

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 16, 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 December 16, 2024, 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 9:07 a.m.:**

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

Justin Crownover arrived 9:55 a.m. via Zoom, Director

**Staff present during part or all the meeting:**

Janet Guthrie, General Manager;  
Kristen Blackwell, Administration Manager;  
Odell Ward, Aquifer Science Manager;  
Baylee Barnes, Conservation Outreach Specialist; and,  
Curtis Schwertner, Natural Resource Specialist;

**Others present during part or all the meeting:**

Steve Walthour, via Zoom;  
Deborah Trejo, Esq; and,  
Lynn Tate, Esq.

President Krienke declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Bob B. Zimmer gave the invocation and led the pledge.

**1. - Public Comment**

No public comment was made to the Board.

**2. - Consent Agenda**

Bob B. Zimmer moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes held November 19, 2024; approval of District expenditures from November 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024 including the General Manager's expense and activity report; approval of payment to Kemp Smith Law for professional services November 1, 2024, through November 30, 2024; Underwood Attorneys at Law for professional services November 1, 2024, through November 30, 2024; Lemon Law Firm for professional services November 1, 2024, through November 30, 2024; approval of the bid by Oscar Martinez for the property listed by Moore County, Texas as PID #20611 at 802 Durrett, Dumas, Texas in the amount of \$10,500.00; and approval of the counteroffer by Dalbert and Tiffany Phelan Jr. of Stinnett, Texas in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the property listed by Hutchinson County Tax Assessor/Collector as Lot Two (2), Block Three (3), Unit 1, Harbour Heights Addition to the City of Stinnett, Hutchinson County, Texas on the Consent Agenda.

Allan Frerich seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

**Action Agenda 3.a. - Consider final compliance approval of water well permits as active and complete wells, review permits issued and permitting graphs from November, 2024.**

The following list of wells were presented to the Board for final compliance approval.

Well Number	Class	Quarter	Section	Block	Survey	NS	EW
DA-13301	B	NW	67	2	CSS	168 N	287 W
DA-13302	C	SW	67	2	CSS	443 S	19 W
DA-13303	B	SW	67	2	CSS	798 S	26 W
DA-13304	C	NE	68	2	CSS	710 N	747 E
DA-13305	C	NE	53	2	CSS	11 N	410 E
DA-13307	C	NE	2	1	CSS	423 N	462 E
DA-13311	B	SE	126	4	CSS	119 S	423 E
DA-13312	B	NE	21	1	CSS	125 N	337 E
DA-13341	B	SE	126	4	CSS	143 S	149 E
DA-13352	C	NE	52	5	CSS	241 N	876 E
HA-13323	C	SW	19	14	CSS	539 S	416 W
HA-13324	C	NW	19	14	CSS	859 S	102 W
HA-13337	B	NE	0	0	RE Carruth	329 N	223 E
HA-13338	B	SE	WH Denton			433 S	194 E
HA-13361	C	NE	171	44	H&TC	101 N	107 E
HA-13376	C	NE	168	44	H&TC	135 N	23 E
HA-13378	C	SE	1	WJ-1	WE Jarrett	216 S	13 W
HA-13737	C	SW	6	1	WACO MFG	397 S	601 W
HA-13738	B	SW	16	5	GH&H	445 S	407 W
HA-13741	B	SE	16	5	GH&H	436 S	442 E
HA-13747	B	NE	15	5	GH&H	450 N	451 E
HA-13753	B	SW	16	5	GH&H	261 S	873 W
HA-13754	B	NE	16	5	GH&H	412 N	442 E
HA-13757	B	NE	16	5	GH&H	833 N	812 E
HA-13761	B	NE	16	5	GH&H	863 N	554 E
OC-0248	B	NE	1	2	JF Torrey	10 N	10 E
OC-0809	B	NE	1	2	JF Torrey	610 N	22 E
OC-13462	D	SE	127	13	T&NO	23 S	367 E
SH-1269	B	SW	1	3	GH&H	26 S	277 W
SH-13329	C	SE	86	3-T	T&NO	710 S	790 E

Bob B. Zimmer moved the Board approve the well permits represented in the table above as active and complete wells because the wells are properly equipped and otherwise comply with District rules.

