

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2025  
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 April 16, 2025, 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 people were present:

**Members Present at 9:03 a.m.:**

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

Justin Crownover, Director, arrived at 9:14 a.m.

**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;  
Curtis Schwertner, Natural Resource Specialist,  
Krystal Donley, Administrative Assistant and  
Dusty Holt, Permitting Specialist.

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

Lynn Tate, Esq.;  
Stan Spain and  
David Sloane, via Zoom.

President Krienke declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 9:03 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**

Bob B. Zimmer moved to approve the Agriculture Committee meeting minutes held March 11, 2025, and the regular board meeting minutes March 19, 2025; approval of District expenditures from March 1, 2025, through March 31, 2025, including the general manager's expense and activity report; approval of payment to Underwood Attorneys at Law for professional services and out of pocket expense from March 1, 2025, through March 31, 2025; approval of payment to Kemp Smith Law for professional services and out of office pocket expense from March 1, 2025, through March 31, 2025; approval of 2025 Assessment and Collection Contract with Moore County and Hansford County Tax Assessor/Collectors

Mark Howard seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the board.

***Action Agenda 3.a. - Receive Investment Report for January 1, 2025 Through March 31, 2025***

Janet Guthrie and Kristen Blackwell presented the quarterly investment report from January 1, 2025, through March 30, 2025, which reflected the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District investment transactions for all District funds subject to District's Public Funds Investment Policy.

The report was for informational purposes, no motion was made.

***Action Agenda 3.b. - Consider final compliance approval of water well permits as active and complete wells, review permits issued and permitting graphs from January 2025.***

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

Well Number	Class	Qrt	Section	Block	Survey	N S	E W
DA-12883	B	SE	55	5	CSS	627 S	27 E
DA-13406	B	NE	154	1-T	T&NO	442 N	704 E
DA-13409	B	SW	154	1-T	T&NO	422 S	451 W
DA-13419	B	SE	72	8	CSS	825 S	121 E
DA-13435	C	NE	2	2	SPRR	435 N	428 E
DA-13491	B	NE	5	48	H&TC	882 S	135 E
DA-13496	C	NE	44	1	B&B	477 S	452 E
DA-13509	B	SE	23	1	CSS	391 S	81 E
DA-13510	B	SE	8	Z	OK Mapes Reed	102 S	143 E
DA-13568	B	SE	25	1	CSS	758 S	133 E
DA-13592	C	SE	15	1	C R Armstrong	374 S	317 E
HA-13503	C	NW	29	14	CSS	304 N	386 W
HA-13504	C	NW	29	14	CSS	171 N	819 W
HA-13513	B	NW	106	4	CSS	833 N	698 W
HA-13514	B	NW	106	4	CSS	277 N	853 W
HA-13515	C	SW	29	14	CSS	309 S	115 W
HA-13536	C	NW	32	14	CSS	528 N	116 W
HA-13537	C	NW	32	14	CSS	724 N	495 W
HA-13540	C	SW	32	14	CSS	33 S	101 W
HA-13549	C	NE	32	14	CSS	584 N	786 E
HA-13551	C	SE	32	14	CSS	369 S	775 E
HN-13518	D	SW	29	4-T	T&NO	183 S	51 W
HN-13557	D	SW	2	1	H&GN	104 S	666 W
HN-13642	D	NW	149	4-T	T&NO	106 N	730 W
MO-13469	B	NW	134	3-T	T&NO	25 N	52 W
MO-1990	B	NE	9	1	J Poitevent	433N	433E
OC-13414	D	SW	74	4-T	T&NO	418 S	634 W
SH-13412	C	SW	48	3-B	GH&H	375 S	470 E
SH-13447	C	NE	455	1-T	T&NO	625 N	549 E
SH-13448	C	NE	455	1-T	T&NO	624 N	852 E

Mark Howard 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.c. - Receive Report Regarding 2024 Annual Production Reporting**

Kristen Blackwell reported to the board as of April 7, 2025, district administration staff had collected 2,970 annual production reports (99%) for 2024. Additionally, she reported that district staff have reviewed potential late field reports and generated settlement letters which were released by the General Manager on April 11, 2025. Draft production numbers were reported as:

2024 ESTIMATED PRODUCTION AND 5 YEAR AVERAGE							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	DRAFT Estimated 2024	DRAFT 5 year average
TOTAL PRODUCTION	1,421,400	1,706,900	1,698,000	1,943,500	1,651,075	1,674,488*	1,734,793

The report was for informational purposes, no motion was made.

**Action Agenda 3.d. - Receive Report and Consider Action As Needed Regarding Agriculture Water Conservation Demonstration Programs and North Plains Water Conservation Center**

**WCC**

Stan Spain and Curtis Schwertner presented to the board that the WCC received 0.79" of rain at the WCC since the last board meeting.

