

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 24, 2026
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF
NORTH PLAINS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of North Plains Groundwater Conservation District met in regular session on March 24, 2026, at 9:04 a.m. in the Conference Room in the Richard S. Bowers Water Conservation Learning Center Building at the North Plains Water Conservation Center, 6045 West County Road E., Dumas, Texas 79029-7201. The following people were present:

Members Present at 9:04 a.m.:

Daniel L. Krienke, President,
Bob Zimmer, Vice President,
Harold Grall, Secretary,
Clinton Born, Director
Justin Crownover, Director, and
Mark Howard, Director.

Staff present during part or all the meeting:

Janet Guthrie, General Manager,
Kristen Blackwell, Administration Manager,
Odell Ward, Aquifer Science Manager,
Dusty Holt, Permitting Specialist,
Jessica Fobbs, Administrative Assistant
Curtis Schwertner, Natural Resource Specialist, and
Baylee Barnes, Conservation Outreach Coordinator

Others present during part or all the meeting:

David Sloane, Irrigronomy, LLC. – via Zoom; and
Lynn Tate, Esq.

President Krienke declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Bob Zimmer gave the invocation and led the pledge.

1. - Public Comment

None.

2. - Consent Agenda

Bob Zimmer moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes from February 12, 2026; approval of District expenditures from February 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026, including the general manager's expense and activity report; approval of payment to Kemp Smith Law for professional services and out of pocket expense from February 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026; approval of payment

to Underwood Attorneys at Law for professional services and out of office pocket expense from February 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026; approval of an Order Allowing Discounts for Dallam, Hansford, Hartley, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree and Sherman Counties 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Due if paid before January 2027 and attached to these minutes as Exhibit A; and approval of the Moore County tax collection contract for fiscal year 2026-2027 and attached to these minutes as Exhibit B.

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

Action Agenda 3.a. - Consider approval of contract with David Sloane and Irrigronomy, LLC.

Harold Grall moved to approve the contract as presented with Irrigronomy, LLC. for a 12-month period beginning March 31, 2026, through March 30, 2027, and a 12-month cap of \$90,000.00.

A copy of the contract is attached to these minutes as Exhibit C.

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

Action Agenda 3.b. - 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.

Baylee Barnes presented the following report to the board of directors as follows:

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.

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

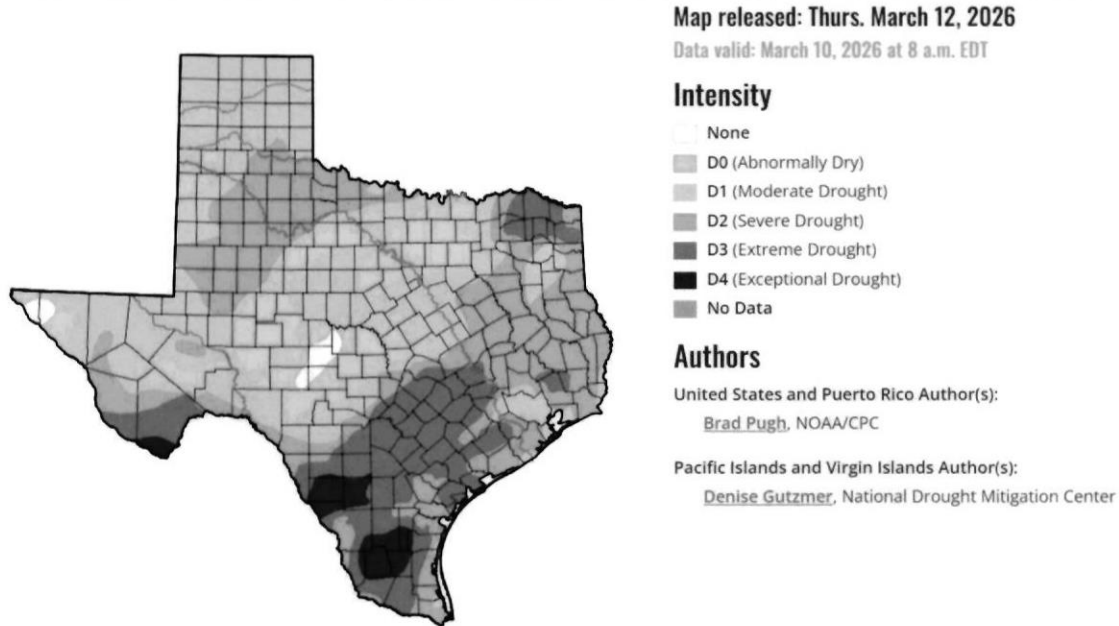
Over the past month, the staff has been actively engaged in four Master Irrigator sessions, which included preparation, organization, and securing panelists. Baylee and Paige have participated in meetings to initiate the development of a new website for the District. Additionally, Baylee and Curtis have 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 - IJE TAGD Committee Training
- May 4th – Water Festival Perryton
- May 5th – Water Festival Dumas
- May 6th – Water Festival Dumas
- May 7th – Water Festival Dalhart

Drought Map



David Sloane addressed the board via Zoom and presented his preliminary report regarding the 2025 growing season at the WCC. His final report will be received by the District by the end of the month.