Allan Frerich seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

**Action Agenda 3.b. - Receive report regarding field inspection services during November, 2024.**

Odell Ward, Aquifer Science Manager, presented this item to the Board for reporting purposes.

No motion was made by the Board.

**Action Agenda 3.c. - Receive report from Steve Walthour regarding the Ogallala Water Project.**

Steve Walthour presented this item to the Board for reporting purposes.

No motion was made by the Board.

**Action Agenda 3.d. - Receive report and consider action as needed regarding agriculture water conservation demonstration programs and the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District.**

Baylee Barnes, Conservation Outreach Specialist, presented this item to the Board for reporting purposes.

No motion was made by the Board.

**Action Agenda 3.e. - Review and consider approval of payment to Jimmy Greene for Master Irrigator reimbursement.**

Bob B. Zimmer moved approve the payment to Jimmy Greene for Master Irrigator reimbursement in the amount of \$62,000.00.

Allan Frerich seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

**Action Agenda 3.f. - Update on bringing Master Irrigator trademark up to date.**

Janet Guthrie, General Manager, presented this item to the Board for reporting purposes.

No motion was made by the Board.

**Action Agenda 3.g. - Receive report and consider action as needed regarding Master Irrigator funding sources for 2025.**

Baylee Barnes, Conservation Outreach Specialist, presented this item to the Board for reporting purposes.

No motion was made by the Board.

**Action Agenda 3.h. - Receive report and consider action regarding compliance and contested matters before the District.**

No compliance issues were presented to the Board for consideration.

No motion was made by the Board.

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

*This item was addressed in the Closed Session held under Item K of these minutes.*

**Action Agenda 3.j. - Deliberation regarding the evaluation, duties and potential discipline or dismissal of North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Assistant General Manager**

This item was addressed in the Closed Session held under Item K of these minutes.

**Action Agenda 3.k. - Closed Session.**

**Executive Session - Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code.**

At 10:00 a.m. President Krienke closed 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.

Under the authority of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the President declared 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 Krienke stated that this is a Closed Session of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors on December 16, 2024, commencing at 10:00 a.m. At 12:03 p.m., the Board reconvened into regular session.

President Krienke 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 12:03 p.m.

President Krienke stated that the meeting of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors is hereby reopened to the public on December 16, 2024, at 12:03 p.m. No formal action was taken by the Board of Directors during closed session.

The Board reconvened into regular session at 12:03 p.m.

**Action Agenda 3.l. - Consider recommendations(s) regarding matters discussed in Closed Session.**

No motion was made.

**Discussion Agenda 4.a. - Director Reports regarding meetings and/or seminars attended, weather conditions and economic development in each Director's precinct.**

No Director reports were presented to the Board.

**Discussion Agenda 4.b. - Committee Reports.**

No Committee reports were presented to the Board.

**Discussion Agenda 4.c. - General Manager's Report.**

The General Manager presented her report to the Board in the board packet.

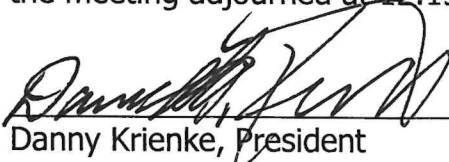
**Discussion Item 5 - Set Next Meeting Date and Time**

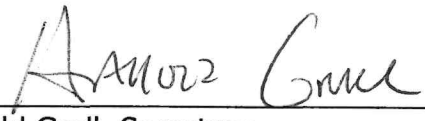
The January meeting of the Board was scheduled for January 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

The February meeting of the Board was scheduled for February 12, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

**Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, President Krienke declared the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

  
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Danny Krienke, President

  
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Harold Grall, Secretary