

**NORTH PLAINS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING**

9:00 A.M. Wednesday January 28, 2026  
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 January 28, 2026, 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 minutes as follows:
  - Regular board meeting held November 19, 2025.
- b. Review and approval of District expenditures for November 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.
- c. Consider approval of payment to Kemp Smith Law for professional services and out-of-pocket expenses from November 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.
- d. Consider approval of payment to Underwood Attorneys at Law for professional services and out-of-pocket expenses from November 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

3) **Action Agenda**

- a. Review and consider approval of the District’s annual financial report for the year ending September 30, 2025.
- b. Review and consider approval of payment to Coy Barton, CPA for auditing services and preparation of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District annual financial report for the year ending September 30, 2025.
- c. Review and consider approval of letter of engagement for audit and non-audit services to be performed by Coy Barton, CPA for the year ending September 30, 2026.
- d. Receive and consider approval of presentation from MyLand
- e. Review Investment Report for October 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.
- f. Receive report regarding field inspection services completed in November and December 2025.

- g. Receive report and consider action as needed regarding public outreach, agriculture water conservation demonstration programs and the North Plains Water Conservation Center.
- h. Consider final compliance approval of water well permits as active and complete wells, review permits issued and permitting graphs from November and December 2025.
- i. Receive report regarding status of 2025 Annual Production Reporting
- j. Receive and consider approval of Alternative Metering Method Request from Blaine Larson Farms.
- k. Receive report and consider action regarding compliance and contested matters before the district, including but not limited to any actionable violations of the District's rules regarding groundwater waste.
- l. Discuss *BLF Land, LLC et al. v Allen Frerich, et al.*, No. 2:23-CV-133Z (N.D. Tex. Aug 8, 2023).
- m. 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 counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation; or 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 or contemplated litigation before the District exempt from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to §551.071 of the Government Code.
- n. Consider recommendation(s) and possible action 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 including without limitation:
  - i) Upcoming meetings and conferences
  - ii) General Manager's activity summary

#### **Discuss items for future board meeting agendas and set next meeting date and time**

#### **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.*

ITEM 1      PUBLIC COMMENT

SUMMARY:

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.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

PROPOSED MOTION:

No proposed action. This item is for informational purposes only.

ITEM 2A

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 19, 2025.

SUMMARY:

Review and approval of minutes as follows:

- Regular board meeting held November 19, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Move the board approve the attached minutes of the regular board meeting held November 19, 2025.

ITEM 2B      REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DISTRICT EXPENDITURES FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2025, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025.

SUMMARY:

Attached is a summary and detail of the un-audited District expenses from November 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, including the general manager's expense and activity reports, fund balances, cash and certificates of deposit, and the amount of funds owed by the tax collection entities.

During the months of November and December 2025, the following items have an influence upon the finances of the district:

- After discussion with the auditor, there was \$621,575.60 in unrestricted net assets left over from the 2024-2025 budget year. The General Manager moved those funds to Assigned Conservation Management Fund, bringing the balance to \$1,106,799.00, Assigned Funds – Professional Fees, bringing the balance to \$1,106,799.00 and Assigned Funds – Data Management, bringing the balance to \$1,012,852.00.
- The \$100,000 CD at First Bank Southwest matured on December 15, 2024. A new CD was obtained at First Bank Southwest for one year with an interest rate of 3.40%.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is included in the 2025-2026 budget for this item.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Move the board to approve the attached summary and detail of the unaudited District expenses from November 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, including the general manager's expense and activity report.

ITEM 2C      CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO KEMP SMITH LAW FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2025, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025.

SUMMARY:

Kemp Smith Law has submitted an invoice for legal services from November 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, totaling \$6,265.00. The general manager has reviewed this invoice for legal services and has determined that the invoice is consistent with the services Kemp Smith Law have performed for the District during the billing period. Since this invoice may reflect attorney-client privileged information, in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors may wish to 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.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is included in the 2025-2026 budget for this item.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Move the board to approve payment to Kemp Smith Law in the amount of \$6,265.00 for legal services November 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

ITEM 2D      CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO UNDERWOOD ATTORNEYS AT LAW FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2025, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

SUMMARY:

Underwood Attorneys at Law has submitted an invoice for legal services from November 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, totaling \$5,940.88. The general manager has reviewed this invoice for legal services and has determined that the invoice is consistent with the services Underwood Attorneys at Law performed for the District during the billing period. Since this invoice may reflect attorney-client privileged information, in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors may wish to 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.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is included in the 2025-2026 budget for this item.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Move the board to approve payment to Underwood Attorneys at Law in the amount of \$5,940.88 for legal services November 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

ITEM 3A      REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DISTRICT'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, FROM COY BARTON, CPA.

SUMMARY:

Coy Barton, CPA has completed its auditing services and preparation of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2025. Mr. Barton will provide an oral presentation and submit the report for Board consideration and approval.

A copy of the Audit Report and the Audit findings are available for review as an attachment on [dropbox.com](https://www.dropbox.com).

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is sufficient funding in the 2025-2026 budget to cover the costs of the audit.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Move the Board approve the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2025.

ITEM 3B      REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO COY BARTON, CPA FOR AUDITING SERVICES AND PREPARATION OF THE NORTH PLAINS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

SUMMARY:

Coy Barton, CPA has submitted an invoice for auditing services and preparation of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2025, totaling \$22,000.00.

The General Manager has reviewed this invoice for the District's audit for the year ended September 30, 2025, preparation of financial statements, and SAS fraud requirements. The General Manager has determined that the invoice is consistent with the services Coy Barton, CPA has performed for the District audit and in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in his engagement agreement previously approved by the Board of Directors on January 7, 2025. The invoice amount is consistent with payments made in years passed. A copy of the invoice is attached to this summary.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is included in the 2025-2026 budget.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Move the board approve payment to Coy Barton, CPA in the amount of \$22,000.00 for auditing services and preparation of the District annual financial report for the year ending September 30, 2025.

ITEM 3C      REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT FOR AUDIT AND NON-AUDIT SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY COY BARTON, CPA FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2026.

SUMMARY:

Coy Barton, CPA has submitted a letter confirming their understanding of the audit and non-audit services which the District has engaged them to perform. The letter outlines the following requirements to be fulfilled by their agency:

- Coy Barton will oversee all work performed by Coy Barton, CPA
- Coy Barton, CPA, will report on the audit of basic financial statements.
- Coy Barton, CPA will perform additional procedures enabling them to issue a second report in which they will test and report on the District's internal controls over financial reporting and the District's compliance with laws and regulations and other matters as required by *Government Auditing Standards*.

In addition, the letter outlines the responsibilities of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District's management in the auditing process for 2026. A copy of the letter is attached to this report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This item will become payable in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. If approved by the Board, the General Manager will include the expense when proposing a budget for fiscal year 2026-2027.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Move the Board approve the letter of engagement for Audit and Non-Audit Services to be performed by Coy Barton, CPA for fiscal year October 1,2025 to September 30, 2026.

ITEM 3D RECEIVE AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PRESENTATION FROM MYLAND

SUMMARY: Under the guidance of Nicholas Kenney, the District implemented several new innovative projects to promote the development of technical information that could be demonstrated and presented to producers as a means of improving soil health. This project was engaged under the services of MyLand, a soil health company which provides the delivery of microalgae to rapidly improve the physical, chemical, and biological soil traits, generating significantly healthier soil.

