

NORTH PLAINS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

9:00 A.M. March 24, 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 March 24, 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 February 12, 2026.
- b. Review and approval of District expenditures for February 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026.
- c. Consider approval of payment to Kemp Smith Law for professional services and out-of-pocket expenses from February 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026.
- d. Consider approval of payment to Underwood Attorneys at Law for professional services and out-of-pocket expenses from February 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026.
- e. Consider Order Allowing Discounts for Dallam, Hansford, Hartley, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltrie and Sherman Counties 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Due if paid before January 2027.
- f. Review and consider approval of Moore County tax collection contract for fiscal year 2026-2027.

3) Action Agenda

- a. David Sloane and Irrigronomy, LLC. Contract

- b. Receive report and consider action as needed regarding public outreach, agriculture water conservation demonstration programs and the North Plains Water Conservation Center including but not limited to a report by David Sloane.
- c. Receive report regarding field inspection services completed in February 2026.
- d. Consider final compliance approval of water well permits as active and complete wells, review permits issued and permitting graphs from January and February 2026.
- e. Receive report regarding status of 2025 Annual Production Reporting
- f. Public Funds Investment Policy
- g. Receive report and consider action as needed regarding compliance and contested matters before the District including but not limited to.
- h. Groundwater Management Area 1 joint planning update, schedule proposed desired future condition hearing.
- i. Discuss *BLF Land, LLC et al. v Allen Frerich, et al.*, No. 2:23-CV-133Z (N.D. Tex. Aug 8, 2023).
- j. 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.
- k. 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 FEBRUARY 12, 2026

SUMMARY:

Review and approval of minutes as follows:

- Regular board meeting held February 12, 2026

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Move the board to approve the attached minutes of the meeting as follows:

- Regular board meeting held February 12, 2026

ITEM 2B REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DISTRICT EXPENDITURES FOR FEBRUARY 1, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2026.

SUMMARY:

Attached is the summary and detail of the un-audited District expenses from February 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026, 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 month of February 2026, the following items have an influence upon the finances of the district:

- Happy State Bank CD 12046 in the amount of \$100,000 previously earned 3.5% interest that matured on February 6, 2026, was reinvested with \$1,150,000 from the General account into three CDs at Perryton National Bank. They are as follows:
 - \$250,000 in 120-day CD at 3.90%
 - \$600,000 in 179-day CD at 3.90%
 - \$400,000 in 364-day CD at 3.80%

Perryton National Bank has pledged securities in the amount of \$3,985,000.00, which allows the District to invest more than the FDIC Insured amount of \$250,000.

- Dalhart Federal Savings & Loan CD 602-609183-3 in the amount of \$150,000.00 previously earned 4% interest matured on February 16, 2026, and was renewed for a one-year term at 3.75% interest.
- First Bank Southwest CD 10015907 in the amount of \$150,000.00 previously earned 4.15% interest matured on February 19, 2026, and was renewed for a six-month term at 3.45% interest.

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 un-audited District expenses from February 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026, 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 FEBRUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2026.

SUMMARY:

Kemp Smith Law submitted an invoice for legal services from February 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026, totaling \$25,235.00. 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 \$25,235.00 for legal services February 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026.

ITEM 2D CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO UNDERWOOD ATTORNEYS AT LAW FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2026.

SUMMARY:

Underwood Attorneys at Law has submitted invoices for legal services from February 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026, totaling \$14,449.82. The general manager has reviewed these invoices for legal services and has determined that they are consistent with the services Underwood Attorneys at Law performed for the District during the billing period. Since these invoices 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 \$14,449.82 for legal services February 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026.

ITEM 2E CONSIDER ORDER ALLOWING DISCOUNTS FOR DALLAM, HANSFORD, HARTLEY, HUTCHINSON, LIPSCOMB, MOORE, OCHILTREE AND SHERMAN COUNTIES 2026 AD VALOREM TAX DUE IF PAID BEFORE JANUARY 2027

SUMMARY:

The district allows county tax collectors and assessors upon request to offer discounts from the ad valorem taxes due if the taxes are paid before January to encourage the prompt payment of taxes. The Lipscomb County Tax Assessor/Collector has requested the district adopt the discount policy for Lipscomb County by resolution. To ensure continuity between all counties, administration has updated the order to include all counties in the district.

A person is entitled to a discount from the amount of 2026 tax due if they pay the tax before January 2027. The discount shall be three percent (3%) if the tax is paid in October, two percent (2%) if the tax is paid in November, and one percent (1%) if the tax is paid in December. The Resolution and Order are attached to this item.

The general manager recommends the board execute the attached order allowing Dallam, Hansford, Hartley, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree and Sherman Counties to offer discounts from the amount of 2026 ad valorem tax due if paid before January 2027 just as a matter of consistency amongst information provided to the tax collectors.

There is no requirement for a roll call vote however; we do want the signatures of each board member present.

FISCAL IMPACT:

These discounts have been available historically in all the District counties and therefore will have no effect on the average ad valorem tax income received in future budgets.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Move the board to approve the order and resolution entitling a discount from the amount of 2026 tax due if they pay the tax before January 2027. The discount shall be three percent (3%) if the tax is paid in October, two percent (2%) if the tax is paid in November, and one percent (1%) if the tax is paid in December.

ALL DIRECTORS WILL NEED TO SIGN THE ORDER.

ITEM 2F REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2026 ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION CONTRACT WITH THE MOORE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR.

SUMMARY:

The North Plains Groundwater Conservation District has an ongoing contract with the Moore County Tax Assessor-Collector to perform the duties by law of the tax assessor-collector of the taxing unit regarding assessing and collecting ad valorem taxes. Attached is a copy of the proposed contract. No change has been made to this contract for the year 2026. The general manager recommends the board approve the contract for the Moore County Tax Assessor-Collector for the fiscal year 2025-2026.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding will be included in the 2026-2027 budget.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Move that the board approve the contract for the Moore County Tax Assessor-Collector for the fiscal year 2026-2027.