Stan pre-watered West pivot 1.47" and East Pivot 1.49". North ½ of East Pivot needs to irrigate another 1.5" as recommended by David. Tracking Jan – Dec total water and actual returns while staying with in District rules (Systems trail)

Stan presented rust coming out of west wells, east well is clean. After 5 years there is still rust. Not sure if it's coming from well or at discharge, Stan will watch and keep board informed.

**Outreach Activities**

Baylee Barnes presented that Baylee, Paige and Odell attended the Ogallala Commons Rainwater Harvesting Event held in Amarillo on March 27<sup>th</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Baylee, Paige and Curtis attended Stratford Ag Day in Stratford on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Baylee presented the upcoming outreach events

David Sloane presented the 2024 North Plains WCC Demonstration Program Final Report which was printed and provided to the board. The report included information regarding the water use and economics observed. David recommends we continue the cotton/corn rotation as well as the corn/sorghum silage rotation. David presented the plans for the drip system for the 2025 season. The 2024 report will be posted on the website, and the Ag Minutes series will be recorded and starting in May 2025 and continue through the end of the season.

The report was for informational purposes, no motion was made.

**Action Agenda 3.e. - Receive Report Regarding Applications for Financial Assistance Made By the District and Updates on any Funding Available to Qualifying Producers**

Janet Guthrie and Baylee Barnes reported updates to the board regarding the status of grant applications made and filed as well as the status of current grants received and the NRCS funds not released.

The report was for informational purposes, no motion was made.

**Action Agenda 3.f. - Receive Report Regarding Field Inspection Services Completed in March 2025**

Odell Ward presented the activities of the field staff for the month of March, 2025.

Odell presented a report on the Red River Authority Canadian and Red River Basin Highlight Report.

The report was for informational purposes, no motion was made.

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

Kristen Blackwell presented the annual summary required by the management plan goal addressing Control and Prevention of Waste as adopted in the District Management Plan adopted in January 2024. The report provided reference to the existing rule 9.2 and provided the board with a summary of the two actionable waste violations.

Kristen Blackwell Administration Manager, presented the following report to the Board, orally and through the Board Packet.

**Compliance for Board Consideration Update from Previous Meeting**

Name	Well Number(s) & GPU	Board Decision and Status Since Last Meeting
BLF	8266, 8263, 8268, 8267 – Exceeded 2023 annual production limitation. Response due July 15, 2024.	Unresolved.
BLF	HA-5814 GPU 8287 not properly plugged by board due date.	Unresolved
BLF	3354, 3366, 5248, 5256, 5260, 5770, 8239, 8255, 8263, 8267, 8268, 8274, 8281, 8282, 8291, 8297, 8799, 8801, 8802, 8803, 9623 & 9713. Late 2023 Annual Production Report(s)	Unresolved
John Loeppky	GPU 9301 Wells MO-12726 & MO-12727	Compliance Resolved.



	Well construction incomplete. Missing concrete foundation, incorrect check valve and no LPD. No pump report received.	
John Loeppky	GPU 9303 Wells MO-12728 & MO-12813  Well construction incomplete. Missing concrete foundation, incorrect check valve and no LPD. No pump report received.	Compliance Resolved.

2024 Compliance as of March 28, 2025		2025 Compliance as of March 28, 2025	
Total Well Sites Compliance Reviewed	707	Total Well Sites Compliance Reviewed	120
Total Wells Compliance Cleared	707	Total Wells Compliance Cleared	68
Compliance Wells Awaiting Clearance	0	Compliance Wells Awaiting Clearance	53
Compliance Categories Overall	764	Compliance Categories Overall	117
Misc (Det Well, Pipe Div, Reclass, Prod Report	91	Misc (Det Well, Pipe Div, Reclass, Prod Report	119
LPDs & Check Valves	192	LPDs & Check Valves	28
Meters	363	Meters	47
Capped Well Secured / Not Secured	118	Capped Well Secured / Not Secured	23

This item was addressed in the Closed Session and no action was taken.

***Action Agenda 3.h. - Discuss BLF Land LLC et al v. Allan Frerick, et al., NO. 2:23-CV-133Z (N.D. Tex August 8, 2023.***

This item was addressed in the Closed Session.

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

At 10:20 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 March 19, 2025, commencing at 10:20 a.m. At 11:42 a.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 11:42 a.m.

President Krienke stated that the meeting of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors is hereby reopened to the public on April 16, 2025, at 11:42 a.m. No formal action was taken by the Board of Directors during closed session.

***Action Agenda 3.i. - Consider recommendations 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.***

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 provided her report to the board in the board packet.

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

The April meeting of the board was confirmed for June 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Discussion was had about continuing and future topics for the Master Irrigator PAC to consider.

***Adjournment.***

There being no further business to come before the meeting, President Krienke declared the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.



Daniel Krienke, President



Harold Grall, Secretary