The website outlines the process as having 6 steps of the service they provide.

1. Soil sample – start with a soil sample - this simple step gives us all we need to learn about your land’s unique chemistry and soil dynamics.
2. Select a culture microalgae – through a detailed soil analysis, MyLand states they can detect the exact identities of the producers soil’s microalgae strains and identify the most viable microalgae to regenerate the soil. Their lab team then cultures the ideal strain in preparation of servicing the land.
3. Install and Activate system on farm – While the analysis of the land’s microalgae, the field team installs one of their patented MyLand System on the farm. By integrating the farms’ irrigation system, MyLand System delivers live, native algae on a continuous basis – with no additional work from the producer.
4. Operate and monitor system remotely – once the system is installed, MyLand takes responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the System with regular field visits as part of their service.
5. Ongoing system optimization and maintenance – MyLand’s regional teams provide consistent grower support.
6. Continuous soil health service and monitoring – MyLand’s team of agronomists and soil scientists partner with the producer and their Grower Relations Representative to consistently monitor the health of the soil.

The Ag Committee met with MyLand representatives on November 18, 2025, with Harrison Maples and Eric Burton to review the information MyLand reportedly collected on a few of the 4 demonstration sites located within the District totaling 522 acres. The term of the contract was 3 years and the rate per acre was established at a progressive annual rate per acre. Year one was at the rate of \$77.00 per acre with a total cost of \$40,194.00 which was paid upon billing in September of 2023. The billing did not indicate what growing season the service fee was for, and it was assumed on my part that the payment was in advance for services provided in the upcoming 2024 season. Nicholas Kenney and one of the producers confirmed the system was not operational during the 2023 growing season and Mr. Kenney agreed year 1 should therefore be growing season 2024. The invoice for Year 2 was billed at the rate of \$96.00 per acre with a total cost of \$50,112 and was paid August, September and October of 2024. Year three was at a fee structure of \$115.00 per acre and would have been at a cost of \$60,030 to the District.

Discussions were had with the finance committee when developing the proposed budget. Continuing the project was not provided funding. The project was again not funded in the adopted

budget for FY 2025-2026. Due to the lack of communication and achievement of services described under the contract signed June 29, 2023, the Ag Committee voted to exit the contract with MyLand. In an email to legal counsel Lynn Tate, Dave Booher stated MyLand was open to mutually ending the existing agreement as requested in a letter from Lynn Tate dated November 24, 2025. Mr. Booher stated in this email that MyLand would welcome the opportunity to work with NPGCD again for the 2026 season through their partnership with Texas A&M AgrLife Research. Mr. Booher went on to say this updated approach would give us a full year's study with clear, mutually defined goals and reporting expectations, identify dedicated points of contact on both sides to keep communication consistent, and most importantly, allow growers in the district to participate at no cost to NPGCD for the 2026 season. At the end of the 2026 season, Mr. Booher suggest we revisit the arrangement together, relying entirely on the results of the study to determine the right path forward.

Representatives from MyLand will attend the meeting to discuss the 2026 season terms and conditions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is not sufficient funding in the 2025-2026 budget to cover any related expenses. A budget amendment will be required.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Any action is at the discretion of the board.

ITEM 3E    RECEIVE INVESTMENT REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1, 2025, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025.

SUMMARY:

The quarterly investment report for the period from October 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, reflects the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District investment transactions for all District funds subject to the District's Public Funds Investment Policy.

The report describes in detail the District's investment position as of December 31, 2025; states the maturity date of each separately invested asset that has a maturity date; and states the compliance of the investment portfolio of the District with the investment strategy expressed in the District's investment policy; and relevant provisions of Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code (the "Act").

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is included in the 2025-2026 budget for this item. The report is provided for the Board to track the District's investments.

PROPOSED MOTION:

The item is expected for reporting purposes.

ITEM 3F      RECEIVE REPORT REGARDING FIELD INSPECTION SERVICES DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2025.

SUMMARY:

**Aquifer Science Activities – Odell Ward P.G., Braden Cadenhead, Angel Quiroz, Jacob Fernandez, James “Tackle” Guile**

The field staff conducts pre-drill, post-drill, compliance, production, and meter inspections for district programs in their assigned counties. The field staff conducted numerous production compliance inspections in November and December. The field staff worked diligently to keep up with pre-drills, post-drills, and compliance-related inspections.

In November, the field staff added a new member to the team. Tackle Guile joined the district on the 10<sup>th</sup>. He has experience with well-pumping equipment, flow testing, water level measurements, and farming.

The new field staff members began their water-level training in mid-December. They started working independently in late December. The field team has completed measurements in Dallam and most of Hartley and started on SH counties.

The field staff is working hard to complete calendar tasks for production, meter inspections, and over-production inspections across the district. This is a very busy time for the different district departments, with all working together to complete tasks and keep the process moving forward in a timely manner.

**Field Team County Assignments**

Braden Cadenhead- MO, LI

Angel Quiroz- HA, All of BLF, OC

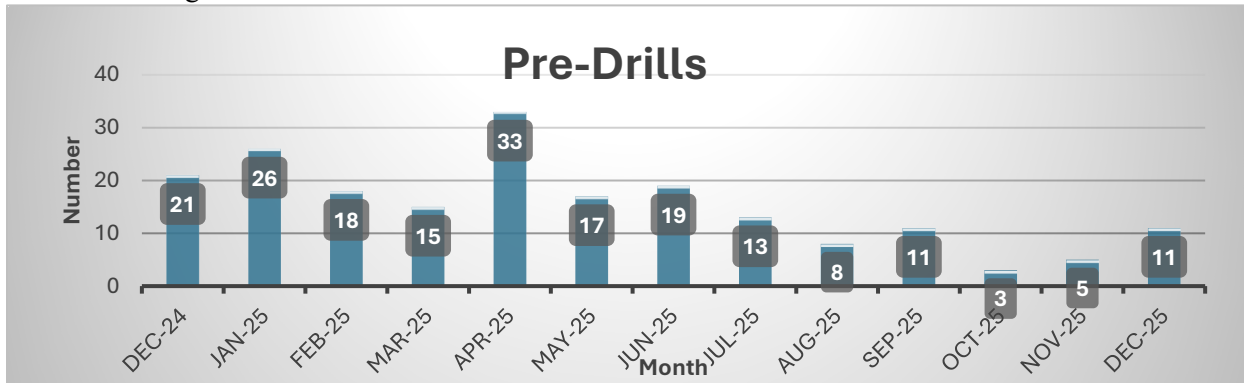
Jacob Fernandez – DA, HN,

Tackle Guile – SH, HU

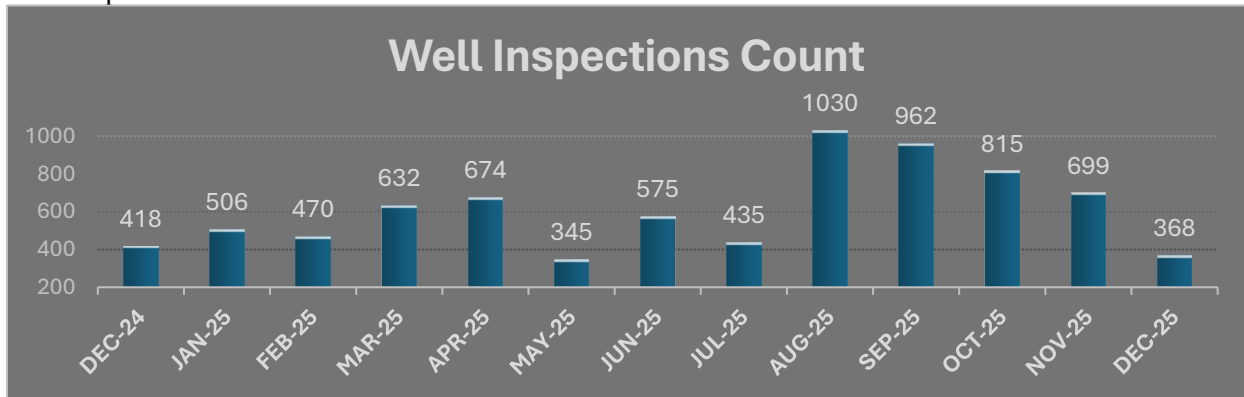
**Well, inspections by type were completed in November and December 2025.**