ITEM 3A DAVID SLOANE AND IRRIGRONOMY, LLC. CONTRACT

SUMMARY:

David Sloane has been serving as the consultant for the demonstrations at the Water Conservation Center since February of 2024 at the hourly rate of \$125.00 and an annual cap of \$85,000.00. On November 19, 2024, the contract was amended to be with Irrigronomy, LLC. for a 16-month contract, beginning November 2024 to March 31, 2026, at the hourly rate of \$150.00 and a cap of \$120,500.00. David has overseen the development and implementation of the 2024 and 2025 production season projects at the WCC and presented a final year report for the 2024 season. The 2025 season report will be submitted under agenda item 3B. David has been very active with the outreach radio campaign with 98.3 called Ag Minutes which have all been posted to our website. David has produced multiple videos discussing various water management techniques and equipment which have also been made available on our website. David has spoken at the Pioneer meetings, field days, our Master Irrigator program and attended the ag committee meetings as appropriate. David held weekly update meetings with the staff and WCC producer, Stan Spain during the planning, production and harvesting seasons. David has been timely with his billing and has provided all receipts. The proposed contract is under the business name of Irrigronomy, LLC. and for the 12-month period of March 31, 2026, to March 30, 2027. The one-year contract is for a maximum of \$90,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is sufficient funding to finish the 25-26 fiscal year expenditures

Fiscal Year Oct. 2026 to Sept. 2027 will have a dedicated budget item to cover the remaining expenditure upon budget approval.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Move the board to approve the proposed contract with Irrigronomy, LLC. for a 12-month period beginning March 31, 2026, through March 30, 2027 and a 12 month cap of \$90,000.

ITEM 3B RECEIVE REPORT AND CONSIDER ACTION REGARDING PUBLIC OUTREACH, AGRICULTURE WATER CONSERVATION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS AND THE NORTH PLAINS WATER CONSERVATION CENTER INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A REPORT BY DAVID SLOANE.

SUMMARY:

WCC

0.00” of rain at the WCC since the last board meeting on February 12, 2026.

Water samples have been collected by Nutradrip, and all the drip fields have been checked, and any leaks have been repaired in preparation for the upcoming season.

The plan for the upcoming season is all corn: half of each pivot will be planted for silage, and the other half for grain. The drip field will follow the same variety trial as the 2025 season.

David will be presenting the annual report for the 2025 season.

Master Irrigator Update

On Wednesday, March 11th, we celebrated the graduation of a full class of 25 participants for the Class of 2026. Preliminary results from Steve Amosson's surveys reveal that participants found value in this year's topics and presenters. Steve Amosson will prepare a final report and present it to the board. Steve has stated this is his last, last year.

Outreach Activities

Over the past month, the staff has been actively engaged in four Master Irrigator sessions, which included preparation, organization, and securing panelists. Baylee and Paige have participated in meetings to initiate the development of a new website for the District. Additionally, Baylee and Curtis have been inspecting the completed cost-share applications. This month also involved drafting a grant for the 2027 Master Irrigator cost-share class. Preparations have begun for the 2026 4th Grade Water Festival, and we have secured our first sponsor, Valero, contributing \$1,500. We are accepting sponsors until Friday, April 3rd.

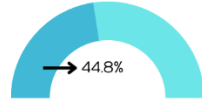
Outreach staff attended/ will be attending and sponsoring several events:

- April 15th -16th - I|E TAGD Committee Training
- May 4th – Water Festival Perryton
- May 5th – Water Festival Dumas
- May 6th – Water Festival Dumas
- May 7th – Water Festival Dalhart

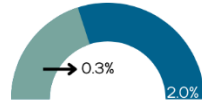
Social Media

February Newsletter Analytics

North Plains GCD

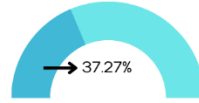


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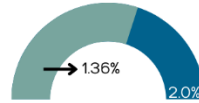


Click Rate

Industry Average



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Most Clicked Link:

Establishing a New GPU

If you have recently purchased property, you are required to report new ownership of water rights to the District [within 30 days](#) in accordance with District Rule 3.10 "Conveyance of Water Rights."

The conveyance of property ownership must be confirmed by the County Appraisal District records or a provided deed.

The section(s) or portion of section(s) bought will require the owner to fill out a single unit GPU application for individual sections or a joined GPU Application combining multiple sections if desired.

Single Unit GPU applications require all information be filled out and the application signed by the owner – and include Water Right Owner, Authorized Agent, Lessee if applicable, and Production Report Recipient. The completed and signed application is required for the District to change ownership of the Section.

Joined GPU applications requesting the joining of two or more sections or portions of a section must follow District Rule 3.10. Groundwater Production units to include:

Drought Map

Map released: Thurs. March 12, 2026

Data valid: March 10, 2026 at 8 a.m. EDT

Intensity

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

Authors

United States and Puerto Rico Author(s):

[Brad Pugh](#), NOAA/CPC

Pacific Islands and Virgin Islands Author(s):

[Denise Gutzmer](#), National Drought Mitigation Center

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is available in the 2025-2026 budget.

PROPOSED MOTION:

The report is for information purposes only.

ITEM 3C RECEIVE REPORT REGARDING FIELD INSPECTION SERVICES COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY 2026.

SUMMARY:

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

The field staff worked diligently to keep up with pre-drills, post-drills, and compliance-related inspections. Winter water level measurements were completed before March 1st, meeting the goals of the department manager and General Manager. The numbers reported below are a draft and will be updated to the final number when Dale Halmark completes his data entry. As of March 1st, the field staff switches priority from WWL measurements to Production inspections for compliance.

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 district departments, as they work together to complete tasks and keep the process on schedule.

