

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 28, 2023
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF
NORTH PLAINS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of North Plains Groundwater Conservation District met in special session on August 28, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Offices, 603 East 1st Street, Dumas, Texas 79029. The following persons were present:

Members Present at 4:07 p.m.:

Mark Howard, President, in person;
Daniel L. Krienke, Vice President, via Zoom;
Bob B. Zimmer, Secretary, in person;
Gene Born, Director, via Zoom;
Justin Crownover, Director, via Zoom; and,
Allan Frerich, Director, via Zoom.

Staff present during all, or part of, the meeting:

Steve Walthour, General Manager, via Zoom; and,
Kristen Blackwell, Administration Manager; in person.

Others present during all, or part of, the meeting:

Janet Guthrie, via Zoom;
F. Keith Good, Esq., via Zoom;
Ellen Orr, Paralegal, via Zoom; and
Deborah Trejo, Esq., via Zoom.

President Howard declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

1. - Action Agenda

Action Agenda 1.a. - Consider and discuss the lawsuit filed against the District and the Directors, individually, by BLF Land, LLC and Blaine Larsen Farms, Inc. on August 8, 2023, in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Amarillo Division.

Action Agenda 2.a. - Closed Session.

Executive Session - Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code

At 4:12 p.m., Daniel L. Krienke moved to go into Executive Session in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, §551.071, to obtain legal advice from the District's legal counsel concerning the lawsuit filed against the District and its Directors, individually, and in their official capacity, and on matters in which the duty of attorneys to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with Chapter 551. Bob B. Zimmer seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Executive Session: At 4:12 p.m., the Board went into Executive Session under Texas Government Code, §551.071. At 4:40 p.m., Justin Crownover moved that the Board reconvene into regular session. Bob B. Zimmer seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board reconvened into regular session at 4:40 p.m.

Keith Good, General Counsel for the District, announced that he would be submitting a draft agreement between the District and Steve Walthour to Board members via email for review and discussion at the September 12, 2023, Board meeting.

Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Justin Crownover moved to adjourn the meeting. Bob B. Zimmer seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously by the Board. President Howard declared the meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.


Mark Howard, President


Bob B. Zimmer, Secretary