<b>Type of Inspection</b>	<b>Number</b>
Pre-Drill Inspection	16
Post Drill Inspection	31
General Well Inspections	1053
Winter Water Level Measurements	101
Total Wells Inspected	1201

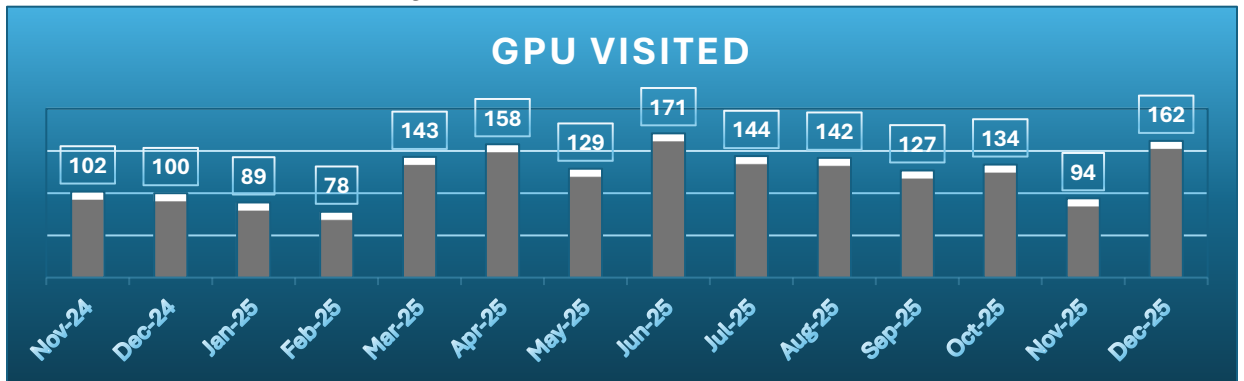
Pre-drills during the last 13 months.



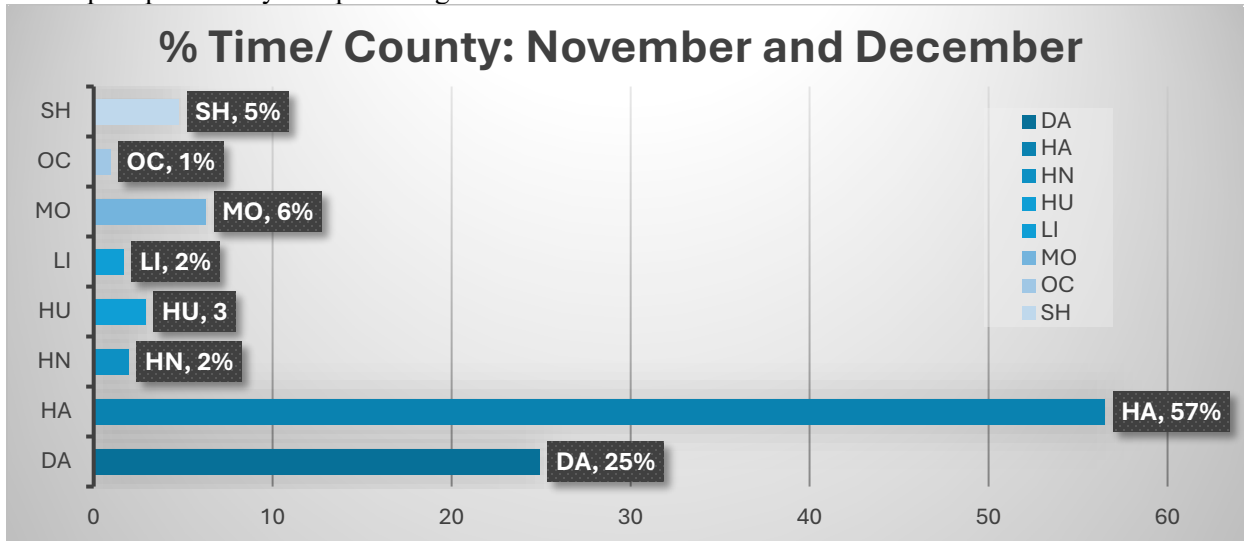
Well inspections the last 13 months.



Number of GPUs visited the last 13 months.



Time spent per County as a percentage.



Field Truck Mileage and Fuel Summary:

Month	Mileage	Fuel (gal)	Cost	\$/Mi
Sep-25	8,309	802	1,874	0.43
Oct-25	7,317	566	1,421	0.40
Nov-25	8,644	464	1,177	0.39
Dec-25	8,388	729	1,664	0.44

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is sufficient funding in the 2025-2026 budget to cover related expenses.

PROPOSED MOTION:

The report is for information purposes only.

ITEM 3G      RECEIVE REPORT AND CONSIDER ACTION AS NEEDED REGARDING PUBLIC OUTREACH, AGRICULTURE WATER CONSERVATION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS AND THE NORTH PLAINS WATER CONSERVATION CENTER.

SUMMARY:

**Outreach Activities**

Outreach staff have been busy promoting The Master Irrigator program throughout the District over the last two months:

- December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Farm and Ranch Show in Amarillo
- December 17<sup>th</sup> Panhandle Crops Conference in Dumas
- January 12<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Meeting in Dumas
- January 13<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Meeting in Spearman
- January 13<sup>th</sup> AgriLife Cattle Conference in Dumas
- January 28<sup>th</sup> Panhandle Crops Conference in Dumas

(In the attachments will be a copy of the slides David Sloane presented at the Pioneer Meetings.)

As of January 19<sup>th</sup>, we have 6 registrants for the Class of 2026.

In efforts to promote The Master Irrigator throughout the District, staff have worked with News Channel 10 to push out advertisements in January and February. This includes targeted Streaming TV commercials, Targeted Display Ads, Livestream commercials, 6AM-7AM KFDA, 9AM-10AM 2<sup>nd</sup> Cup, 6PM-7PM KFDA, and the Weather App Takeover. Harold will also be speaking about the program on 2<sup>nd</sup> Cup on February 12<sup>th</sup>. There are also on-going commercial spots on the radio with interview clips from Justin and Harold thus far.

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, Paige hosted our Annual Rainwater Harvesting event at the offices in Dumas. Chris Samples spoke on his experience with Rainwater Harvesting. There was no one in attendance, therefore Paige videoed Chris speaking and has started a 7-part series on social media.