The reports presented were for informational purposes, therefore, no motion was considered.

Action Agenda 3.c. - Receive report regarding field inspection services completed in February 2026.

Odell Ward presented the following information to the board regarding field inspections completed in February 2026.

Field Team County Assignments

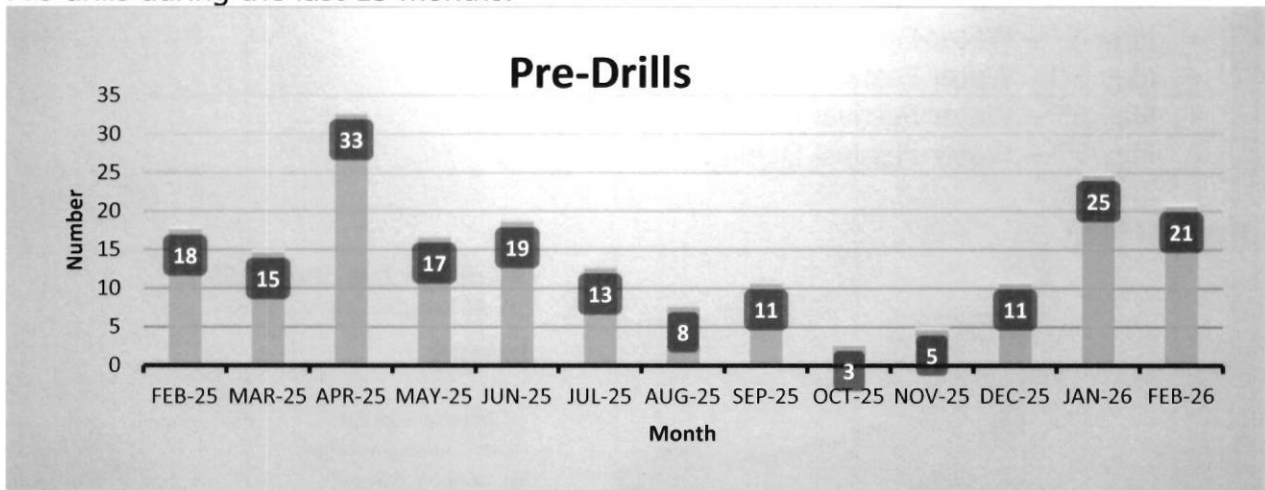
- Braden Cadenhead- MO, LI
- Angel Quiroz- HA, OC
- Jacob Fernandez- DA, HN
- Tackle Guile- SH, HU

Well, inspections by type were completed in February 2026.

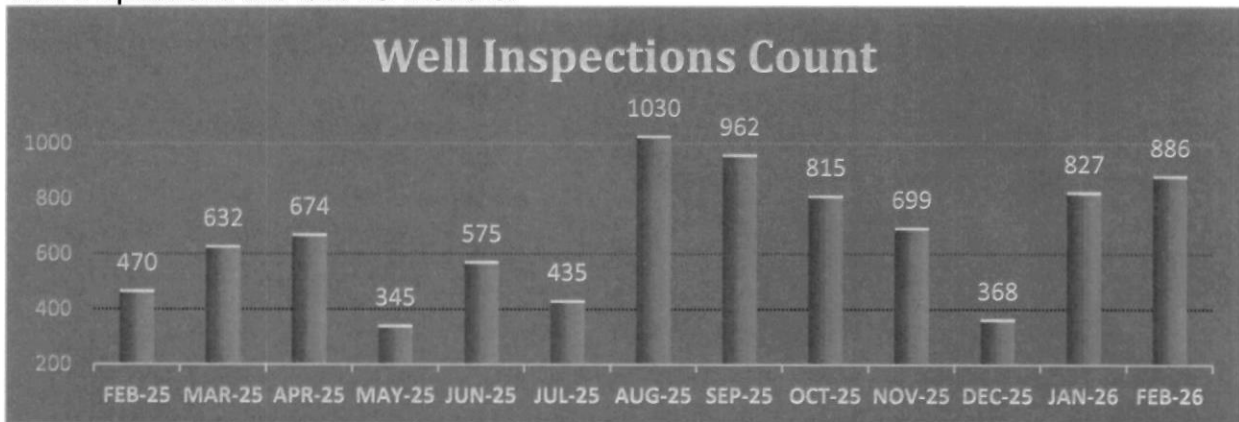
Type of Inspection	Number
Pre-Drill Inspection	21
Post Drill Inspection	6
General Well Inspections	860