Field Team County Assignments

Braden Cadenhead- MO, LI

Angel Quiroz- HA, OC

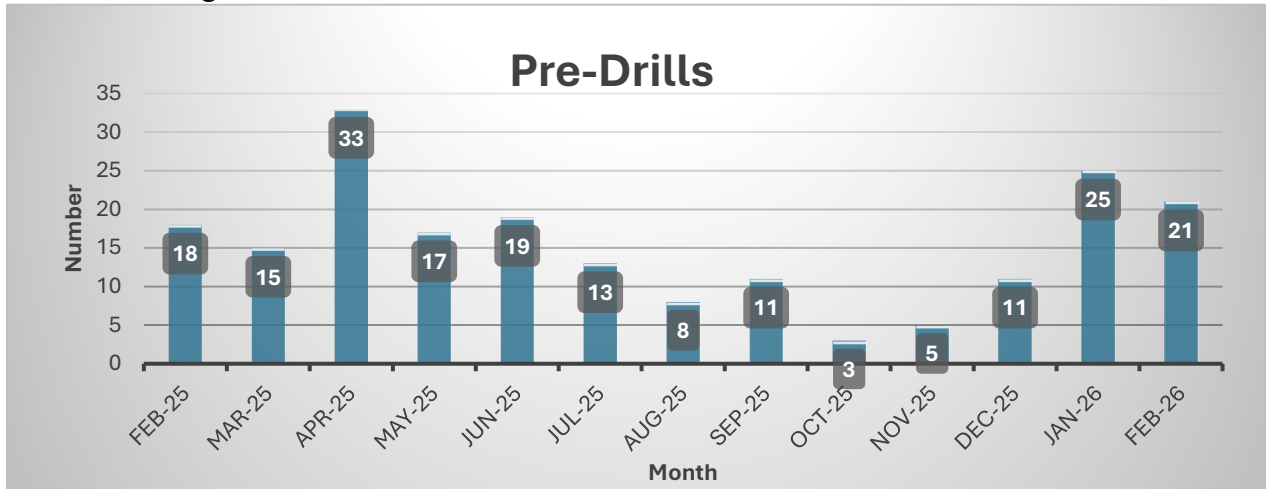
Jacob Fernandez- DA, HN

Tackle Guile- SH, HU

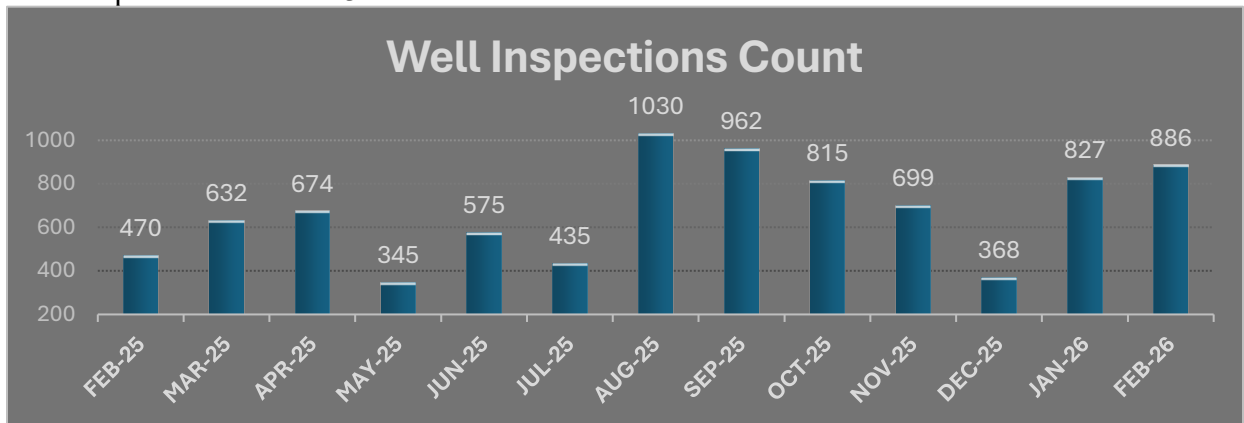
Well, inspections by type were completed in February 2026.

Type of Inspection	Number
Pre-Drill Inspection	21
Post Drill Inspection	6
General Well Inspections	860
Winter Water Level Measurements	126
Total Wells Inspected	1013

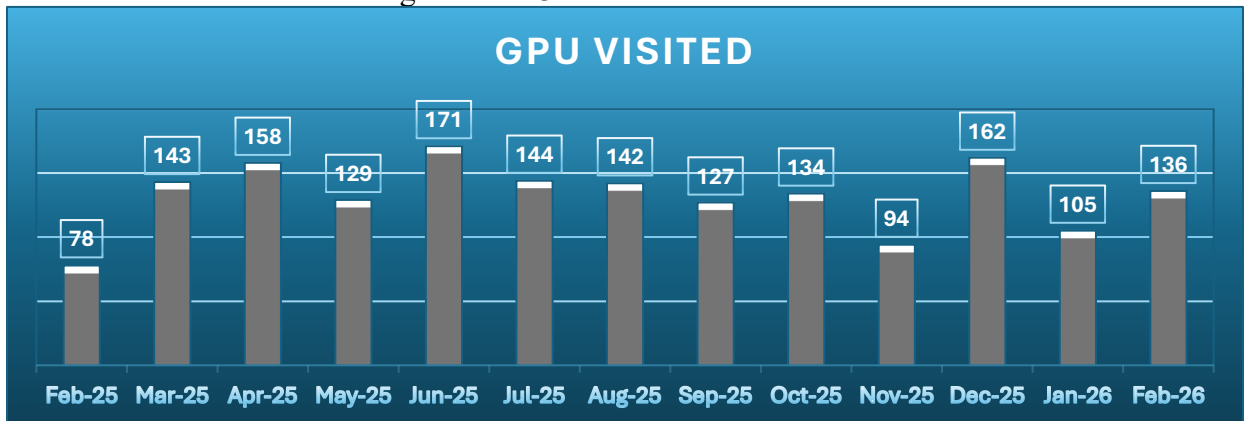
Pre-drills during the last 13 months.



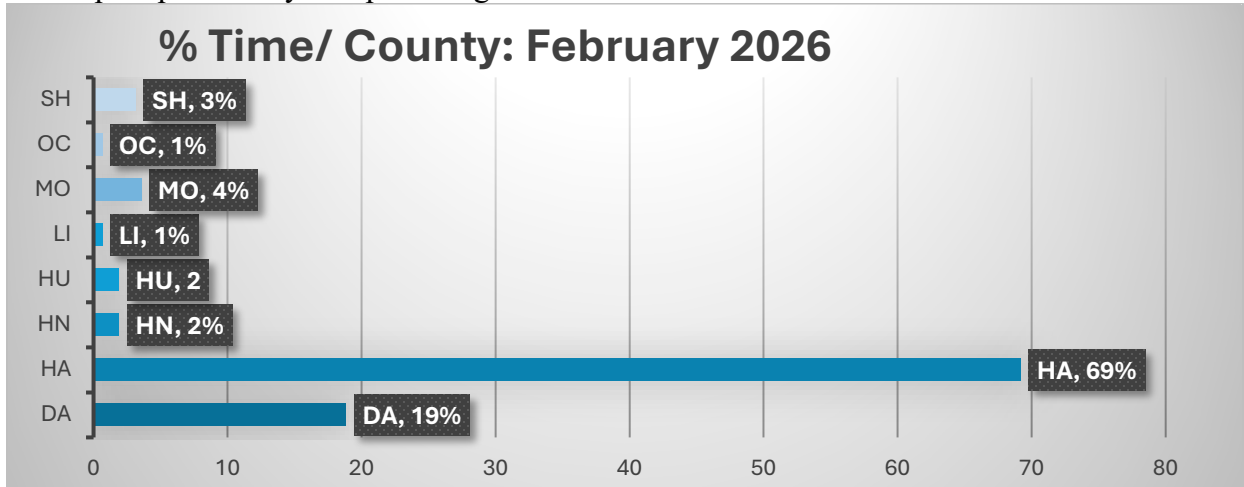
Well inspections the last 13 months.



