

**NORTH PLAINS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
9:00 AM Wednesday September 17, 2025
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 17, 2025, 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 video conference 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 the minutes of the Board meeting held August 13, 2025.
- b. Review and approval of District expenditures for August 1, 2025, through August 31, 2025.
- c. Consider approval of payment to Underwood Attorneys at Law for professional services and out-of-pocket expenses from August 1, 2025, through August 31, 2025.
- d. Consider approval of payment to Kemp Smith Law for professional services and out-of-pocket expenses from August 1, 2025, through August 31, 2025.

3. **Action Agenda**

- a. Consider action to adopt the district budget for 2025-2026.
- b. Consider adoption of the proposed No New Revenue tax rate of 0.031909 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation for the district's ad valorem tax rate for 2025.
- c. Consider action to adopt Dallam County non-taxed area production fees to pay the area's share for district administration and services.
- d. Consider General Manager's request to amend the district's 2024-2025 budget.
- e. Consider approval of WCC lease between the district and Dusty McWilliams

- f. Receive the Master Irrigator 2025 final report
- g. Receive the 2024-2025 Hydrology report
- h. Receive the 2024 Annual report.
- i. Consider final compliance approval of water well permits as active and complete wells, review permits issued and permitting graphs from August 2025.
- j. Receive report regarding field inspection and services completed during August 2025.
- k. Receive report and consider action as needed regarding agriculture water conservation demonstration programs and the North Plains Water Conservation Center.
- l. 89th Legislative Special Sessions Report
- m. Discussion and Consider action regarding Heath Rousser's compliance with District Rules.
- n. Receive report and consider action regarding compliance matters before the district including but not limited to individuals/entities listed on the exhibit(s).
 - 1) Technical Violations – Exhibit A
- o. Receive written update from Steve Walthour regarding the Ogallala Project.
- p. Discuss *BLF Land, LLC et al. v. Allen Frerich, et al.*, No. 2:23-CV-133-Z (N.D. Tex. August 8, 2023).
- q. 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.
- r. 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
 - Upcoming meetings and conferences
 - 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 the 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 10, 2025, 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 10th day of September

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District

By:

Krystal Donley
Krystal Donley, Administrative Assistant

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Exhibit A- Technical Violations

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