

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 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 November 19, 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 9:12 a.m.:

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

Staff present during part or all the meeting:

Janet Guthrie, General Manager;
Kirk Welch, Assistant Manager;
Kristen Blackwell, Administration Manager;
Odell Ward, Aquifer Science Manager;
Baylee Barnes, Conservation Outreach Specialist;
Curtis Schwertner, Natural Resource Specialist; and,
Krystal Donley, Administrative Assistant.

Paige Glazner, Conservation Outreach Assistant – via Zoom

Others present during part or all the meeting:

Clinton Born;
Tara Easterling;
Stan Spain; and,
Lynn Tate, Esq.

President Howard declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

Harold Grall gave the invocation and led the pledge.

1. - Public Comment

No public comment was made to the Board.

2. - Consent Agenda

Daniel L. Krienke moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes held October 15, 2024; approval of District expenditures from October 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024 including the General Manager's expense and activity report; approval of payment to Lemon, Shearer, Phillips and Good P.C. for professional services October 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024; Kemp Smith Law for professional services October 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024; Underwood Attorneys at Law for professional services October 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024; and approval of the bid by Dalbert and Tiffany Phelan Jr. of Stinnett, Texas in the amount of \$3,150.00 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.
 Bob B. Zimmer seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Action Agenda 3.a. - Administer Statements of Officer, Oaths of Office and presentation of Certificates of Election to Directors' Precinct 5 – Hansford and Hutchinson Counties, Precinct 6 – Ochiltree County and Precinct 7 – Lipscomb County.

Kristen Blackwell, Administration Manager, administered the Statements of Officer, Oaths of Office and presented Certificates of Election to Bob Zimmer, Precinct 5 – Hansford and Hutchinson Counties, Daniel L. Krienke, Precinct 6 – Ochiltree County, and Clinton D. Born, Precinct 7 – Lipscomb County.

No motion was made by the Board.

Action Agenda 3.b. - Review and Consider Prohibited Technologies Security Policy.

Justin Crownover moved to approve the Prohibited Technologies Security Policy as presented.

Harold Grall seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

The approved Prohibited Technologies Security Policy is attached as Exhibit A.

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

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

Number	Class	Qrt	Section	Block	Survey	N S	E W
DA-13066	B	SE	17	3	CSS	171 S	693 E
DA-13067	B	NW	15	3	CSS	130 N	660 W
DA-13225	B	NE	15	3	CSS	536 N	115 E
DA-13226	B	NE	15	3	CSS	811 N	800 E
DA-13227	B	NW	16	3	CSS	25 S	826 W
DA-13228	B	SW	17	3	CSS	137 S	453 W
DA-13229	B	SW	17	3	CSS	125 S	140 W
DA-13230	B	SE	54	5	CSS	869 S	573 E
DA-13244	C	SW	19	5	CSS	716 S	292 W
DA-13263	B	NW	25	2	B&B	426 N	432 W
DA-13268	C	SE	54	5	CSS	442 S	406 E
DA-13269	B	NE	54	5	CSS	805 N	77 E
DA-13279	B	NE	League 111	1	CSS	836 N	511 E
DA-13297	C	SE	323	1-T	T&NO	46 S	880 E
DA-13308	B	SW	28	1	B&B	114 S	730 W
HA-13201	D	SE	256	44	H&TC	247 S	858 E
HA-13206	C	NW	62	CS	PSL	762 N	373 W
HA-13266	C	NE	39	11	CSS	46 N	345 E

HA-13739	B	SW	211	44	H&TC	439 N	440 W
HN-12695	C	NE	84	4-T	T&NO	832 N	105 E
HN-13294	B	NW	98	4-T	T&NO	228 N	109 W
HN-13298	B	NE	132	2	GH&H	101 N	464 W
HU-13283	C	NW	49	5-T	T&NO	880 N	32 W
OC-13274	D	SE	115	13	T&NO	104 S	600 E
SH-13285	B	SW	7	1	PSL	694 S	192 E
SH-13286	B	NW	6	1-T	T&NO	375 N	110 W
SH-13287	B	SW	6	1-T	T&NO	234 S	110 W
SH-13288	B	NW	110	1-T	T&NO	110 N	646 W
SH-13289	B	NW	110	1-T	T&NO	358 N	726 W
SH-13385	D	NE	98	1-T	T&NO	811 N	858 E

Daniel L. Krienke 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.

Harold Grall seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Action Agenda 3.d. - Receive report regarding field inspection services during October 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.e. - Receive report and consider action regarding the updated agreement between North Plains Groundwater Conservation District and David Sloane, Irrigronomy, LLC.

Daniel L. Krienke moved the Board approve the proposed 16-month contract with Irrigronomy, LLC.

Justin Crownover seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

The approved Irrigronomy, LLC. contract is attached as Exhibit B.

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

Kirk Welch, Assistant 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 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.h. - 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.i. - North Plains GCD Board Officer Election.

Harold Grall expressed his willingness to serve as the Secretary. The President accepted this information as a nomination for Harold Grall to serve as Secretary of the Board.

Bob B. Zimmer seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Action Agenda 3.j. - North Plains GCD Board President appointment of committees.

President Daniel L. Krienke. Appointed board members to the following committees as appropriate.

Executive Committee

President: Daniel L. Krienke
Vice President: Bob B. Zimmer
Secretary: Harold Grall

Budget and Finance Committee

Chairman: Vice President, Bob B. Zimmer
Member: Mark Howard
Member: Allan Frerich

Property Committee

Chairman: Secretary, Harold Grall
Member: Clinton Born
Member: Mark Howard

Agriculture Committee

Chairman: President Daniel L. Krienke
Member: Secretary, Harold Grall
Member: Justin Crownover

President Daniel L. Krienke stated he would continue to represent the Board at the Water Planning Group and Vice President Bob B. Zimmer would continue to represent the Board at GMA1.

No motion was made by the Board.

Action Agenda 3.k. - Closed Session.

Executive Session - Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

At 10:03 a.m. Mark Howard 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 Howard stated that this is a Closed Session of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors on June 4, 2024, commencing at 10:03 a.m. At 11:36 a.m., the Board reconvened into regular 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 11:36 a.m.

President Howard stated that the meeting of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors is hereby reopened to the public on November 19, 2024, at 11:36 a.m. No formal action was taken by the Board of Directors during closed session.

The Board reconvened into regular session at 11:37 a.m.

Action Agenda 3.I. - 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.

Each Director discussed items of note in their respective counties.

Discussion Agenda 4.b. - Committee Reports.

No Committee reports were presented to the Board.

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

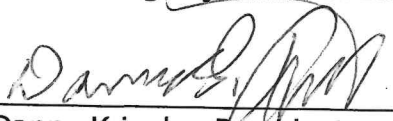
The General Manager presented her report to the Board in the board packet including an update from Steve Walthour on the Ogallala Aquifer Project.

Discussion Item 5 - Set Next Meeting Date and Time

The December meeting of the Board was scheduled for December 16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, President Howard declared the meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.



Danny Krienke, President



Harold Grall, Secretary