
07-27-20 Dallam	5	194
08-13-20 Hutchinson	1	37
08-20-20 Sunray Final Video	0	37

Action Agenda 3.f. - Receive report and consider action regarding compliance and contested matters before the District.

The General Manager reported that written notice to producers 8 months after issuance of a Well permit, or Well Registration, to bring all non-complying Wells within the GPU into compliance within 365 days from the permit issue date was being processed by the District.

Action Agenda 4.a. - District Director Reports regarding meetings and/or seminars attended, weather conditions and economic development in each Director’s precinct.

District Director reports were presented to the Board regarding meetings and/or seminars attended, weather conditions and economic development in each Director’s precinct.

Discussion Agenda 4 b. - Committee Reports.

No Committee reports were presented to the Board.

Discussion Agenda 4 c. - General Manager’s Report.

Steve Walthour presented the General Manager’s Report, which included the General Manager’s activity summary and the District’s activity summary, and upcoming meetings and conferences.

Discussion Agenda 5.- Discuss Items for Future Board Meeting Agendas and Set Next Meeting Date and Time.

By consensus, at its August 14, 2020 Board meeting, the Board set its next regular “live” meeting at the North Plains Water Conservation Center Barn, 6045 County Road E., Dumas, Texas 79029, at 9:30 a.m. on October 13, 2020.

Agenda 6 - Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, President Krienke declared the meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.



Daniel L. Krienke, President



Mark Howard, Secretary