Winter Water Level Measurements	126
Total Wells Inspected	1013

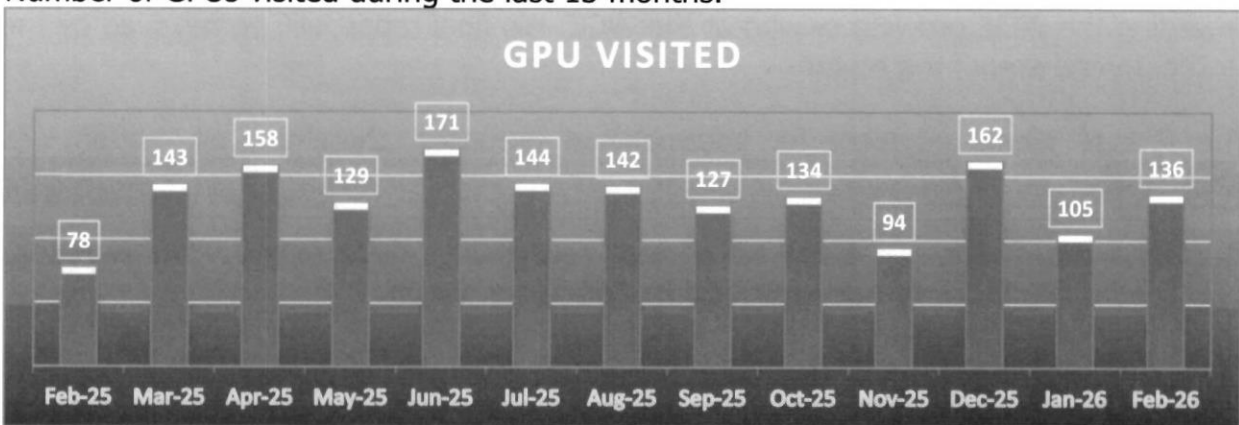
Pre-drills during the last 13 months.



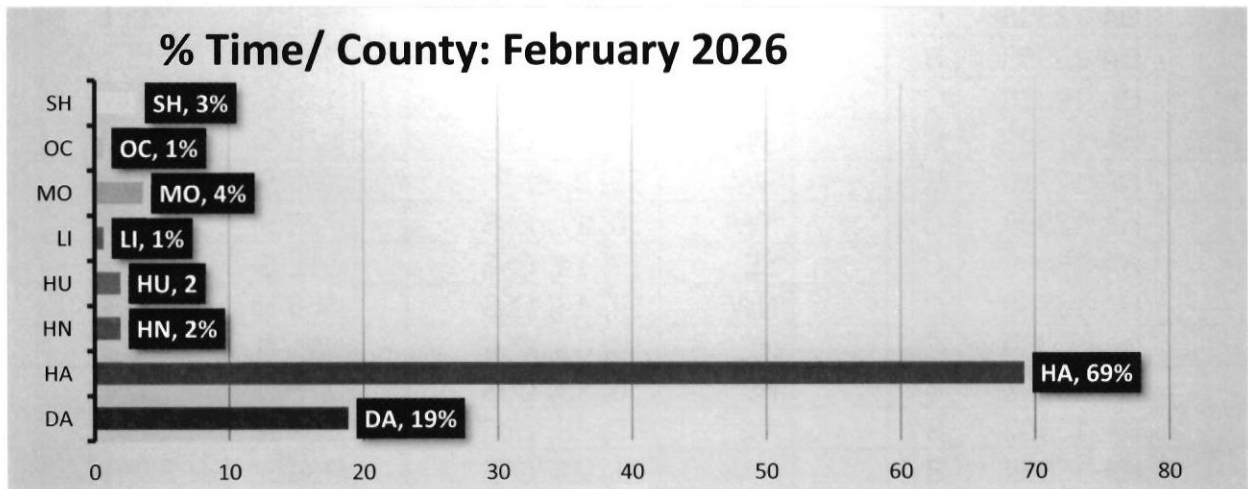
Well inspections the last 13 months.



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%

The report was for informational purposes, therefore, no motion was considered.

Action Agenda 3.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.

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	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

Justin Crownover moved to 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.

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

Action Agenda 3.e. - Receive report regarding the status of 2025 annual production reporting.

Kristen Blackwell presented the board with the following information regarding the status of the annual 2025 production reporting.

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

A complete list of producers and GPUs that filed late or not at all will be presented to the board at the next meeting.

The report was for informational purposes; therefore, no motion was considered.

Action Agenda 3.f. - Consider approval of the proposed Public Funds Investment Policy.

Janet Guthrie presented the proposed Public Funds Investment Policy. The policy has been reviewed and approved by the District’s legal counsel. The proposed policy is attached to these minutes as Exhibit D.

