

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2016
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF
NORTH PLAINS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of North Plains Groundwater Conservation District met in regular session December 13, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the North Plains Water Conservation Center, 6045 County Road E., Dumas, Texas. The following persons were present:

Members Present at 9:11 a.m.:

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

Staff Present during part or all of the meeting:

Steve Walthour, General Manager;
Dale Hallmark, Assistant General Manager – Hydrologist/Producer Services;
Pauletta Rhoades, Finance/Administration Manager;
Kirk Welch, Assistant General Manager/Outreach;
Kristen Lane, Executive Assistant;
Laura West, Production Monitoring Coordinator;
Casey Tice, Compliance Coordinator;
Odell Ward, GIS Lead Technician/Natural Resource Specialist;
Paul Sigle, Agricultural Engineer; and,
Alyssa Holguin, Conservation Outreach Assistant.

Others present during part or all of the meeting:

F. Keith Good, Attorney; and,
Ellen Orr, Paralegal.

President Zimmer declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. Director, Mark Howard, gave the invocation and President Zimmer led the pledge.

1 – Public Comment

No public comments were received.

2 – Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was discussed by the Board and consisted of: the review and approval of the Minutes of the regular November 8, 2016 Board Meeting; the review and approval of the District Board Meeting held on November 22, 2016 to canvas the November 8, 2016 election; the review and approval of un-audited District expenditures for November 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016, 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 from November 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016, in the amount of \$7,701.66. Gene Born moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Justin Crownover seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Action Agenda 3a - *Administer Oath of Office to Directors Representing Precincts 5 – Hansford and Hutchison County, 6 – Ochiltree County, and 7 – Lipscomb County.*

The General Manager stated that Texas Water Code Section 36.055(a) requires that as soon as practicable after a Director is elected or appointed, that Director shall make the sworn statement prescribed by the Constitution for public office. TWC Section 36.055(b) requires that as soon as practicable after a Director has made the sworn statement, and before beginning to perform the duties of office, that Director shall take the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution for public officers. Since the Board has moved the elections to the General Election date in November during even numbered years, the General Manager will propose amending the Director's policies at an upcoming meeting.

On November 8, 2016, elections for Directors in Precinct 6 – Ochiltree County, and Precinct 7 – Lipscomb County were cancelled because the incumbent Directors were unopposed candidates. On November 8, 2016, the District held an election for Precinct 5 – Hansford and Hutchison Counties. On November 22, 2016, Vice President, Harold Grall and Board Secretary, Daniel Krienke, convened at the District offices to canvass the election. The results for the election in Precinct 5 – Hansford and Hutchison Counties are as follows:

Hutchinson County

	Bob Zimmer	Derik Grotegut	County Total
Total Number of Early Votes Received	43	18	61
Total Number of Election Day Votes	22	26	48
Total Votes	65	44	109

Hansford County

	Bob Zimmer	Derik Grotegut	County Total
Total Number of Early Votes Received	435	396	831
Total Number of Election Day Votes	511	358	869
Total Votes	946	754	1700

Hutchinson & Hansford Counties Combined

	Bob Zimmer	Derik Grotegut	Counties Total
Total Number of Early Votes Received	478	414	892
Total Number of Election Day Votes	533	384	917
Total Votes	1011	798	1809

The candidates sworn statements were taken by Kristen Lane. Thereafter, Ms. Lane administered the Oath of Office to Bob B. Zimmer, Director for Precinct 5, Hansford and Hutchison Counties, and to Gene Born, Director for Precinct 7, Lipscomb County. Daniel L. Krienke, Director for Precinct 6, Ochiltree County, was not present at the Board Meeting.

The Regular Board meeting was recessed at 9:16 a.m. to conduct an Exception Hearing on the Request of Mr. Phillips Sanders to Rule 5.1.4.A regarding Groundwater Production Unit 2332, which consists of Sections 26 and 27, Block R, B&B Survey, Hansford County, Texas.

The Exception Hearing was opened at 9:16 a.m. and the Hearing was closed at 9:54 a.m.