

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 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 July 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 9:30 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;
Dale Hallmark, Assistant General Manager — Hydrologist/Production Services;
Kirk Welch, Assistant General Manager — Outreach;
Kristen Blackwell, Executive Assistant;
Odell Ward, Program Coordinator — GIS/Monitor Wells;
Curtis Schwertner, Natural Resource Specialist;
Shari Stanford, Permitting and Meter Program Coordinator;
Paige Glazner, Conservation Outreach Assistant; and
Dusty Holt, Permitting Specialist.

Others present during part or all of the meeting:

Tom Forbes, Esq.;
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 9:30 a.m. Director, Gene Born, 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 June 9, 2020; the review and approval of the Minutes of the Property Committee Meeting held on June 26, 2020; the review and approval of un-audited District expenditures for June 1, 2020 through June 30, 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 June 1, 2020 through

June 30, 2020, in the amount of \$7,017.78; the review and approval of the tax sale for Lots 354 and 355, Unit 6, Lot 34, Unit 7 and Lots 297 and 300, Unit 6 all in Double Diamond Estates, Moore County, Texas; and the review and approval of the Texas Municipal League rerate notice for District employee health insurance.

Gene Born moved to approve the Consent Agent. Zac Yoder 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.

Steve Walthour introduced new District employee, Dusty Holt, who is working in permitting.

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 81 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-4433	C	SE	0	0	114	906S	828E
DA-9483	C	NW/4	22	6	CSS	314 N	844 W
DA-9944	C	SW/4	4	48	H&TC	301 S	46 W
DA-10813	C	NE/4	2	2	CSS	625 N	190 E
DA-10892	B	SW/4	63	5	CSS	782 S	861 W
DA-10900	C	NE/4	66	4	CSS	102 N	108 E
DA-10929	C	NE/4	52	1	B&B	849 N	299 E
DA-10940	D	SE/4	3	48	H&TC	101 S	519 E
DA-10951	C	SE/4	0	0	League 114	1255 S	530 E
DA-10952	B	SE/4	0	0	League 114	1437 S	173 E
DA-10953	B	SE/4	0	0	League 114	1416 S	626 E
DA-10954	B	SE/4	29	2	B&B	723 S	412 E
DA-10962	C	SW/4	20	1	BS&F	592 S	482 W
DA-10973	D	NE/4	48	2	B&B	137 N	153 E
DA-10978	B	SW/4	327	1-T	T&NO	454 S	415 W
DA-11020	C	NE/4	41	6	CSS	27 N	312 E
DA-11021	C	NE/4	41	6	CSS	533 N	238 E
DA-11023	C	NW/4	41	6	CSS	67 N	887 W
DA-11069	B	NE/4	58	5	CSS	147 N	211 E
DA-11159	C	SE/4	75	0	E Gee	27 S	113 E
DA-11168	C	SW/4	20	6	CSS	123 S	883 W
DA-11281	B	NW/4	44	8	CSS	727 N	730 W
HA-10723	C	SE/4	F Jordan			2030 N	904 E

HA-10785	D	NW/4	252	44	H&TC	33 N	603 W
HA-10823	B	SW/4	85	48	H&TC	138 N	41 W
HA-10901	C	SE/4	41	48	H&TC	703 S	234 E
HA-10944	B	NW/4	53	48	H&TC	781 N	117 W
HA-11029	C	NW/4	84	21	CSS	110 N	144 W
HA-11035	C	NE/4	6	11	CSS	429 N	447 E
HA-11036	C	NE/4	6	11	CSS	865 N	355 E
HA-11037	C	SE/4	6	11	CSS	862 S	827 E
HA-11038	C	NW/4	6	11	CSS	486 N	1 W
HA-11050	B	NE/4	WN Adams	NONE	NONE	51 N	14 E
HA-11052	C	NE/4	7	11	CSS	343 N	866 E
HA-11064	C	NE/4	126	44	H&TC	463 N	532 E
HA-11068	C	SE/4	210	44	H&TC	415 S	123 E
HA-11090	C	NW/4	Joseph Beaty			1103 N	541 W
HA-11145	C	NW/4	7	11	CSS	265 N	464 W
HA-11361	B	SW/4	44	48	H&TC	251 S	845 W
HA-11367	C	SW/4	5	A-4	PFS	624 S	626 W
HN-10981	D	SE/4	255	2	GH&H	800 S	809 E
HN-10984	C	NE/4	61	R	AB&M	28 N	533 E
HN-11008	D	NE/4	98	4-T	T&NO	184 N	740 E
HN-11009	D	NE/4	98	4-T	T&NO	774 N	554 E
HU-10897	D	SE/4	17	3	SA&MG	348 S	103 E
HU-11042	D	SW/4	105	5-T	T&NO	18 S	307 W
LI-10841	D	SE/4	953	43	H&TC	517 S	118 E
MO-10731	B	NE/4	177	3-T	T&NO	627 N	107 E
MO-10732	B	SE/4	177	3-T	T&NO	453 S	107 E
MO-10736	C	SW/4	177	3-T	T&NO	428 S	470 W
MO-10737	C	SW/4	181	3-T	T&NO	237 S	30 W
MO-10739	B	SW/4	181	3-T	T&NO	204 S	343 W
MO-10979	C	SE/4	14	Q	H&GN	305 S	873 E
MO-10980	C	NE/4	14	Q	H&GN	847 N	301 E
MO-11001	C	NW/4	260	44	H&TC	443 N	103 W
MO-11055	C	NE/4	176	3-T	T&NO	42 N	334 E
MO-11192	C	SW/4	289	44	H&TC	430 S	127 W
OC-0383	C	NE	937	43	H&TC	417 N	461 E
OC-10924	D	SE/4	7	12	H&GN	222 S	633 E
OC-10946	D	NW/4	927	43	H&TC	224 N	225 W
OC-11012	D	NE/4	930	43	H&TC	457 N	343 E
OC-11013	C	NE/4	930	43	H&TC	100 N	536 E
SH-10905	B	SW/4	247	1-T	T&NO	437 S	103 W
SH-10906	B	NW/4	247	1-T	T&NO	446 N	106 W
SH-10907	B	NW/4	247	1-T	T&NO	107 N	106 W
SH-10931	B	SW/4	247	1-T	T&NO	701 S	108 W
SH-10932	B	NW/4	247	1-T	T&NO	694 N	105 W
SH-10957	C	NW/4	244	1-T	T&NO	248 N	32 W
SH-10966	C	SE/4	145	1-C	GH&H	103 S	155 E
SH-10967	C	NW/4	126	1-C	GH&H	101 N	134 W
SH-10968	C	NW/4	126	1-C	GH&H	845 N	174 W
SH-10969	C	NW/4	116	1-C	GH&H	199 N	568 W
SH-10970	C	NE/4	116	1-C	GH&H	204 N	204 E
SH-10974	D	SW/4	12	1	PSL	700 S	402 W
SH-10975	D	SE/4	11	1	PSL	122 S	633 E
SH-11019	C	SW/4	9	2-B	GH&H	113 S	510 W
SH-11032	B	SE/4	132	1-T	T&NO	132 S	105 E
SH-11074	B	NE/4	9	2	PSL	105 N	132 E
SH-11093	C	SE/4	9	2-B	GH&H	48 S	24 E
SH-11094	C	SE/4	9	2-B	GH&H	243 S	483 E
SH-11161	B	SE/4	160	1-C	GH&H	120 S	460 E