Bob Zimmer moved the board adopt the proposed Public Funds Investment Policy.

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

Action Agenda 3.g. - Receive report and consider action regarding compliance and contested matters before the District including but not limited to Chuck Schoonover, Dean Cooke and Greg Slough.

Kristen Blackwell Administration Manager presented the following report to the Board.

Name	Well Number(s) & GPU	Board Status Decision Since and 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	Legal Demand letter due March 6, 2026. Awaiting new

	operating well. Check valve and LPD buried	inspection. Will update at meeting
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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

Justin Crownover moved to order a Show Cause Hearing for Chuck Schoonover regarding DA-0436 in GPU 6433 regarding the pipe diversion bypassing the meter and for DA-0435 in GPU 6433 regarding a non-functioning flow meter on the operating well, and a Show Cause Hearing for Dean Cooke (TCW Supply Inc.) regarding HU-0609 in GPU 9644 regarding a non-functioning flow meter on an operating well and buried check valve and LPD.

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

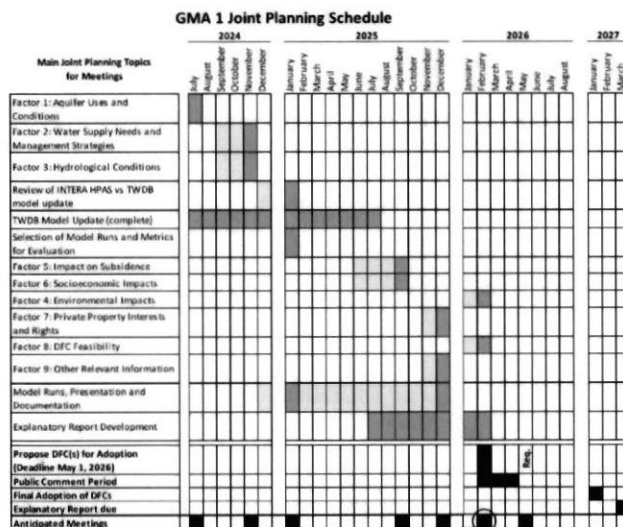
Action Agenda 3.h. - Receive report regarding Groundwater Management Area 1 joint planning update and schedule proposed desired future conditions hearing.

Janet Guthrie reported to the board 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. The planning timeline is as follows:

Planning Timeline

- Deadline of May 1, 2026 to propose DFCs
- Must adopt DFCs by Jan 5th, 2027



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 attached to these minutes as Exhibit E.

Harold Grall moved to schedule the hearing on the proposed desired future conditions on April 14, 2026.

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

Action Agenda 3.i. - Discuss BLF Land LLC et al v. Allan Frerich, et al., NO.

2:23-CV-133Z (N.D. Tex August 8, 2023).

This item was addressed in the Closed Session.

The board took a brief recess from 10:36 a.m. until 10:42 a.m.

Action Agenda 3.j. - Closed Session.

Executive Session - Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

At 10:43 a.m. President Krienke closed the meeting for consultation with legal counsel as authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, which allows a closed meeting to discuss pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or matters where the duty of counsel to the District, pursuant to the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Under the authority of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the President declared that we will now close this meeting to the public for the purpose of: Consultation with legal counsel as authorized by Sec. 551.071, Government Code, which allows a closed meeting to discuss pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or matters where the duty of counsel to the District, pursuant to the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

President Krienke stated that this is a Closed Session of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors on March 24, 2026, commencing at 10:43 a.m. At 11:09 a.m., the board reconvened into regular session.

President Krienke stated that it is my duty to remind you as board members that discussions held in closed session are confidential. In the event of a breach of this confidentiality by an individual director, the disclosure is not to be construed as a waiver of the district's attorney-client privilege. A known disclosure to a member of the public of a tape recording of a closed session constitutes a criminal violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act. This concludes the closed session of the Board of Directors at 11:08 a.m.

President Krienke stated that the meeting of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors is hereby reopened to the public on March 24, 2026, at 11:08 a.m. No formal action was taken by the Board of Directors during closed session.

Action Agenda 3.n. - Consider recommendations regarding matters discussed in Closed Session.

No action was taken.

Discussion Agenda 4.a. - Director Reports regarding meetings and/or seminars attended, weather conditions and economic development in each Director's precinct.

Director reports were presented to the board.

Discussion Agenda 4.b. - Committee Reports.

No Committee reports were presented to the board.

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

The general manager provided her report to the board in the board packet.

Discussion Item 5 - Set Next Meeting Date and Time

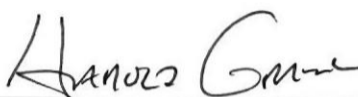
The April meeting of the board, public hearing regarding the proposed DFCs and Show Cause Hearings was confirmed for April 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, President Krienke declared the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.



Daniel Krienke, President



Harold Grall, Secretary