

**NORTH PLAINS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
9:00 AM Tuesday, August 13, 2024
North Plains Water Conservation Center
6045 County Road E., Dumas, Texas**

AMENDED

A meeting of the Board of Directors of North Plains Groundwater Conservation District (“District”) will be held on August 13, 2024, 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 videoconference 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 July 16, 2024
 - Ag Committee Meeting held July 30, 2024
 - Finance Committee Meeting held July 30, 2024
- b. Review and approval of District expenditures for July 1, 2024, through July 31, 2024.
- c. Consider approval of payment to Lemon, Shearer, Phillips & Good, PC for professional services and out-of-pocket expenses from July 1, 2024, through July 31, 2024.
- d. Consider approval of payment to Kemp Smith Law for professional services and out of pocket expenses from July 1, 2024, through July 31, 2024.
- e. Consider approval of payment to Underwood Attorneys At Law for professional services and out of pocket expenses from July 1, 2024, through July 31, 2024
- f. Consider approval of bid by Heraclio Madrid on property that was “struck off” to the taxing entities of Hansford County.

3. Action Agenda

- a. Hear report from Steve Walthour regarding the Ogallala Aquifer Project
- b. Review and consider action regarding government affairs agreement with Thomas A Forbes
- c. Consider General Manager's request to amend the 2023-2024 North Plains GCD Budget
- d. Consider final compliance approval of Water Well Permits as active and complete wells, review permits issued and permitting graphs from July 2024
- e. Receive report regarding field inspection and services completed during July 2024.
- f. Receive report and consider action as needed regarding agriculture water conservation demonstration programs and the North Plains Water Conservation Center.
- g. Receive report regarding 2023 Hydrology Report
- h. Review and consider action regarding Independent Contractor Service Agreement with Dale Hallmark.
- i. Consider action to order director elections in Precinct 5 – Hansford and Hutchison Counties, Precinct 6- Ochiltree County, Precinct 7 Lipscomb County, and and consider authorizing the General Manager to issue, post, publish and deliver the Notice of Election as required by the Texas Election Code, or cancel the Election if there is no contested race in Precinct 5, Precinct 6, and/or Precinct 7.
- j. Consider General Manager's recommendation regarding proposing the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District budget for 2024-2025
- k. Review last year's tax rate, the 2023 No-New-Revenue Tax Rate, the 2023 Voter-Approval Tax Rate and compare against the draft 24-25 budget to consider proposing a new tax rate.
- l. Consider action directing the General Manager to amend 2023-2024 Budget based on consultation with Auditor and report any changes to the Board for review
- m. Receive report regarding Production Comparative Numbers
- n. Receive report on GMA 1 joint planning and Region A meeting schedule
- o. Consider and Take Action to Approve Amendment No 1 to Work Order 1 Master Technical Services Agreement with Intera, Inc.
- p. Receive report and consider action regarding compliance matters before the District including but not limited to Lance or Sahala Gailard.
- q. Discuss *BLF Land, LLC et al. v. Allen Frerich, et al.*, No. 2:23-CV-133-Z (N.D. Tex. Aug. 8, 2023).
- r. 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:
 - Consultation with general counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation; a settlement offer; or on a matter 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 clearly Conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Exempt from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to §551.071 of the Government Code.

- Consultation with general counsel regarding pending compliance matters before the District. Exempt from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to §551.071 of the Government Code.

s. 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

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 **August 9, 2024**, 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 August 9, 2024**.

Dated this the **9th** day of **August, 2024**

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District

By:

Kristen L. Blackwell

Kristen Blackwell, Administration Manager