Number of GPUs visited during 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	8,383	729	1,664	0.44
Jan-26	12,884	847	1,924	0.44
Feb-26	12,958	938	2,263	0.41

Winter Water Levels 2026

WWL 2025	Goal	% Visited	Visited	Measured	Completion
Dallam	68	100%	68	66	97.1%
Hansford	74	100%	74	57	77.0%
Hartley	65	100%	65	59	90.8%
Hutchinson	28	100%	28	23	82.1%
Liscomb	48	100%	48	43	89.6%
Moore	62	100%	62	54	87.1%
Ochiltree	50	100%	50	44	88.0%
Sherman	65	100%	65	52	80.0%
Total	460	100%	460	398	86.5%

*Undated 3-1-
26*

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

PROPOSED MOTION:

This item is for informational purposes only.

ITEM 3D CONSIDER FINAL COMPLIANCE APPROVAL OF WATER WELL PERMITS AS ACTIVE AND COMPLETE WELLS, REVIEW PERMITS ISSUED AND PERMITTING GRAPHS FROM JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2026.

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 59 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, 2026, 45

Exempt Wells Registered since January 1, 2026, 15

Non-Exempt Well Permits board approved since January 1, 2026, 29

	Permit #	Well Class	Qrt	Section	N S	E W
	DA-12420	C	SE	253, 1-T, T&NO	258 S	348 E
	DA-13508	C	NE	394, 1-T, T&NO	858 N	736 E
	DA-13953	B	NW	1, 0, M A WILLIS	245 N	1112 W
PLE	DA-14028	C	SW	73, M E Hays, NONE	129 S	80 W
PLE	HA-11882	C	SW	45, 11, CSS	876 S	97 W
	HA-12216	C	SW	55, 2, B&B	105 S	303 W
	HA-12999	C	SW	30, 11, CSS	722 S	101 W
	HA-13059	C	SE	17, 14, CSS	592 S	691 E
	HA-13388	C	NW	54, 13, CSS	866 N	87 W
	HA-13389	C	NE	54, 13, CSS	291 N	170 E
	HA-13396	B	NE	36, 13, CSS	778 N	152 E
	HA-13692	B	NE	85, 48, H&TC	109 N	115 E
	HA-13864	B	SW	61, 21, CSS	336 S	329 W
	HA-13879	B	NE	6, A-2, PFS	272 N	320 E
	HA-13903	C	SW	50, 11, CSS	173 S	719 W
PLE	HA-13928	B	SE	7, 5, CSS	25 S	413 E
	HA-14005	C	SW	5, 12, CSS	122 S	473 W

	HA-14006	B	NE	11, 12, CSS	294 N	789 E
	HA-14007	C	SE	10, 12, CSS	255 S	195 E
	HA-14008	C	SW	10, 12, CSS	244 S	234 W
	HA-14009	B	NW	10, 12, CSS	237 N	229 W
R	HA-14011	C	NE	81, 2, B&B	14 N	421 E
	HA-14029	C	NW	40, 21, CSS	471 N	475 W
	HA-14054	B	NW	87, 44, H&TC	321 N	876 W
PLE	HN-1275	B	NW	18, P, H&GN	774 N	16 W
	HN-13891	C	SE	5, 2, PFSL	1206 S	111 E
	HN-13996	C	NE	16, 2, SA&MG	103 N	152 E
	HN-13997	C	SW	29, 1, CIF	108 S	447 W
R	HN-14102	D	NE	42, R, AB&M	23 N	742 E
	HU-14068	C	NW	64, 5-T, T&NO	449 N	105 W
	LI-0404	D	NE	621, 43, H&TC	367 N	511 E
	MO-1228	B	SE	224, 3-T, T&NO	202 S	860 E
	MO-14233	B	NE	397, 44, H&TC	644 N	300 E
	OC-13789	D	SW	24, 4, GH&H	209 S	394 W
	OC-13790	D	NE	24, 4, GH&H	165 N	251 E
	OC-13867	D	NW	133, 43, H&TC	798 N	152 W
	OC-13979	D	SW	55, 4, GH&H	517 S	161 W
	OC-14064	B	NW	23, 12, H&GN	101 N	354 W
	SH-13173	C	SE	8, 2-T, T&NO	392 S	472 E
R	SH-13639	B	NW	36, 1-C, GH&H	427 N	449 W
	SH-13860	C	SE	338, 1-T, T&NO	87 S	850 E
	SH-13869	B	NE	105, 1-C, GH&H	784 N	860 E
	SH-13930	B	SE	285, 1-T, T&NO	235 S	140 E
	SH-13937	C	NW	227, 1-T, T&NO	451 N	214 W
	SH-13939	C	NE	13, 3-B, GH&H	421 N	106 E
	SH-13943	C	SE	16, 1-C, GH&H	316 S	219 E
	SH-13944	C	NE	45, 1-C, GH&H	866 N	508 E
R	SH-13957	B	NW	21, 2-B, GH&H	963 S	175 W
	SH-13958	B	SW	21, 2-B, GH&H	61 S	198 W
	SH-13972	B	NW	17, 3-T, T&NO	727 N	873 W
	SH-13973	B	SE	44, 3-T, T&NO	847 S	262 E
PLE	SH-13990	C	SW	7, 2-T, T&NO	416 S	131 W
	SH-13994	D	NW	50, 3-T, T&NO	468 N	58 W
	SH-14032	D	SW	50, 3-T, T&NO	480 S	670 W
	SH-14033	C	NW	50, 3-T, T&NO	813 N	285 W
	SH-14034	B	SW	50, 3-T, T&NO	805 S	779 W
	SH-14046	B	SE	45, 3-T, T&NO	103 S	732 E
	SH-14047	B	SE	45, 3-T, T&NO	303 S	410 E