Upcoming Outreach Events:

- February 11<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Water Conservation Symposium in Amarillo
- February 12<sup>th</sup> Panhandle Crops Conference in Dalhart
- February 18<sup>th</sup> Master Irrigator Session 1
- February 25<sup>th</sup> Master Irrigator Session 2
- March 4<sup>th</sup> Master Irrigator Session 3
- March 11<sup>th</sup> Master Irrigator Session 4
- May 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> (TENTATIVE) Water Festival Dates

**WCC Update**

The WCC received 0.68” of rain since December 5<sup>th</sup>.

From David Sloane:

### **Recent Activities**

The results of the 2025 demonstration program were presented at a series of crop production clinics hosted by Pioneer Seed. This consisted of 4 meetings at Dumas, Spearman, Panhandle and Plainview during the week starting 1/12/26. These meetings were well attended and I was also able to promote the Master Irrigator Program.

### **Results**

All plots were successfully harvested in late 2025 and yield results are available, however the cotton is still to be sold and the economic analysis is yet to be completed.

East Pivot: Cotton 2.51 bales/ac using 9.15" of irrigation

Forage Sorghum 25.45 t/ac using 10.89" of irrigation (incl. 2.7" pre-water)

West Pivot: Corn 247 bu/ac using 20.99" irrigation

Forage Sorghum 23.92 t/ac using 8.37" irrigation

The forage sorghum performed very well compared to 2024 but it also suffered from a wind storm on 8/3/25 that caused significant flattening of the crop. It did stand upright again but a significant amount of biomass was left un-harvested as the lower stalks sat parallel to the ground and went under the swather. No hand-harvests were taken.

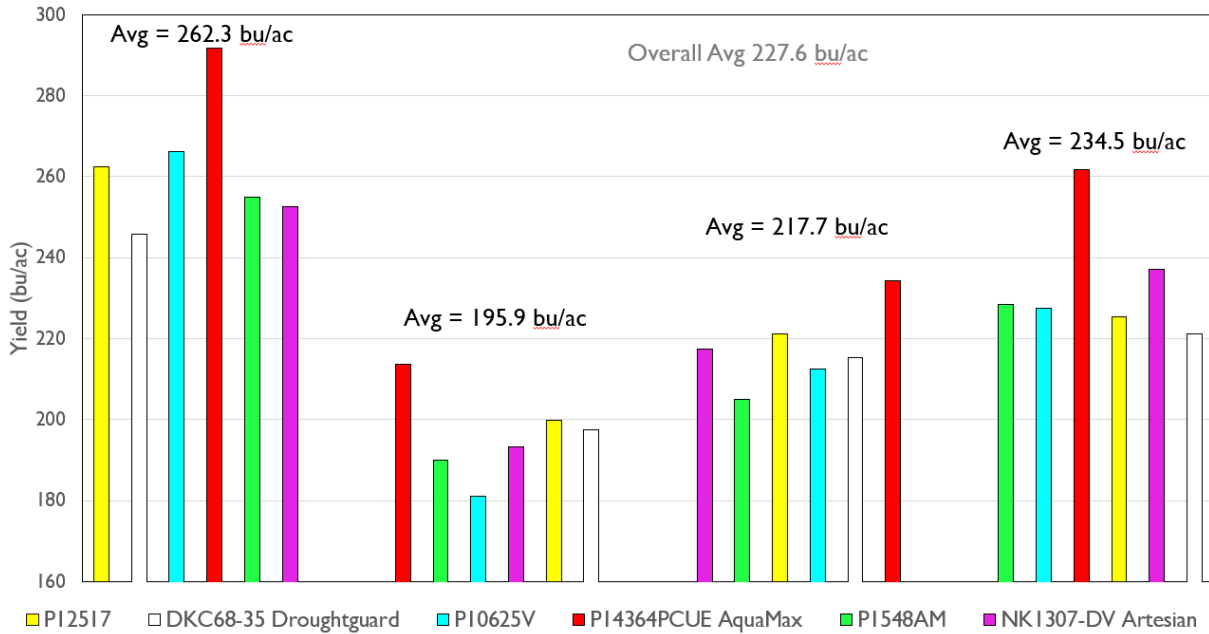
The yields for the forage sorghum planted on 30" rows and direct harvested were significantly lower than those planted on 7.5" rows using an air seeder and swathed. This is because the direct cut silage would not dry out (despite delaying harvest for 3 weeks) and the cutting height was raised to about 18" as the base stalks were still too wet. The average yield for the swathed silage was 24.69 t/ac compared to 22.05 t/ac for the direct cut silage.

### **Drought Tolerant Hybrids**

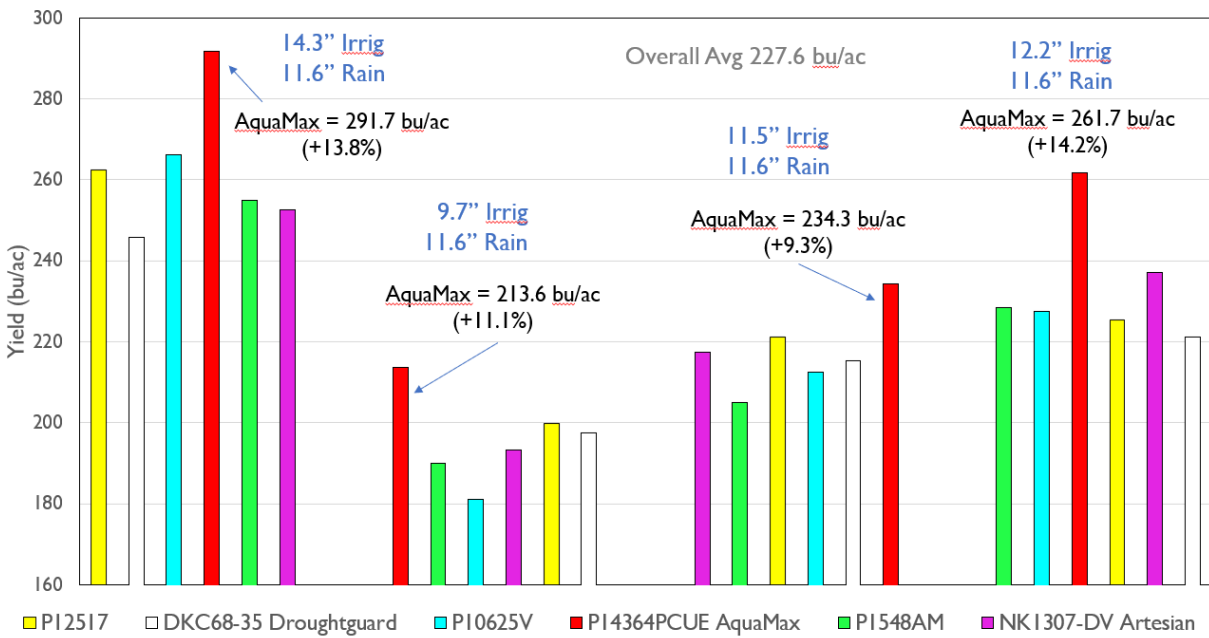
The demonstration of drought tolerant hybrids was an ambitious plot design but could be considered highly successful. The early planted plots on the south drip field suffered from inconsistent germination and from significant root worm damage. However, the later planted plots on the north drip had perfect germination and no observable root worm. As such, only the results from the later planted plots are shown below. Due to 11.6" of in-season rain, not all of the planned irrigation was used, yet we were still able to grow and average 196 bu/ac corn on 9.66" irrigation. The leading AquaMax hybrid yielded 214 bu/ac on 9.66" irrigation (21.3" total water). This is an outstanding result and shows how future hybrids could really improve water use efficiency of corn grown on the north plains.

