

NOTICE OF AND AGENDA FOR NORTH PLAINS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District (“District”) shall be convened at 9:30 a.m., Central Daylight-Saving Time on Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

In response to the COVID-19 crisis and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, Governor Greg Abbott has suspended various provisions that require government officials and members of the public to be physically present at a specified meeting location. To protect the health of the public, District staff and Board of Directors, this Board Meeting of the District will be conducted via Zoom Meeting video conference and teleconference in a manner consistent with these streamlined meeting standards. The public may virtually attend the live meeting by video conference by going to:

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or by teleconference at:

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Individuals wishing to offer public comment during the meeting must register their name, telephone number and the item, if any, on which they wish to speak no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 5, 2020 by contacting Kristen Blackwell by telephone at the District: 806-935-6401 or by e-mail at klane@northplainsgcd.org. District staff will contact registered speakers prior to the meeting time to arrange the process of addressing the Board.

AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum.

Opening Prayer

Pledge

1. Public Comment: Public comment may only be offered during this Agenda item and may either be general in nature, or, may address any specific item on this Agenda. General comments shall be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes, or comments on specific Agenda items shall be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes per Agenda item, not to exceed a total of 9 minutes.

2. Consent Agenda

a. Review and approval of Minutes of meetings as follows:

- Regular Board Meeting held March 10, 2020.
 - Growers Information Meeting held March 10, 2020; and
 - Property Committee Meeting.
- b. Review and approval of District expenditures for March 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020.
 - c. Consider approval of payment to Lemon, Shearer, Phillips & Good, P.C. for professional services and out-of-pocket expenses from March 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020.
 - d. Consider approval of Hansford County Tax Collection Contract for 2020-2021.
 - e. Consider approval of Moore County Tax Collection Contract for 2020-2021.
 - f. Consider Order Allowing Discounts from the Lipscomb County Ad Valorem Tax due if paid before January.

3. Action Agenda

- a. Receive report and consider action as needed regarding agriculture water conservation demonstration programs.
- b. Consider final compliance approval of water well permits as active and complete wells.
- c. Consider General Manager's request to amend the District's 2019 – 2020 Budget.
- d. Discuss development and schedule committee meetings regarding the 2020-2021 District Budget.
- e. Consider groundwater production reporting for 2019 and its relationship to Desired Future Conditions.
- f. Receive Hydrology and Groundwater Resources Report 2019-2020.
- g. Receive North Plains GCD 2019 Annual Report.
- h. Receive report regarding Groundwater Management Area 1 Joint Planning.
- i. Receive report regarding Region A Water Planning Area.
- j. Receive report regarding USGS water quality sampling in the District.
- k. Receive report and consider action regarding compliance and contested matters before the District.
- l. Discuss and ratify the engagement of the law firm of Brown & Fortunato, P.C. Amarillo, Texas to assist the District with Employment Matters.
- m. Closed Session. The Board of Directors of the District may go into a closed session under the authority of the Government Code, Chapter 551, Texas Open Meetings Act, to discuss:
 - Consultation with Attorney – Attorney/Client Privileged Consultations (§551.071)
 - Consultation with general counsel regarding pending compliance matters before the District, exempt from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to §551.071 of the Government Code.

- n. Consider recommendation(s) regarding matters discussed in closed session.

4. Discussion Agenda

- a. District Director Reports regarding meetings and/or seminars attended, weather conditions and economic development in each director's precinct.
- b. Committee reports.
- c. General Manager's report, including, without limitation:
 - i. Upcoming meetings and conferences;
 - ii. General Manager's activity summary;
 - iii. Permits Issued in March, April & May 2020; and
 - iv. District activity summary.

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

6. Adjournment.

At any time during the meeting and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board may meet in executive session for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (§551.071). Any subject discussed in executive session may be subject to action during an open meeting.

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, is a true and correct copy of said Notice; and that I posted a true and correct copy at a place convenient to the public at the District office, at 603 East First, Dumas, Texas, and the Notice was posted on **June 2, 2020**, on or before **5:00 pm** and will remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours immediately preceding the day of said Meeting; a true and correct copy of the Notice was furnished to each county clerk of the county or counties in which the above District is located.

Additionally, I certify that the above Notice of Meeting was furnished to the Secretary of State on or before **5:00 pm June 2, 2020**.

Dated this the **2nd** day of **June 2020**

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District

By: _____

Kristen L. Blackwell, Executive Assistant