	SH-14051	B	NE	38, 1-C, GH&H	470 N	425 E

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

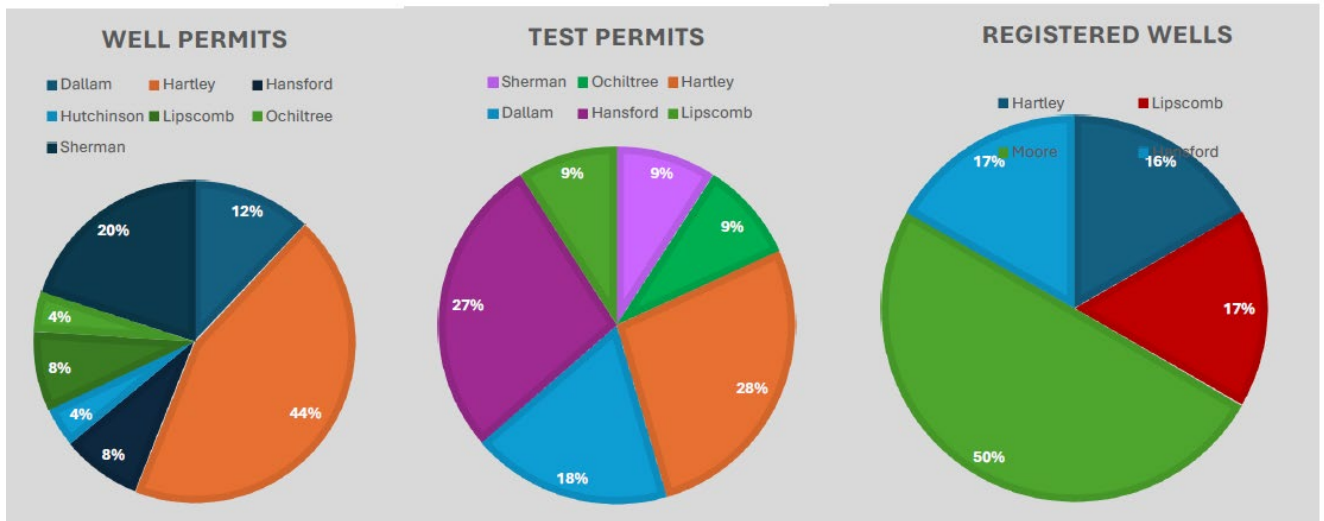
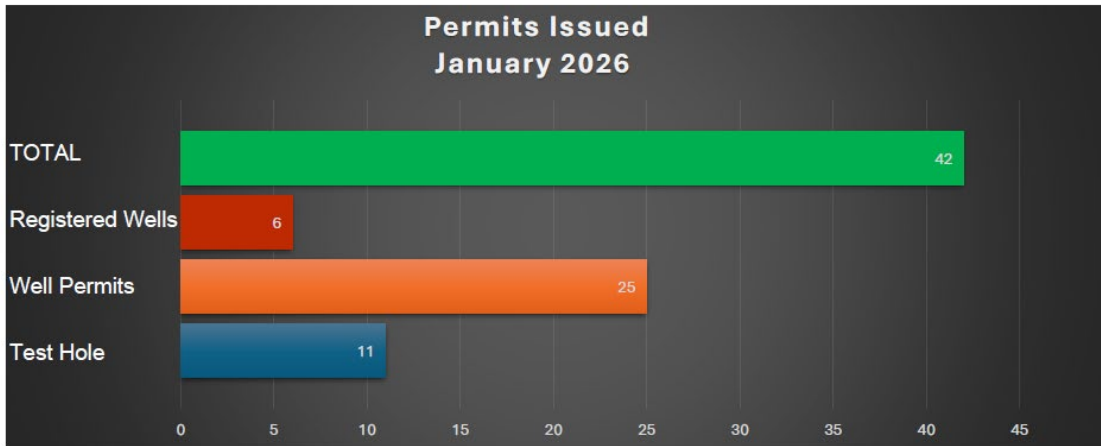
PROPOSED MOTION:

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 January & February 2026

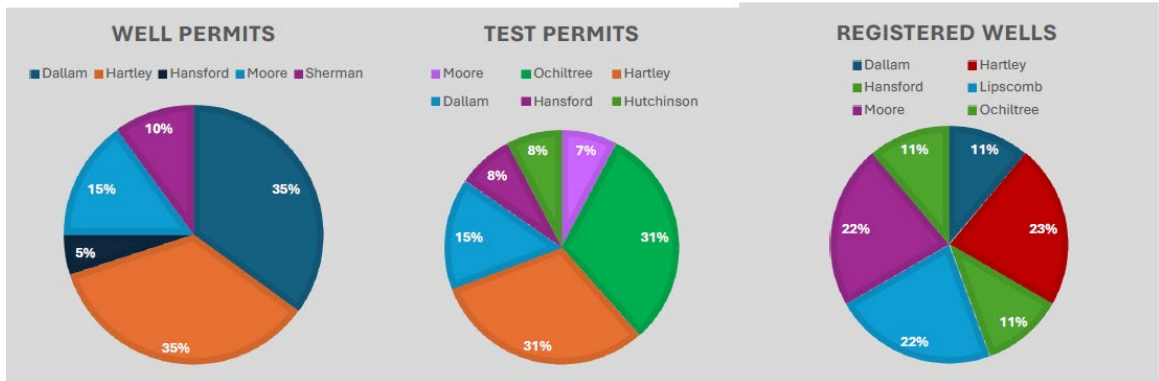
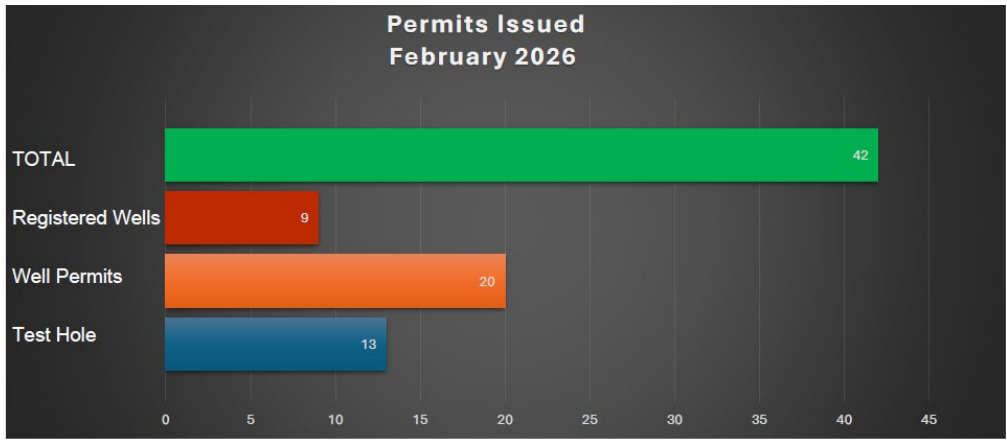
January 2026

