

**NORTH PLAINS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING**

**9:00 AM Tuesday, September 10, 2024
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 September 10, 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

Open North Plains GCD Property Tax Rate Hearing

Close Hearing

- 1. Public Comment:** 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:
 - Finance Committee Meeting held August 13, 2024
 - Regular Board Meeting held August 13, 2024
 - b. Review and approval of District expenditures for August 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024.
 - c. Consider approval of payment to Lemon, Shearer, Phillips & Good P.C. for professional services and out-of-pocket expenses from August 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024.
 - d. Consider approval of payment to Kemp Smith Law for professional services and out-of-pocket expenses from August 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024.
 - e. Consider approval of payment to Underwood Attorneys At Law for professional services and out-of-pocket expenses from August 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024.
- 3. Action Agenda**
 - a. Consider General Manager's request to amend the District's 2023-2024 budget.
 - b. Receive report regarding Ogallala Water Project – Steve Walthour
 - c. Consider action to adopt District budget for 2024-2025
 - d. Consider adoption of the tax rate of 0.032161 per one hundred dollars (\$100) of valuation for the District's ad valorem tax rate for 2024.
 - e. Review and consider action to adopt Dallam County non-taxed area production fees to pay the area's share for District administration and services.
 - f. Review and consider action to amend non-exempt water well permit and test hole permit fees in accordance with District Rule 10.9

- g. Consider action to cancel director elections in Precinct 5 – Hansford and Hutchinson Counties, Precinct 6 – Ochiltree County and Precinct 7 – Lipscomb County.
- h. Consider final compliance approval of Water Well Permits as active and complete wells, review permits issued and permitting graphs from August 2024.
- i. Receive report regarding field inspection services completed in August 2024
- j. Receive report and consider action as needed regarding agriculture water conservation demonstration programs and the North Plains Water Conservation Center.
- k. Receive report and consider action regarding compliance matters before the District including but not limited to Craig McCloy.
- l. Receive Annual Report for 2023
- m. Discussion and Consideration of General Counsel Professional Services and take action if necessary
- n. Discuss *BLF Land, LLC et al. v Allen Frerich, et al.*, No. 2:23-CV-133Z (N.D. Tex. Aug 8, 2023).
- o. 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.
- p. 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 September 16, 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** _____

Dated this the 16th day of September

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District

By:

Krystal Donley

Krystal Donley, Administrative Assistant