

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 14, 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 August 14, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at the law offices of the Lemon Law Firm, 315 South Main Street, Perryton, Texas 79070. Due to the restrictions of COVID-19, the meeting was held through Zoom Meeting in Perryton, Texas. The following persons participated in the Zoom Meeting:

Members Present at 9:37 a.m.:

Daniel L. Krienke, President;
Bob B. Zimmer, Vice-President;
Mark Howard, Secretary;
Gene Born, 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;
Pauletta Rhoades —Administration/Compliance Coordinator;
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;
Mandi Boychuk, Natural Prairie & Northside Farmland;
F. Keith Good, General Counsel for the District;
Ellen Orr, Paralegal; and
Kelsie Orr.

President, Daniel L. Krienke declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. Director, Bob B. Zimmer, gave the invocation and President Krienke led the pledge.

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 July 14, 2020; the review and approval of un-audited District expenditures for July 1, 2020 through June 31, 2020, including the General Manager's expense and activity report; the review and approval of payment to Lemon, Shearer, Phillips & Good, P.C. for professional services and out-of-pocket expenses incurred from July 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020, in the amount of \$7,352.87; the review and approval of Lipscomb County 2019 Tax Roll Reconciliation; and review and consider approval of the tax sale of Lots 187, 217, 228 and the West part of Lot 230, all in Unit 8A, Double Diamond Estates, Moore County, Texas to Jarrod and LaTrina Gerstberger of Fritch, Texas.

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

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

The report in the Board packet provided to the Board regarding the consideration of final compliance approval of water well permits as active and complete wells is as follows:

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 37 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	Quarter	Section	Block	Survey League	Yards N S	Yards E W
DA-10724	D	NE/4	League 11	1	CSS	233 N	749 E
DA-10845	C	SE/4	8	2	B&B	181 S	115 E
DA-11099	B	NW/4	1	1	SPRR	763 N	113 W
DA-11100	C	NE/4	16	1	FDW	474 N	380 E
DA-11107	C	NE/4	41	6	CSS	900 N	670 E
DA-11113	C	SW/4	20	6	CSS	604 S	299 W
DA-11140	C	SE/4	72	7	CSS	871 S	632 E
DA-11158	C	SE/4	6	0	Day land	1559 S	640 E
DA-11252	C	NE/4	20	6	CSS	586 N	111 E
DA-11282	C	NW/4	44	8	CSS	535 N	3 W
HA-11098	C	SW/4	128	48	H&TC	632 S	335 W
HA-11121	D	NE/4	J Daniels			103 N	101 E
HA-11146	C	NE/4	7	11	CSS	883 N	593 E
HA-11147	C	NW/4	7	11	CSS	698 N	503 W
HA-11148	C	NW/4	7	11	CSS	25 N	104 W
HA-11149	C	SW/4	7	11	CSS	690 S	110 W
HN-11010	C	SW/4	230	2	GH&H	558 S	147 W
HN-11030	D	NE/4	11	1	CIF	295 N	108 E
HN-11233	D	NE/4	210	2	GH&H	251 N	63 E
HU-10848	C	SW/4	38	5-T	T&NO	434 S	103 W
HU-11033	D	NE/4	21	A	DAY L&C	223 N	106 E
HU-11040	D	NE/4	17	NONE	Day L&C	283 N	553 E
HU-11119	C	NE/4	Thos. Ross			1047 N	29 W
HU-11362	D	SE/4	WM Neil			1937 S	904 E
MO-11051	C	NW/4	307	44	H&TC	135 N	759 W
OC-10991	C	NE/4	1177	43	H&TC	877 N	110 E
OC-11018	C	SE/4	1097	43	H&TC	269 S	258 E
OC-11102	D	SE/4	10	12	H&GN	48 S	890 E
SH-10988	C	SE/4	36	1-C	GH&H	820 S	881 E
SH-11097	C	SW/4	9	2-B	GH&H	268 S	128 W
SH-11307	B	NE/4	218	1-C	GH&H	171 N	425 E
SH-11308	B	NE/4	218	1-C	GH&H	143 N	140 E
SH-11309	B	NE/4	218	1-C	GH&H	582 N	310 E
SH-11310	B	NE/4	217	1-C	GH&H	364 N	860 E

SH-11311	B	NW/4	217	1-C	GH&H	730 N	161 W
SH-11312	B	NE/4	217	1-C	GH&H	678 N	866 E
SH-11391	D	SE/4	22	1-C	GH&H	454 S	462 E

It was reported that Justin Crownover had six Well Permits on the Well Permit Schedule: SH-11307, SH-11308, SH-11309, SH-11310, SH-11311, and SH-11312.

Bob B. Zimmer moved to approve Well Permits SH-11307, SH-11308, SH-11309, SH-11310, SH-11311, and SH-11312 on the Well Permit Schedule. Zac Yoder seconded the motion and it was approved by the majority vote of the Board with Justin Crownover abstaining from the vote.

Bob B. Zimmer moved to approve all of the remaining Well permits on the Well Permit Schedule. Zac Yoder seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Action Agenda 3.b. - Consider action to adopt District Budget for 2020-2021.

The General Manager reported that as a taxing entity, the District must propose a budget to determine its fiscal needs before setting a tax rate. The General Manager has analyzed the District's fund balance reserves and developed a preliminary 2020-2021 budget for the purposes of estimating a tax rate and providing a starting point for the Board to finally adopt a budget.

Mr. Walthour stated that the District began the 2019-2020 budget year with \$2,099,590 funds in reserves. As of July 31, 2020, the District's cash and certificates of deposit has increased to \$3,646,540.90. By the end of this fiscal year (EOY) the General Manager estimated that the funds will be reduced by approximately \$368,749.11 leaving \$3,459,193.46 in reserves to start the 2020-2021 budget year. Normally, the District does not spend all the expense budget. The General Manager recommended that the District not raise its taxes and that the Board adopt a 2020-2021 Budget highlighted in **Blue** as follows:

Income:

Description	Current 2019-2020 Budget	Estimate 2019-2020 EOY	2020-2021 No-New- Revenue Income	2020-2021 Budget with Same Tax	Explanation
Taxes	2,272,640.00	2,307,389.71	2,310,800.00	2,209,152.00	
Penalties and Interest	15,600.00	18,545.11	15,600.00	15,600.00	
Delinquent Taxes	14,800.00	16,759.50	14,800.00	14,800.00	
North Plains Water CC	42,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00	
Refunds	5,000.00	2,897.86	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Sale of Assets	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Fees for District Services	130,000.00	187,200.00	130,000.00	130,000.00	Primary Permitting
Other Income	25,000.00	15,426.25	16,000.00	16,000.00	Compliance and other incomenotcapturedinother items.
TWDB Meter/ Equipment Grants	150,000.00	105,666.26	150,000.00	150,000.00	Program funds end 2021
TWDB Master Irrigator/ICI Grants	200,000.00	437.50	250,000.00	250,000.00	Total of \$500,000 available plan on spreading over 2 years for 2 MI Courses.
USDA/NRCS Grant	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	0.00	Not available at this time
TWDB AGRI Loan Program	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	Fully funded in 2019-2020
Investment Income	20,000.00	26,080.64	20,000.00	20,000.00	Interest income
Dallam Co. PGMA fees	70,000.00	72,161.56	70,000.00	70,000.00	Variable
Export Fees	40,000.00	43,547.76	50,000.00	50,000.00	City of Borger (Variable)
Total Income	4,030,040.00	3,878,112.15	3,079,200.00	2,977,552.00	