Permit #	Class	County	Section	Owner
DA-14333	B	Dallam	1, 2, CSS	J&JF FARMS LLC
DA-14341	B	Dallam	38, 5, CSS	BLF LAND LLC
DA-14345	B	Dallam	65, 5, CSS	J&JF FARMS LLC
HA-13768	B	Hartley	54, 48, H&TC	TERRY LUSK
HA-14338	B	Hartley	46, 11, CSS	BLF LAND LLC
HA-14339	B	Hartley	32, 11, CSS	BLF LAND LLC
HA-14346	C	Hartley	0, 0, AW HILL	GREG & MARK HOWARD
HA-14351	B	Hartley	20, 14, CSS	BLF LAND LLC
HA-14352	B	Hartley	22, 14, CSS	BLF LAND LLC
HA-14356	B	Hartley	21, 14, CSS	BLF LAND LLC
HA-14358	Sp Ex	Hartley	169, 44, H&TC	DOTTED K PROPERTIES
HA-14360	B	Hartley	21, 14, CSS	BLF LAND LLC
HA-14361	B	Hartley	21, 14, CSS	BLF LAND LLC
HA-14362	B	Hartley	20, 14, CSS	BLF LAND LLC
HA-14363	B	Hartley	20, 14, CSS	BLF LAND LLC
HN-14326	Sp Ex	Hansford	27, 3, GH&H	JON WOMBLE
HN-14337	C	Hansford	182, 2, GH&H	KEVIN HOLT
HN-14343	D	Hansford	54, 4-T, T&NO	WADE BURGESS
HU-14335	C	Hutchinson	FJ Bellows	BRYCE & KATHLEEN BETZEN
LI-13901	B	Lipscomb	157, 43, H&TC	JOYCE CRAFT
LI-14334	Sp Ex	Lipscomb	69, 43, H&TC	TERESA TUBB ABBOTT
LI-4880	A	Lipscomb	157, 43, H&TC	JOYCE CRAFT
MO-14353	Sp Ex	Moore	95, 44, H&TC	MEDINA ISELA ROCIO GONZALEZ
MO-14354	Sp Ex	Moore	232, 44, H&TC	KEITH WATSON
MO-14364	Sp Ex	Moore	362, 44, H&TC	HARD MONEY
OC-14340	D	Ochiltree	757, 43, H&TC	BLAKE TREGELLAS
SH-14336	B	Sherman	2, 3-T, T&NO	GARY MOORE
SH-14344	C	Sherman	217, 1-T, T&NO	PATSY STACY JUNGMAN
SH-14348	C	Sherman	62, 3-B, GH&H	J&JF FARMS LLC
SH-14349	C	Sherman	23, 1-T, T&NO	RED BISON INVESTMENTS LLC
SH-14350	C	Sherman	23, 1-T, T&NO	RED BISON INVESTMENTS LLC



February 2026

DA-14366	B	Dallam	20, 5, CSS	BLF LAND LLC
DA-14368	C	Dallam	363, 1-T, T&NO	PAT LENZ
DA-14369	C	Dallam	77, 5, CSS	JAMES & DORIS NELSON
DA-14372	C	Dallam	21, 1, BS&F	CURTIS & GAYLE GROEN
DA-14373	B	Dallam	38, 5, CSS	BLF LAND LLC
DA-14379	Sp Ex	Dallam	2, 4, FDW	BEAU JAMES
DA-14383	B	Dallam	27, 1, CSS	FROESE LAND LLC
DA-14384	B	Dallam	14, 2, B&B	FROESE LAND LLC
HA-14357	B	Hartley	18, 14, CSS	BLF LAND LLC
HA-14365	B	Hartley	18, A-1, PSL	BLF LAND LLC
HA-14367	Sp Ex	Hartley	63, 2, B&B	TRIPLE J MANAGEMENT
HA-14370	C	Hartley	55, 48, H&TC	GUSTIN FARMS
HA-14378	B	Hartley	19, 14, CSS	BLF LAND LLC
HA-14380	B	Hartley	77, 48, H&TC	LUSK ONION
HA-14381	Sp Ex	Hansford	16, 3, SA&MG	KERRY DEAN STEAGALL
HA-14386	B	Hartley	29, 14, CSS	BLF LAND LLC
HA-14387	B	Hartley	29, 14, CSS	BLF LAND LLC
HN-14375	C	Hansford	32, 4-T, T&NO	SPEARMAN CATTLE FEEDERS
HN-14376	Sp Ex	Hansford	14, 1, PFSL	WALKER CLAWSON
LI-14359	Sp Ex	Lipscomb	7, Blk D	BRANDON MEIER
LI-14371	Sp Ex	Lipscomb	118, 10, HT&B	CITY OF BOOKER
MO-14374	Sp Ex	Moore	1, 1-PD, J Morton	MYLES BROWN
MO-14385	Sp Ex	Moore	2, 0, M-2	JESSALYN LAMBRIGHT
MO-14391	C	Moore	21, 2-T, T&NO	CITY OF CACTUS
MO-14392	B	Moore	313, 44, H&TC	JERRY THOMPSON
MO-14394	B	Moore	352, 44, H&TC	HAROLD GRALL
OC-14382	Sp Ex	Ochiltree	Anton, Vonder Hoya, NONE	CAROLYN W ROGERS
SH-14377	C	Sherman	23, 1-T, T&NO	RED BISON
SH-14393	C	Sherman	43, 2-B, GH&H	BRENT SPURLOCK



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

SUMMARY:

On December 1, 2025, approximately (2942) 2025 Annual Production Reports were made available through a personal link, mailed or emailed to recipients, as requested. As of March 19, 2026, Six Hundred and Fifty -seven (657) Production Reports have been received by email, mail or in person and Two Thousand, Two Hundred and Seventy-eight (2278) reports have been submitted online of which Five Hundred and Forty-six (546) were entered reviewed and approved by admin staff.