The following two graphs show the average yields per treatment and highlight how well the leading hybrid yielded compared to the average of the other 5 hybrids. The irrigation amounts are also included.

North SDI – Late Plant



North SDI – Late Plant



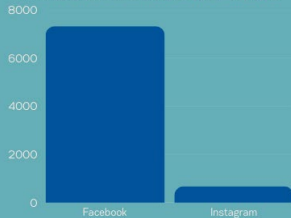
The full results and analysis will be available in the report that is scheduled for completion by the March board meeting.

## Analytics

# DECEMBER & JANUARY SOCIAL MEDIA PERFORMANCE REPORT

## VIEWS

number of times content was played or displayed.



## REACH

the number of people who have seen a post or the page.

Facebook	2,136	12.7% ▼
Instagram	53	19% ▼

## FOLLOWER GROWTH

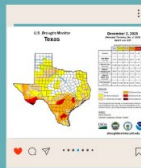
Facebook



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## Top Performing Content From All Platforms:



Reach: 499  
Like: 1  
Comment: 0  
Share: 1

## CONTENT INTERACTIONS:



Facebook	81
Instagram	30

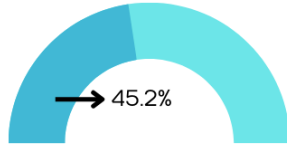
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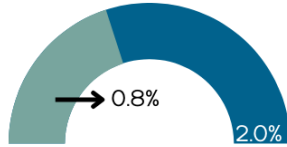
In the months of December and January our Facebook page grew by 13 followers and our Instagram account by 3 followers. Our reach (the number of people who saw our content) went down by 12.7% on Facebook but our views (the number of times our content was on display) increased by 6.8%. The 2 top performing posts were of the drought map from December 5<sup>th</sup> and the post for hiring a new employee.

# December Newsletter Analytics

## North Plains GCD

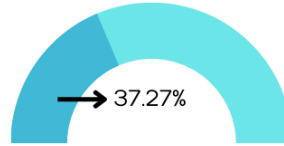


Open Rate

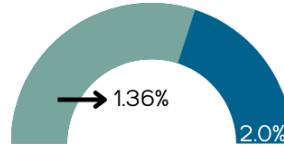


Click Rate

## Industry Average



Open Rate



Click Rate

## Most Clicked Link:



The analytics from the December newsletter show our open rate is above the industry average, while our click rate is below the industry average. The most clicked on link from the newsletter is the promotion for The Master Irrigator class of 2026.

Newsletters go out on the last Friday of every month.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is available in the 2025-2026 budget.

## PROPOSED MOTION:

The report is for information purposes only.

**ITEM 3H      CONSIDER FINAL COMPLIANCE APPROVAL OF WATER WELL PERMITS AS ACTIVE AND COMPLETE WELLS, REVIEW PERMIT ISSUES AND PERMITTING GRAPHS FROM NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2025.**

**SUMMARY:**

According to District Rule 2.13, after the site inspection is complete and it is determined that the well (and all wells within the Groundwater Production Unit) follow the rules of the District and the well permit application, the general manager shall submit the well permit to the board for final compliance approval.

District staff processed 30 water wells that are ready for board consideration and approval. These permits, listed on the table below, represent completed wells that have been inspected and comply with district rules. The inspections verify that the wells were completed as required by their permits, including proper well location, well classification, maximum yield, and proper installation of check valves and flow meters. Copies of the individual permits are attached to this item.

*Non-Exempt Well Permits Issues since January 1, 2025, 175*

*Exempt Wells Registered since January 1, 2025, 99*

*Non-Exempt Well Permits board approved since January 1, 2025, 264*

	<b>Permit #</b>	<b>Well Class</b>	<b>Qrt</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>N S</b>	<b>E W</b>
	DA-13697	C	NE	22, 1, BS&F	812 N	769 E
	DA-13818	B	SW	7, 2, B&B	475 S	796 W
PLE	DA-13922	C	SE	26, 5, CSS	547 S	9 E
	HA-13505	C	NW	29, 14, CSS	740 N	555 W
	HA-13662	C	NE	ME Cole, NONE, NONE	108 N	1175 E
	HA-13677	C	SE	62, 48, H&TC	783 S	178 E
	HA-13681	C	NE	J Harris	108 N	222 E
	HA-13898	B	SW	2, A-3, PFS	462 W	100 S
	HA-13899	B	NE	JH Lewis	248 N	743 E
	HA-13911	C	NE	6, 5, CSS	767 N	753 E
PLE	HA-13928	B	SE	7, 5, CSS	25 S	413 E
	HA-13933	C	SW	5, 5, CSS	331 S	845 E
PLE	HA-13934	C	NE	8, A-1, PSL	51 N	476 E
	HA-13945	C	NE	5, 5, CSS	805 N	708 E
	HN-13811	B	SE	9, 3, SA&MG	339 S	367 W
	HN-13890	C	SW	2, 2, C&M	102 S	1027 W
	HN-13929	B	NE	136, 45, H&TC	737 M	179 W
	HU-13896	C	SW	55, 5-T, T&NO	314 S	315 W
	LI-0404	D	NE	621, 43, H&TC	367 N	511 E

R	MO-13956	C	SW	391, 44, H&TC	596 S	21 W
	OC-13923	D	NW	17, R, B&B	209 N	338 W
	OC-13931	C	SE	17, R, B&B	105 S	843 E
	OC-13942	C	SW	17, R, B&B	101 S	513 W
	OC-5130	B	SW	140, 4-T, T&NO	106 S	104 W
	SH-13261	C	SW	445, 1-T, T&NO	109 S	601 W
PLE	SH-13647	B	SE	205, 1-C, GH&H	39 S	260 E
	SH-13906	C	SW	221, 1-C, GH&H	750 S	293 W
	SH-13941	C	SE	38, 1-C, GH&H	107 S	151 E
PLE	SH-13949	B	SW	126, 1-T, T&NO	3 S	164 W
PLE	SH-13950	B	SW	126, 1-T, T&NO	33 S	776 W

**Justin Crownover OC-13923, OC-13931, OC-13942**

FISCAL IMPACT:

Test permit fees and the well permit fees are placed in the general fund and used to offset the administrative and technical review costs associated with the permits. Funding is included in the 2025-2026 budget

