

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 17, 2024
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 May 17, 2024, at 11:00 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 11:00 a.m.:

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

Members present via Zoom during part or all the meeting:

Justin Crownover, Director

Staff present during part or all the meeting:

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

Others present during part or all the meeting:

F. Keith Good, Esq.,
Deborah Trejo, Esq. (via Zoom),
Tom Riney, Esq. (via Zoom),
Ancel Escobar, Esq. (via Zoom), and
Rachel Moreno, Esq. (via Zoom).

Others present during part or all the meeting:

None.

President Howard declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. President Howard gave the invocation and 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: (a) the approval of payment to Lemon, Shearer, Phillips & Good, P.C. for professional services and out-of-pocket expenses from April 1, 2024 through April 30, 2024.

Bob Zimmer moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Harold Grall seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Action Agenda 3.a. - Discuss BLF Land, LLC, et al. v. Allen Frerich, et al., No-CV-133-Z (N.D. Tex. Aug. 8, 2023).

Action Agenda 3.b. - Closed Session.

Executive Session - Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

At 11:05 a.m. Allan Frerich moved to close the meeting for consultation with legal counsel as authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, which allows a closed meeting to discuss pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or matters where the duty of counsel to the District, pursuant to the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Bob Zimmer seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Under the authority of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the President declares that we will now close this meeting to the public for the purpose of: Consultation with legal counsel as authorized by Sec. 551.071, Government Code, which allows a closed meeting to discuss pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or matters where the duty of counsel to the District, pursuant to the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

President Howard stated that this is a Closed Session of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors on May 17, 2024, commencing at 11:05 a.m.

Executive Session: At 11:05 a.m., the Board went into Executive Session. At 11:17 a.m., Justin Crownover entered the meeting via Zoom. At 12:24 p.m., Allan Frerich moved that the Board reconvene into regular session. Harold Grall seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

President Howard stated that the meeting of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors is hereby reopened to the public on May 17, 2024, at 12:24 a.m. No formal action was taken by the Board of Directors during the closed session.

President Howard stated that it is my duty to remind you as Board members that discussions held in closed session are confidential. In the event of a breach of this confidentiality by an individual director, the disclosure is not to be construed as a waiver of the District's attorney-client privilege. A known disclosure to a member of the public of a tape recording of a closed session constitutes a criminal violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act. This concludes the closed session of the Board of Directors at 11:46 a.m.

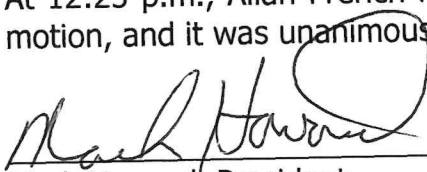
The Board reconvened into regular session at 12:24 p.m.

Set Next Meeting Date and Time

The next regular meeting of the Board was previously scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on June 4, 2024.

Adjournment.

At 12:25 p.m., Allan Frerich moved to adjourn the meeting. Harold Grall seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.


Mark Howard, President


Bob B. Zimmer, Secretary