2025 Reports	2942
Received via email, mail or in person	657
Received via online portal	2278
Reports not yet filed	7
Reports filed late	60

District staff will be working through March and April to review and finalize all reports. A complete list of producers who filed late will be presented at the April board meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

PROPOSED MOTION:

This item is for informational purposes only.

ITEM 3F PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENT POLICY.

SUMMARY:

The Texas Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA), codified in Government Code Chapter 2256, governs how state agencies, **local governments**, and certain institutions invest public funds to balance safety of principal, liquidity, and yield. Each entity must adopt a written investment policy and designate an investment officer(s) responsible for executing the policy. The governing body approves policies, setting limits and thresholds. Investment officers must follow the policy, maintain a prudent investor standard and diversity to manage risk. At a minimum, the investment officers must submit quarterly written reports to the governing body. Ch 2256 requires regular oversight, formal minutes and documented approvals. Investment officers are required to obtain regular training.

The district's current public funds investment policy was reviewed and adopted on April 18, 2023. The policy was reviewed, and no changes were made on July 16, 2024. This version of a Public Funds Investment Policy has changes that are structural (the layout is different) and there are also policy revisions to the allowed investments. Local investments with financial institutions within the District boundaries are the preferred investment philosophy and that strategy will still be honored. This policy will clarify what percentage of the investment portfolio can be invested and into what investment instrument. Management discussed the proposed revisions with the district's auditor, and he was supportive of investments into government pools such as TexPool (used by cities, schools and some groundwater districts) and Texas CLASS (used by Counties).

The priority of safety, liquidity, trust and earnings are still the guiding principles. The proposed policy has been reviewed by legal counsel and the investment officers and follows the Texas Public Funds Investment Act requirements.

A copy of the proposed public funds investment policy will be provided at the meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are sufficient funds available in the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget to cover the associated legal fees encountered with the drafting and review of the policy.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Move the board to adopt the proposed Public Funds Investment Policy.

ITEM 3G RECEIVE REPORT AND CONSIDER ACTION AS NEEDED REGARDING COMPLIANCE AND CONTESTED MATTERS BEFORE THE DISTRICT INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CHUCK SCHOONOVER, DEAN COOKE AND GREG SLOUGH.

SUMMARY:

Compliance for Board Consideration Update from Previous Meeting(s)

Name	Well Number(s) & GPU	Board Decision and Status Since Last Meeting
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
Andy Cover	HA-0749, GPU 3037 HA-0749, GPU 3037 – LPD closed off making it non-functional	Resolved
Andy Cover	HA-4783, GPU 3037 Meter non-functional on an operating well. LPD closed off with capped hose.	Resolved
George & Shirley Freeman	SH-0941 GPU 9532 – no meter installed on well. Required due to permitting new well SH-13336	Resolved
George & Shirley Freeman	SH-0886 GPU 9532 – well needs meter or to be reclassified as capped	Resolved
Chuck Schoonover	DA-0436 GPU 6433 – pipe diversion bypassing meter	Legal Demand letter due February 9, 2026. No change – request show cause hearing

Chuck Schoonover	GPU 6433 – DA-0435 Flow meter not functioning on operating well. Reading does not change	Legal Demand letter due February 9, 2026. No change – request show cause hearing
Dean Cooke (TCW Supply, Inc.)	GPU 9644 – HU-0609 Flow meter not functioning on operating well. Check valve and LPD buried	Legal Demand letter due March 6, 2026. Awaiting new inspection. Will update at meeting

March 2026 Compliance for Board Consideration

Associated files located in Dropbox.com – Board Meeting Compliance

Name	Well Number(s) & GPU	Compliance Issue(s)
Greg Slough	HN-0854 GPU 244 Due to drilling new well HN-13840 all existing wells required to be metered no later than 07/09/2025	Resolved

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

PROPOSED MOTION:

The board may act as necessary.

NPGCD 2025 COMPLIANCE TO DATE 02/27/2026 REVIEWED	
CATERGORY	COMPLIANCE TOTALS
CAPPED WELL SECURED/NOT SECURED (CWS/CWNS)	106
METERS	484
LPD'S & CHECK VALVES	185
MISC (DET WELLS, PIPE DIV, RECLASS, PROD RPTS)	78
2025 COMPLIANCE CATERGORY ITEMS OVERALL TOTAL	853

2025 COMPLIANCE WELLS AWAITING CLEARANCE	5
2025 TOTAL WELLS COMPLIANCE CLEARED	799
2025 TOTAL WELL SITES COMPLIANCE REVIEWED	804

NPGCD 2026 COMPLIANCE TO DATE 02/27/2026 REVIEWED	
CATERGORY	COMPLIANCE TOTALS
CAPPED WELL SECURED/NOT SECURED (CWS/CWNS)	11
METERS	72
LPD'S & CHECK VALVES	34
MISC (DET WELLS, PIPE DIV, RECLASS, PROD RPTS)	4
COMPLIANCE CATERGORY ITEMS OVERALL TOTAL	121
COMPLIANCE WELLS AWAITING CLEARANCE	75
TOTAL WELLS COMPLIANCE CLEARED	41
TOTAL WELL SITES COMPLIANCE REVIEWED	119

ITEM 3H GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 1 JOINT PLANNING UPDATE,
SCHEDULE PROPOSED DESIRED FUTURE CONDITION HEARING

SUMMARY:

GMA 1 met on February 24th, 2026, at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission in Amarillo, TX to take up the outstanding items for consideration and to take actions to adopt a resolution to propose a Desired Future Condition for aquifers in GMA 1.

Regular business items included: approval of minutes and updates from Texas Water Development Board reminding the group of the groundwater conservation grant applications are due March 13, 2026, and the ag conservation grants are due March 18, 2026.

TIMELINE: a flow chart of the DFC process is found in the attachments

Intera did a presentation reviewing the model runs for the DFC Joint Planning displaying the two time periods of 2020-2070 and 2020-2080. As Bob reported previously, TWDB is mandating the DFC planning period be 2030 to 2080. The run results compare the statements that can be achieved under either planning period of 2020-2070 and those who cannot reach the DFC target under the 2020-2080 period.

- The Ogallala storage in volume of 40% remaining for the period of 2020-2070 and 2020-2080 for the 4 western counties can be achieved.
- The Ogallala storage target of 50% remaining in the eastern counties can also be achieved for either time period.