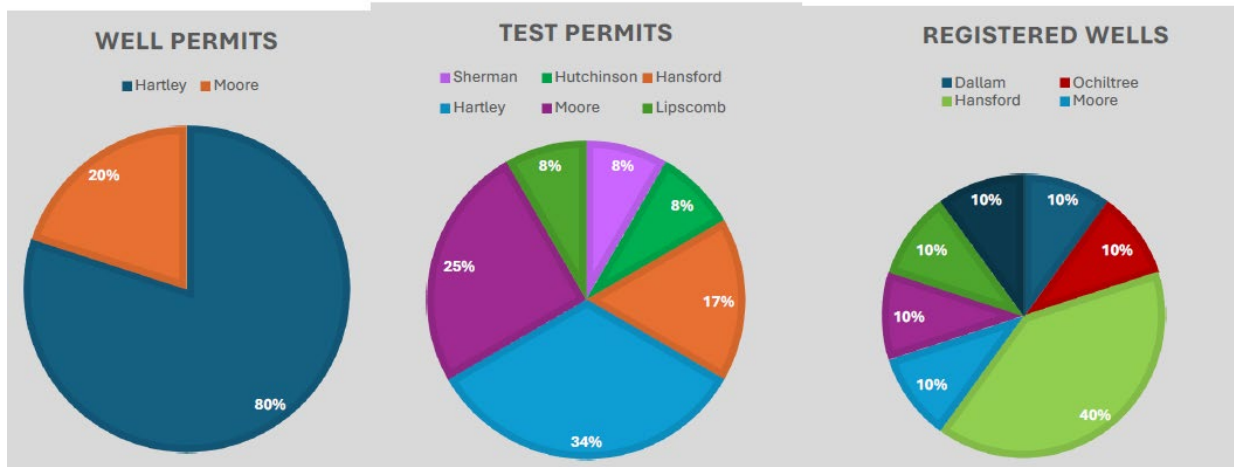
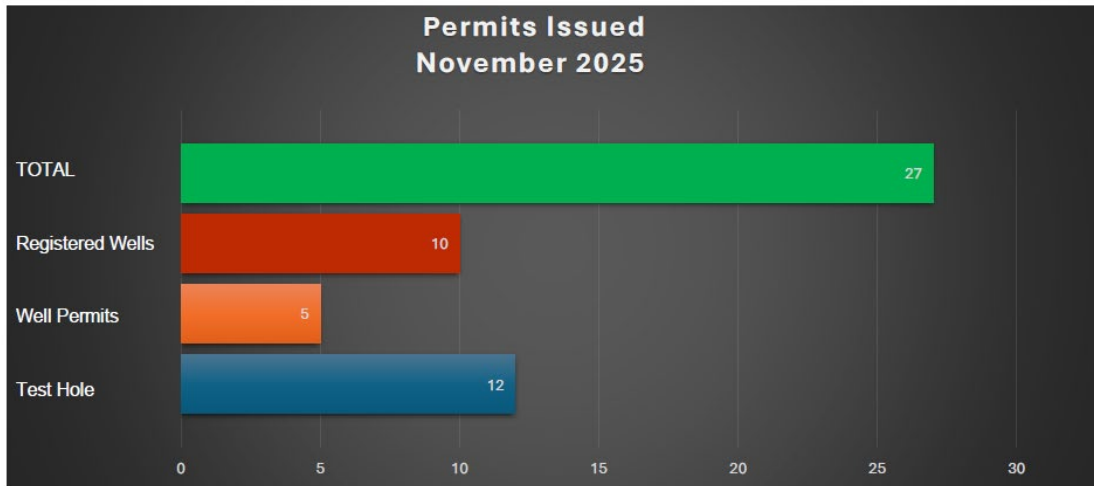
PROPOSED MOTION:

Move 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.

## Permits issued in November and December 2025

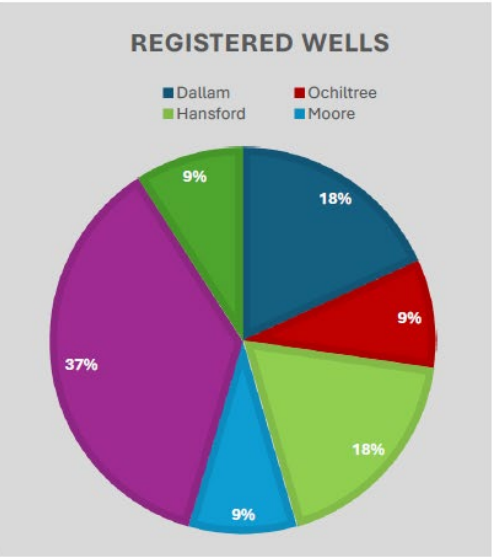
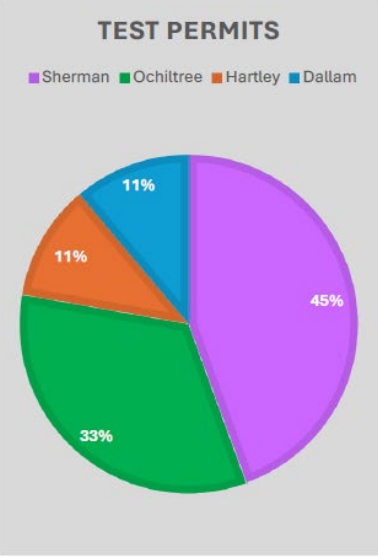
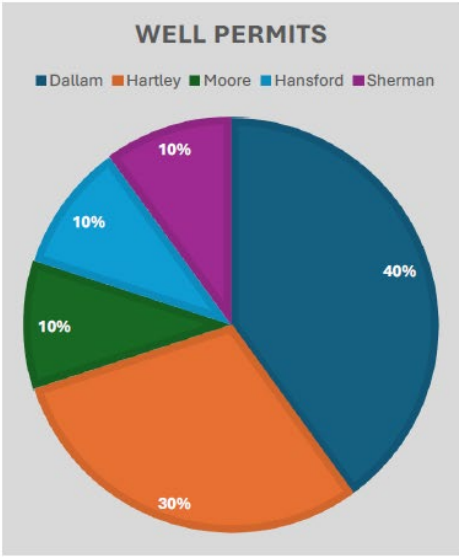
### November 2025

Permit #	Well Class	County	Section	Owner
DA-14310	Sp Ex	Dallam		WILHELM KOETHLER
HN-14311	Sp Ex	Hansford	290, 2, GH&H	LANCE SPARKS
HN-14309	Sp Ex	Hansford	27, 45, H&TC	JENNIFER D WILLARD
HN-14295	Sp Ex	Hansford	2, 1, H&GN	MARY EVANS
HN-14294	Sp Ex	Hansford	52, 1, WCRR	MIKE MCLAIN
HA-14308	Sp Ex	Hartley	37, 48, H&TC	DAVID FEHR FRIESEN
HA-14305	C	Hartley	RJ Phillips	JOOST SMULDERS
HA-14306	C	Hartley	127, 48, H&TC	ROGER SYBESMA
HA-14307	C	Hartley	125, 48, H&TC	ROGER SYBESMA
HA-14296	D	Hartley	131, 48, H&TC	JOOST SMULDERS
HU-14299	Sp Ex	Hutchinson	WM Neil	NATHAN & DONNA SARGENT
MO-14300	Sp Ex	Moore	277, 44, H&TC	MAURO TREJO
MO-14298	C	Moore	346, 44, H&TC	MACKEY CRAWFORD
OC-14297	Sp Ex	Ochiltree	1, 12, H&GN	MATT AND NICHOLE BOND
SH-14304	Sp Ex	Sherman	7, 2, GH&H	KEITH & DARLENE GIBSON



