

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 22, 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 22, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room in the Richard S. Bowers Water Conservation Learning Center Building at the North Plains Water Conservation Center, 6045 West County Road E., Dumas, Texas 79029-7201. The following persons were present:

Members Present at 9:00 a.m.:

Mark Howard, President
Daniel L. Krienke, Vice President
Bob B. Zimmer, Secretary;
Gene Born, Director;
Harold Grall, Director;
Justin Crownover, Director; and,
Allan Frerich, Director.

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

Steve Walthour, General Manager;
Kirk Welch, Assistant Manager;
Kristen Blackwell, Administration Manager; and,
Curtis Schwertner, Natural Resource Specialist.

Others present during part or all the meeting:

Justin Hill;
Texann Ralston;
Tara Easterling;
Brantley Jones, Esq.;
F. Keith Good, Esq.;
Ellen Orr, Paralegal; and
Deborah Trejo, Esq.

President Howard declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

President Howard gave the invocation and led the pledge.

1. - Public Comment

Justin Hill and Tara Easterling from Moore County 4-H introduced themselves to the Board and discussed what inspired each of them to become involved with the 4H2O Ambassadors.

2. - Action Agenda

Action Agenda 2.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.b. - *Closed Session.*

Executive Session - Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code

At 9:08 a.m., Harold Grall 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 District counsel 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. Justin Crownover seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Executive Session: At 9:08 a.m., the Board went into Executive Session under Texas Government Code, §551.071 and concluded the discussion at 11:23 a.m. At 10:46 a.m. Allan Frerich departed the meeting during Executive Session. At 11:23 a.m., Harold Grall moved that the Board reconvene into regular session. Justin Crownover seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board reconvened into regular session at 11:23 a.m.

Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Daniel Krienke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Gene Born seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously by the Board.


Mark Howard, President


Bob B. Zimmer, Secretary