It was reported that Mark Howard had Well Permit HA-10785 on the Well Permit Schedule; that Daniel L. Krienke had Well Permit OC-10924 on the Well Permit Schedule and that Zac Yoder had Well Permit DA-10892 on the Well Permit Schedule.

Zac Yoder moved to approve all of the permits on the Well Permit Schedule with the exception of Well Permit HA-10785, Well Permit OC-10924 and Well Permit DA-10892. Harold Grall seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Bob Zimmer moved to approve Well Permit HA-10785, Well Permit OC-10924 and Well Permit DA-10892 on the Well Permit Schedule. Harold Grall seconded the motion and it was approved by the majority vote of the Board, with Mark Howard, Daniel L. Krienke and Zac Yoder abstaining from the vote.

Action Agenda 3.b. - Receive preliminary report regarding North Plains GCD tax valuations for the purposes of developing a budget.

The General Manager presented the following report to the Board:

The eight county appraisers have provided the District preliminary values for 2020 tax valuations across the District. Some appraisers reduce the preliminary amount by 10 to 12 percent of the anticipated certified appraisals. Based on the historical preliminary values, compared to the 2020 preliminary value, if the District elected to keep its current tax rate of \$0.032600 per \$100 of property value, income from ad valorem taxes would be \$2,126,126 or approximately \$150,000 less than anticipated for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. If the District elected to accept the new No-New-Tax rate (effective tax rate) the tax rate would climb to between 0.0347027/\$100 per valuation based on the Preliminary Values and 0.0378816/\$100 based on comparing the current preliminary values to previous certified values. The tables below show the preliminary tax and certified tax values from 2015 – 2019 compared to the preliminary 2020 values.

County	CERTIFIED VALUES					Preliminary
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Dallam	803,102,856	854,627,537	892,889,155	898,572,736	935,109,799	938,729,086
Hansford	657,620,582	552,556,961	521,523,254	543,520,467	566,421,569	542,987,221
Hartley	609,979,400	607,891,134	677,107,188	722,720,265	752,067,804	717,499,720
Hutchison	186,668,380	121,890,140	112,744,190	120,874,840	114,574,960	92,851,552
Lipscomb	910,776,732	564,658,748	622,855,165	631,672,875	638,836,622	331,297,206
Moore	2,149,580,872	1,888,090,299	1,933,338,389	1,989,268,573	2,042,825,518	1,785,001,204
Ochiltree	2,159,858,960	1,485,046,565	1,430,482,148	1,488,422,874	1,515,365,792	1,243,389,922
Sherman	626,051,650	515,290,433	503,931,340	506,939,140	502,738,820	442,542,824
Total	8,103,639,432	6,590,051,817	6,694,870,829	6,901,991,770	7,067,940,884	6,094,298,735
	-2.0%	-23.0%	1.6%	3.0%	2.3%	-16.0%

County	Preliminary Values					
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Dallam	803,102,856	854,627,537	892,889,155	898,572,736	911,377,196	938,729,086
Hansford	657,620,582	552,556,961	521,523,254	543,520,467	478,298,011	542,987,221
Hartley	609,979,400	607,891,134	677,107,188	722,720,265	701,655,699	717,499,720
Hutchison	186,668,380	121,890,140	112,744,190	120,874,840	120,497,180	92,851,552
Lipscomb	910,776,732	564,658,748	622,855,165	631,672,875	622,792,127	331,297,206
Moore	2,149,580,872	1,888,090,299	1,933,338,389	1,989,268,573	1,982,011,024	1,785,001,204
Ochiltree	2,159,858,960	1,485,046,565	1,430,482,148	1,488,422,874	1,180,439,483	1,243,389,922
Sherman	626,051,650	515,290,433	503,931,340	506,939,140	490,119,801	442,542,824
Total	6,867,608,382	6,590,051,817	6,694,870,829	6,901,991,770	6,487,190,521	6,094,298,735
	-2.13%	-4.21%	1.57%	3.00%	-6.39%	-6.45%