## December 2025

Permit #	Well Class	County	Section	Owner
HA-14332	Sp Ex	Hartley	44, 48, H&TC	J&JF FARMS LLC
HA-14327	Sp Ex	Hartley	127, 44, H&TC	GARY BUCHHOLZ
DA-14328	C	Dallam	4, 2, SPRR	J&JF FARMS LLC
DA-14329	C	Dallam	2, 2, SPRR	J&JF FARMS LLC
LI-14330	Sp Ex	Lipscomb	1030, 43, H&TC	MARK & PEGGY DUNN
DA-14331	B	Dallam	3, 2, SPRR	J&JF FARMS LLC
HN-14326	Sp Ex	Hansford	27, 3, GH&H	JON WOMBLE
HA-14324	B	Hartley	100, 2, B&B	CSS FARMS
HU-14325	Sp Ex	Hutchinson	WM Neil	NATHAN & DONNA SARGENT
SH-14323	Sp Ex	Sherman	48, 3-B, GH&H	MILES & ABBI MESSER
DA-14322	Sp Ex	Dallam	25, 48, H&TC	BERNARDO & EVA WIEBE
HN-14319	Sp Ex	Hansford	193, 45, H&TC	ANDY & ALESIA HARKEY
MO-14320	C	Moore	13, M-2	JUSTIN VYN
DA-14321	C	Dallam	22, 1, BS&F	CURTIS & GAYLE GROEN
HN-14317	D	Hansford	67, 45, H&TC	SUSAN PINZA
SH-14318	C	Sherman	15, 1-C, GH&H	GENE KOEHN
DA-14316	Sp Ex	Dallam	8, 4, FDW	ALVIN PENNER
HA-14315	Sp Ex	Hartley	38, 48, H&TC	T J ROBBINS
HA-14314	Sp Ex	Hartley	168, 44, H&TC	DALE & MARY BARBER
HA-14312	B	Hartley	53, 48, H&TC	TERRY LUSK
HA-14313	B	Hartley	54, 48, H&TC	TERRY LUSK



ITEM 3I      RECEIVE REPORT REGARDING STATUS OF 2025 ANNUAL PRODUCTION REPORTING.

SUMMARY:

On December 1, 2025, approximately (2956) 2025 Annual Production Reports were made available through a personal link, mailed or emailed to recipients, as requested. As of January 19, 2026, One Hundred Forty-two (142) Production Reports have been received by email, mail or in person. Seven Hundred and Eighty - Two (782) reports have been submitted online, of which One Hundred and Nine (109) were reviewed and approved by admin staff.

Producers who have reported online in the new Halff system have reported very positive feedback. Compared to 2024 production last January, reports received by email, mail or in person increased 238%, reports submitted online increased 1141% and now that we have two employees dedicated to production reporting, reports reviewed and approved by admin staff have increased 132%. These numbers for mid-January are exponentially better than all previous production years.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is included in the 2025-2026 budget for this item.

PROPOSED MOTION:

This item is for informational purposes only.

ITEM 3J      BLF ALTERNATIVE METERING METHOD REQUEST

SUMMARY: Information for this item will be supplemented

FISCAL IMPACT:

PROPOSED MOTION:

The board may make a motion.

**ITEM 3K RECEIVE REPORT AND CONSIDER ACTION REGARDING COMPLIANCE AND CONTESTED MATTERS BEFORE THE DISTRICT INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY ACTIONABLE VIOLATIONS OF THE DISTRICTS RULES REGARDING GROUNDWATER WASTE IN 2025.**

**SUMMARY:**

**Compliance for Board Consideration Update from Previous Meeting(s)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Well Number(s) &amp; GPU</b>	<b>Board Decision and Status Since Last Meeting</b>
BLF	8266, 8263, 8268, 8267 – Exceeded 2023 annual production limitation.	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
BLF	GPUs: 8263, 8266, 8268, 9623, 9933, 9935 – Exceeded 2024 annual production limitation.	Unresolved
Pete Van Regenmorter	GPUs 6413 and 6806 Show Cause Hearing 11/19/25 2024 Annual Production Report Late Filer.	Resolved
Heath Rousser	GPU 10488 Show Cause Hearing 11/19/25 Exceeded allowable production in 2024.	Settlement amounts of \$1,500 plus OP settlement of \$8,078.75 for a total of \$9,578.75 due January 17, 2026.
Andy Cover	HA-0749, GPU 3037 HA-0749, GPU 3037 – LPD closed off making it non-functional	Legal Demand letter due February 9, 2026.
Andy Cover	HA-4783, GPU 3037 Meter non-functional on an operating well. LPD closed off with capped hose.	Legal Demand letter due February 9, 2026.

David Carrell	MO-5128 GPU 1179 – Meter non-functional on operating well	Resolved
David Carrell	MO-2439 GPU 1179 – Meter showing no flow on operating well. Current meter too small for well classification	Resolved
David Carrell	MO-1990 GPU 1179 – No meter installed on well re-permitted 2024. Well operational	Resolved
George & Shirley Freeman	SH-0941 GPU 9532 – no meter installed on well. Required due to permitting new well SH-13336	Legal Demand letter due February 9, 2026.
George & Shirley Freeman	SH-0886 GPU 9532 – well needs meter or to be reclassified as capped	Legal Demand letter due February 9, 2026.
Chuck Schoonover	DA-5415 GPU 6433 – pipe diversion bypassing meter	Legal Demand letter due February 9, 2026.
Chuck Schoonover	DA-0436 GPU 6433 – pipe diversion bypassing meter	Legal Demand letter due February 9, 2026.
Chuck Schoonover	GPU 6433 – DA-0435 Flow meter not functioning on operating well	Legal Demand letter due February 9, 2026.

### January 2026 Compliance for Board Consideration

#### Associated files located in [Dropbox.com](#) – Board Meeting Compliance

Name	Well Number(s) & GPU	Compliance Issue(s)
Dean Cooke (TCW Supply, Inc.)	HU-0609 GPU 9644	Meter nonfunctional on an operating well. Check valve counterweight fouled. Old meter is buried. Issue addressed by staff 8/25/25, correction due 9/25/25. As of 1/13/26 no change.

Tim Wilhelm	OC-0312 GPU 3853	Pipe diversion bypassing metering method for operating well. Issue addressed by staff 9/5/25, correction due 10/6/25. No change as of 1/5/26.
Steve & Weylin Wolf (WF Land & Cattle, LLC)	SH-13892 and SH-13893 on GPU 10244	Both wells have an incorrect type of check valve where there is no maintenance access and no LPD port. Issues addressed 10/30/25, correction due 12/4/25. No change as of 12/29/25.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is sufficient funding in the 2025-2026 budget for this item.

PROPOSED MOTION:

The board may act as necessary.

<b>November 2025 Compliance Statistics</b>	
2025 Total Well Sites Compliance Reviewed	<b>784</b>
2025 Total Wells Compliance Cleared	<b>622</b>
2025 Compliance Wells Awaiting Clearance	<b>161</b>
2025 Compliance Categories Overall	<b>841</b>
2025 Misc (Det Well, Pipe Div, Reclass, Prod Report	<b>77</b>
2025 LPDs & Check Valves	<b>183</b>
2025 Meters	<b>478</b>
2025 Capped Well Secured / Not Secured	<b>103</b>

<b>December 2025 Compliance Statistics</b>	
2025 Total Well Sites Compliance Reviewed	<b>804</b>
2025 Total Wells Compliance Cleared	<b>715</b>
2025 Compliance Wells Awaiting Clearance	<b>74</b>

2025 Compliance Categories Overall	<b>853</b>
2025 Misc (Det Well, Pipe Div, Reclass, Prod Report)	<b>78</b>
2025 LPDs & Check Valves	<b>185</b>
2025 Meters	<b>484</b>
2025 Capped Well Secured / Not Secured	<b>106</b>

<b>2025 Compliance Statistics as of 1/19/26</b>	
2025 Total Well Sites Compliance Reviewed	<b>804</b>
2025 Total Wells Compliance Cleared	<b>775</b>
2025 Compliance Wells Awaiting Clearance	<b>29</b>
2025 Compliance Categories Overall	<b>853</b>
2025 Misc (Det Well, Pipe Div, Reclass, Prod Report)	<b>78</b>
2025 LPDs & Check Valves	<b>185</b>
2025 Meters	<b>484</b>
2025 Capped Well Secured / Not Secured	<b>106</b>

**2025 Actionable Violations of Waste – Per District’s Management Plan – XI (B)**

In 2025 there were two actionable violations related to waste. They were as follows:

- Dallam County GPU 5198 – 10, 7-T, T&NO on 6-26-25
  - Report attached
  - The issue was addressed with the landowner and corrected in a timely manner
  
- Lipscomb County GPUs 202 and 2403 – 1064, 43, H&TC
  - Report attached
  - The issue was addressed with the landowner and corrected in a timely manner.

