

**NORTH PLAINS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
9:00 AM Tuesday, March 14, 2023
North Plains Water Conservation Center
6045 County Road E., Dumas, Texas**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of North Plains Groundwater Conservation District ("District") will be held on March 14, 2023, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the North Plains Water Conservation Center, 6045 County Road E., Dumas, Texas 79029. The presiding officer and a quorum of the Board of Directors of the District will be physically present at this location. Other board members and employees of the District may participate remotely in the meeting by video conference as permitted by Government Code Section 551.127.

Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum.

Opening Prayer

Pledge

1. **Public Comment:** The public is invited to address the board on any general water issue at the beginning of the meeting. The public is further invited to address the board on a specific agenda item when the board considers that item. The public is encouraged to fill out a public comment form prior to the start of the meeting and submit it to the staff at the front desk.

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 February 14, 2023.
- b. Review and approval of District expenditures for February 1, 2023, through February 28, 2023.
- c. Consider approval of payment to Lemon, Shearer, Phillips & Good, PC for professional services and out-of-pocket expenses from February 1, 2023, through February 28, 2023.
- d. Ratify approval for Hutchinson County to sell property for tax purposes.

3. Action Agenda

- a. Consider final compliance approval of Water Well Permits as active and complete wells.
- b. Consider action to adopt desired future conditions approved by resolution of Groundwater Management Area 1 district representatives on August 26, 2021 and declared administrative complete by the TWDB executive administrator on December 16, 2022.
- c. Receive report and consider action as needed regarding agriculture water conservation demonstration programs and the North Plains Water Conservation Center.
- d. Receive report regarding 2022 Annual Production Reporting

- e. Receive report regarding the 88th Legislative Session.
- f. Receive Panhandle Water Planning Group Report.
- g. Discuss and consider request to allow de minimis livestock watering from irrigation wells without flowing through meters.
- h. Consider action regarding BLF request for Exception Rehearing under District rules regarding Chapter 7 Groundwater Production Units ("GPU") specifically District Rule 7.5 and 7.6
- i. Receive report and consider action regarding compliance matters before the district.
- j. 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:
 - i. Consultation with Attorney – Attorney/Client Privileged Consultations (§ 551.071).
 - ii. Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding pending compliance matters and attorney-client privileged communications exempt from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to § 551.071 of the Government Code.
 - iii. Consultation with Legal Counsel 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 Texas Government Code Chapter 551.
 - iv. Discussion of personnel matter in regarding the transition from Steve Walthour as NPGCD General Manager to a successor NPGCD General Manager. Exempt from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Government Code.
- k. 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
 - i. Upcoming meetings and conferences
 - ii. General Manager's activity summary
 - iii. Permits Issued in February 2023.
 - 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 **March 9, 2023**, 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**.

Dated this the **9th** day of **March, 2023**.

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District

By:



Kristen Blackwell, Administration Manager