- ❖ The Dockum DFC target of 40% of available draw down in the 4 western counties can be met for the planning period of 2020-2070
- ❖ The Dockum DFC target of 40% of available draw down in the 4 western counties **cannot** be met for the planning period of 2020-2080

As a result of these model runs, North Plains GCD agreed to a statement change for the Dockum aquifer of

- ✓ At least 35 percent of the average available drawdown remaining after the 60-year period between 2020 and 2080 for Dallam, Harley, Moore and Sherman counties.

The Ogallala (inclusive of the Rita Blanca) Aquifer maintained the following proposed DFC statements of:

- ✓ At least 40 percent of volume in storage remaining after the 60-year period between 2020 and 2080 in Dallam, Harley, Moore, and Sherman counties.
- ✓ At least 50 percent of volume in storage remaining after the 60-year period between 2020 and 2080 in Hansford, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, and Ochiltree counties.

Intera can only provide the estimated modeled pumping levels. The resulting modeled pumping levels were made available to the group based on a 50-year planning period of 2030-2080 as

required by TWDB. It is acceptable to have a longer planning period statement than the 50-year period, however TWDB has advised the planning group that will produce MAGS for the planning period of 2030.

GMA 1 at this meeting, also completed the review of 4 factors pursuant to Texas Water Code Section 36.108(d) which included:

Factor 4: Environmental Impacts

Factor 7: Private Property Rights (part 2)

Factor 8: Feasibility of achieving the DFC

Factor 9: Any other relevant information

Following discussion regarding the above listed factors, GMA 1 proposed the following Desired Future Conditions by resolution found in the attachments.

The slides from Intera's presentation are available in the attachments; however, they should be viewed based on the results of the discussion above and as proper factors to consider when proposing a DFC statement.

The draft Explanatory Report is also available in the attachments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is available in the 2025-2026 budget to cover administrative fees to Panhandle Regional Planning Commission and consultant fees shared by the member districts of GMA 1. There is also sufficient funding to cover the notice requirements to hold the public hearing and any legal review needed.

PROPOSED MOTION:

The board may act as necessary to schedule the hearing on the proposed desired future condition. This date will need to be scheduled and held on that date as we are required to publish notice in the Amarillo Globe News and a quorum must be present.

ITEM 3I 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 3J 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 3K 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

- June 2-3, 2026, TAGD Spring Business Meeting –San Marcos, TX (Public Funds Investment Act Training)
- June 17-19, 2026, TWA Summer Conference – Horseshoe Bay, TX
- July 30, 2026, Panhandle Water Planning Group (Region A), Amarillo, TX
- TBA GMDA Summer Conference – (Texas GCDs may sponsor – North Dakota or South Dakota are possible locations being considered)
- GMA 1 August 18, 2026 – Amarillo, TX
- September 1-3 Texas Groundwater Summit – San Antonio, TX (good for directors to attend)
- September 23, 2026, Panhandle Water Planning Group (Region A)
- October 7-9, 2026, TWA Fall Conference – San Antonio, TX
- Water for Texas TWDB – January 25-27, 2027, Austin, Texas (good for board members)



GENERAL MANAGER ACTIVITY SUMMARY

FEBRUARY 2026

Each Monday the full staff will gather in the General Managers office and highlight each department's anticipated or scheduled activities for the week. The various departments are then aware of the schedule and activities that might affect staff members' availability that week or in the near future. Vital dates of interest include but are not limited to the board meeting schedules, regional meetings, and state meetings.

February 3, 2026 – The Texas Tribune was seeking production information for data centers. We do not have data centers but we do have small bit coin facilities and they asked for that information.

February 4, 2026 – Since the launching of the new database, we have developed a wish list for modifications suited to the work flow of NPGCD. We were able to review those items with Halff and they will be preparing an estimate and time schedule for us. Any improvements in the work flow allows each employee to do more with less time requirements and loss of quality control.

February 11, 2026 – The district had the hearing in Harley on the defendant's motion to abate.

February 13, 2026 - David Sloane, Dusty McWilliams, Curtis Schwartner, Baylee Barnes, Paige Glazner and Janet Guthrie met digitally to discuss the 2026 plan for the WCC. David Slaone will have given you an update in a previous agenda item.

February 18, and 25, 2026 were the first two Master Irrigator classes

With a class at full capacity, it was noted the variability in the age and experience of the participants. The remote presentations were not favored but the content was still very good.

February 20, 2026

Intra held a discussion with NPGCD regarding the MAGs and how the 2026 round of planning will be played out.

February 24, 2026

Bob Zimmer, Danny Krienke and Janet Guthrie attended the GMA 1 meeting in Amarillo which was reported under a previous agenda item.

February 27, 2026

I was invited to speak on a panel at the Texas Tech Water Law Symposium held in Lubbock about using technology to reduce agricultural water use. The panel included Jeremy Louder from Martin County, Dr. Susan Metzger from Kansas State University and myself. Other topics included legislative and case law update which did briefly cover the NPGCD/BLF suit. The legislative panel discussion mentioned “expanding the authority of GMAs” but there was no elaboration as to what that might look like. Data centers were also address and Senator Perry spoke to his views and involvement with the Matador site. Delamination and reuse of producer water were also highlighted. I did have the opportunity to visit one on one with Senator Perry and he agreed to work with us on the Ogallala Aquifer Project. Steve, Tom and I will be getting together soon to discuss how to proceed.

On going efforts were made throughout the month to work on the GCD Science Grant Application under the guidance of Intra. The application, scope of work and budget can be found in the attachments. Danny Krienke and Bob Zimmer provided assistance in establishing an appropriate matching funds contribution. The matching funds will be considered as part of the development, proposal and approval of the 26-27 operating budget.

There has also been considerable efforts to prepare a TWDB Ag Conservation Grant application to continue matching funds for the 2027 MI program and to launch a MI digital platform. There

are no general funds to meet the matching funds requirement as the recipients of the funds will provide the matching funds.

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

SCHEDULE THE PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED DFC's. The April board meeting also needs action on late filers settlement offers, compliance matters, production report totals, and the annual evaluation of tracking to meet the DFCs. I would also like to have an update from Intera on the current project to update aquifer properties and elevations.

Proposed Meeting Date _____

Proposed Hearing Date if different _____

ITEM 6 ADJOURN