ITEM 3L      DISCUSS *BLF LAND, LLC ET AL. V ALLEN FRERICH ET AL., NO.2:23-CV-133Z (N.D. TEX. AUG 8, 2023).*

SUMMARY:

This will be a closed session discussion

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is available in the 2025-2026 budget.

PROPOSED MOTION:

The board may act as necessary.

ITEM 3M      CLOSED SESSION

SUMMARY:

The Board of Directors of North Plains Groundwater Conservation District may go into a closed session under the authority of Government Code, Chapter 551, Texas Open Meetings Act, to discuss:

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 counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation; or 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 or contemplated litigation before the District exempt from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to §551.071 of the Government Code.
- Deliberation in closed session pursuant to Texas Gov't. Code §551.074 re. the evaluation, duties, and potential discipline or dismissal of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Assistant Manager.

ITEM 3N      CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION(S) REGARDING MATTERS DISCUSSED  
IN CLOSED SESSION

ITEM 4A      DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORTS

ITEM 4B      COMMITTEE REPORTS

- i. Agriculture Committee
- ii. Property Committee
- iii. Executive Committee

ITEM 4C      GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- i. Upcoming meetings and conferences
- ii. General Manager's Activity Summary

**Upcoming Meetings and Conferences**

- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Northwest Panhandle Crop Conferences – (including lunch) Dalhart, TX January 12 and Moore County Community Building January 28.
- January 27-29, 2026 TX Groundwater Association Annual Convention –San Marcos, TX
- February 11-13, 2026 Water in the Desert –Alpine, TX
- February 11 – Water Conservation Symposium Amarillo, TX
- February 18 & 25<sup>th</sup> Master Irrigator
- March 4 & 11 – Master Irrigator
- March 2026 TWA Annual Convention – TBA likely
- March 2-5, 2026 GMDA Winter Conference – Roswell, NM
- June 2-3, 2026 TAGD Spring Business Meeting –San Marcos, TX
- June 2026 TWA Summer Conference – likely
- TBA GMDA Summer Conference – (Texas GCDs may sponsor – North Dakota or South Dakota are possible locations being considered)
- October 2026 TWA Fall Conference – TBA likely
- Water for Texas TWDB – January 25-27, 2027 Austin, Texas



## GENERAL MANAGER ACTIVITY SUMMARY

### NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2025

November 5, 2025 – Interview with Drew Powell about proposition 4 that passed funding the Texas Water Fund

November 11, 2025 – Open ET discussion with Intera – OpenET is an online platform for mapping evapotranspiration (ET) at the scale of individual fields. OpenET was built to fill an important data gap in water management across the western U.S. OpenET uses best available science and publicly available data to increase access to satellite-based ET and consumptive water use information for farmers and water managers. Intera has been assisting OpenET in finding locations with sufficient historical data to assist in checking the accuracy of the program. No change in operation or equipment is required. We will simply provide them with historical data from the Water Conservation Center.

November 13, 2025- Meet with Steve Amosson to update Master Irrigator planning

December 2, 2025 Attended the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show – Amarillo, TX I was able to visit with several operators within our District about general practices of the District.

December 2, 2025- Attended the When Every Drop Counts: The Water Challenge on the Texas High Plains which was sponsored by Water Grows. This panel discussion was hosted by Rich Harrell Resource Team Leader for USDA – NRCS in Texas. The panel members provided their insights regarding the future of irrigated practices, challenges and changes that have been implemented on their farms. The speakers include Mames Connelly Hansford County who produces Corn, Milo and Wheat; Braden Gruhlkey from Randall County and produces Corn, Cotton and Wheat; Craig Solomon from Deaf Smith County who produces Corn, Milo, Hay Grazer, Wheat, Red Angus Cattle and the highlight of the panel was Mark Howard, Hartley County who produces Corn, cotton, Wheat and Alfalfa.

December 10, 2025 – GMA 1 meeting with Intera to review preliminary numbers from the most recent GAM Run. Later The Meadows Center hosted a conversation about Correlative rights use in Texas.

December 15, 2025 – I was invited to participate in a meeting of the TWDB Ag Advisory Committee. This was a “startup” meeting with discussions of intentions and promises to follow up.



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## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Water College

Wednesday - January 22, 2025  
Lubbock Memorial Civic Center  
1501 Mac Davis Ln  
Lubbock, TX 79401

<b>8:30am - 9:00am</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Visit Booths</b>
<b>9:00am - 9:15am</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Clint Krehbiel, Dean of Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources, Texas Tech University
<b>9:15am - 9:45am</b>	<b>NRCS Programs to Benefit Producers</b> Reed Poling, Field Engineer, NRCS
<b>9:45am - 10:15am</b>	<b>Crop Insurance - What Producers should Know</b> Kyle Benson, Crop Insurance Agent, Double B Crop Insurance
<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Coffee Break &amp; Booth Visits</b>
<b>10:30am - 11:30am</b>	<b>Advancements in Produced Water and Its Future in Agriculture</b> Jeff Braune, LEEDS Product Manager, Bechtel Adrienne Lopez, Manager of Research and Development, Texas Pacific Water Resources
<b>11:30am - 11:45pm</b>	<b>Agricultural Water Research - Texas Tech Davis College Leading the Way</b> Krishna Jagadish, Thornton Distinguished Chair, Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources, Texas Tech University
<b>11:45 - 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch &amp; Visit Booths</b> - Photo Contest Winners will be announced
<b>1:00pm - 1:30pm</b>	<b>Water and the Cattle Market</b> David Anderson, Professor and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Economist, Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M
<b>1:30pm - 2:00pm</b>	<b>Impacts of Land Use on Water Resources in the High Plains using Satellite and Ground-based Data</b> Bridget Scanlon, Research Professor, Bureau of Economic Geology
<b>2:00pm - 2:30pm</b>	<b>Changing the Family Farm to Sustain the Family Farm</b> Layton Schur, TAWC Cooperating Producer, Hale County
<b>2:30pm - 3:00pm</b>	<b>2025 Weather Outlook</b> Marissa Pazos, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, NOAA
<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Close</b>



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ITEM 5      DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETING AGENDAS AND SET  
NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

The appreciation reception for Keith Good and Ellen Orr honoring 22 Years of Faithful Service will be hosted by the NPGCD on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at Twisted Sports Bar and Grill located 11354 Schuman Rd, Dumas, TX 79029 at 5:30 pm. A meal will be served, and the board's attendance is requested.

The February 2025 meeting was tentatively scheduled during the December meeting for February 12, 2025. The chairman may want to reconfirm this date with the board.

ITEM 6      ADJOURN