

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 2023
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF
NORTH PLAINS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of North Plains Groundwater Conservation District met in regular session on April 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room in the Richard S. Bowers Water Conservation Learning Center Building at the North Plains Water Conservation Center, 6045 West County Road E., Dumas, Texas 79029-7201. The following persons were present:

Members Present at 9:17 a.m.:

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

Staff present during part or all the meeting:

Steve Walthour, General Manager;
Kirk Welch, Assistant Manager;
Kristen Blackwell, Administration Manager;
Dusty Holt, Permitting Specialist/Finance Assistant;
Baylee Barnes, Conservation Outreach Specialist; and,
Krystal Donley, Administrative Assistant.

Others present during part or all the meeting:

Tom Forbes, Esq. – via Zoom;
Nich Kenny – via Zoom;
F. Keith Good, Esq.; and,
Ellen Orr, Paralegal.

President Howard declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

1. - Public Comment

No Public Comment was made to the Board.

2. - Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was discussed by the Board and consisted of: (a) the review and approval of the Minutes of the regular Board of Directors Meeting held on March 14, 2023; (b) the review and approval of un-audited District expenditures for March 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023, including the General Manager's expense and activity reports; (c) the review and approval of payment to Lemon, Shearer, Phillips & Good, P.C. for professional services and out-of-pocket expenses incurred from March 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023 in the amount of \$11,581.73; and, (d) consider approval of Hansford, Lipscomb, and Moore Counties tax collection contracts for 2023-2024.

Justin Crownover moved to remove item 2(d), consider approval of Hansford, Lipscomb, and Moore Counties tax collection contracts for 2023-2024 from the Consent Agenda and to approve all the remaining items on the Consent Agenda. Harold Grall seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Harold Grall moved to approve item 2(d) on the Consent Agenda, consider approval of Hansford, Lipscomb, and Moore Counties tax collection contracts for 2023-2024. Justin Crownover seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Action Agenda 3.a. - Consider final compliance approval of Water Well Permits as active and complete wells.

The General Manager reported that the District staff had processed 30 Water Well Permits which are ready for Board consideration and approval. These permits, listed in the table below, represent completed Wells that have been inspected and are in compliance with District Rules. The inspections verify that the Wells were completed as required by the respective Permits, including proper Well location, Well classification, maximum yield, and proper installations of check valves and flow meters. Copies of the individual permits were presented to the Board.

It was noted that 122 non-exempt Well Permits had been issued by the District since January 1, 2023; that 11 Exempt Wells had been Registered since January 1, 2023; and that 90 non-exempt Well Permits had been approved by the Board since January 1, 2023.

Number	Class	Quarter	Section	Block	Survey	N S	E W
DA-12401	D	NE	19	M E Hays	CRL	768 N	420 E
DA-12409	D	NE	10	M E Hays	CRL	754 N	480 E
DA-12410	D	NW	10	M E Hays	CRL	828 N	731 W
DA-12434	B	NE	29	1	CSS	21 N	117 E
DA-12435	B	NW	30	1	CSS	28 N	925 W
DA-12437	B	NE	8	2	CSS	105 N	537 E
DA-12438	B	NW	8	2	CSS	102 N	804 E
DA-12441	C	NE	16	2	CSS	501 N	137 E
DA-12446	C	SE	77	47 1/2	H&TC	865 S	347 E
DA-12459	D	NE/4	16	2	CSS	712 N	291 E
DA-12460	B	NW	20	6	CSS	18 N	550 W
DA-12465	B	SE	2	6	CSS	108 S	107 E
DA-12607	C	SE	8	J L Dallas		490 S	528 E
HA-12425	C	NE	212	44	H&TC	114 N	300 E
HA-12495	A	NW	93	48	H&TC	559 N	517 W
HA-12525	B	SE	290	44	H&TC	107 S	893 E
HN-12439	D	SE	8	0	WDC HALL	685 S	244 E
LI-12518	D	NW	1119	43	H&TC	777 N	880 W
MO-12484	B	SW	14	M-2		701 S	696 W
SH-12478	B	SW	187	1-C	GH&H	816 S	146 W
SH-12479	B	SW	187	1-C	GH&H	795 S	475 W
SH-12480	B	SE	187	1-C	GH&H	741 S	114 E
SH-12481	B	SE	187	1-C	GH&H	773 S	410 E
SH-12482	B	NE	187	1-C	GH&H	754 N	264 E
SH-12483	B	SW	187	1-C	GH&H	527 S	102 W
SH-12490	B	SW	55	2-B	GH&H	104 S	696 W
SH-12491	B	SW	55	2-B	GH&H	809 S	864 W
SH-12492	B	NW	55	2-B	GH&H	109 N	863 W
SH-12493	B	SW	55	2-B	GH&H	124 S	103 W
SH-12501	C	NE	181	1-C	GH&H	55 N	814 E

It was noted that Mark Howard had Well Permits DA-12401, DA-12409, and DA-12410 listed on the Well Permit Schedule.

It was also noted that Justin Crownover had Well Permits SH-12478, SH-12479, SH-12480, SH-12481, SH-12482 and SH-12483 on the Well Permit Schedule.

Bob B. Zimmer moved to remove Well Permits DA-12401, DA-12409, DA-12410, SH-12478, SH-12479, SH-12480, SH-12481, SH-12482 and SH-12483 on the Well Permit Schedule and to approve all the remaining Well Permits listed on the Well Permit Schedule, noting that the Wells are properly equipped and otherwise comply with District Rules. Harold Grall seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by Board.

Harold Grall moved to approve Well Permits DA-12401, DA-12409, DA-12410, SH-12478, SH-12479, SH-12480, SH-12481, SH-12482 and SH-12483, noting that the Wells are properly equipped and otherwise comply with District Rules. Allan Frerich seconded the motion and the motion passed by majority vote of the Board, with Mark Howard and Justin Crownover abstaining from the vote.

Action Agenda 3.b. - Consider General Manager' request to amend the 2022-2023 North Plains GCD Budget.

Steve Walthour reported that March 31, 2023, marked the halfway point of the District's 2022-2023 fiscal year. Mr. Walthour reported that he had reviewed the budget and recommended amendments to the 2022-2023 budget as follows:

Budget Item description	Current Budget Amount	Increase or (Decrease)	Proposed Budget Amount	Explanation
Capital Outlay	90,000.00	\$15,000.00	105,000.00	Increased to cover monitor well equipment expense in Dallam County transferred from Aquifer Science
Aquifer Science	80,000.00	(15,000.00)	\$65,000.00	Decreased to move monitor well expenses to Capital
Conservation Demonstration	275,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$300,000.00	Additional participants and equipment needed for
Conservation Outreach	\$615,000.00	(-35,000.00)	\$580,000.00	Decreased Water conservation Materials & Services and Water Wise which is not implemented
Administrative	\$150,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$160,000.00	Increase to cover additional travel expenses and anticipated insurance
Total overall 2022-2023 budget change		0		

Mr. Walthour stated that the above proposed budget amendments reflect no increase in the overall budget. However, the District has experienced more unanticipated expenses this year in multiple budget items that these amendments attempt to cover without raising the current budget. The District constantly monitors its budget and at this point the General Manager anticipated that an increase in professional fees and other expenses may be necessary near the end of this fiscal year. Instead of increasing the overall budget now to potentially cover those expenses.

Justin Crownover moved that the Board amend the 2022-2023 budget as follows:

- Increase Capital Outlay budget from \$90,000.00 to \$105,000.00;
- Decrease Aquifer Science budget from \$80,000.00 to \$65,000.00;
- Increase Conservation Demonstration Project from \$275,000.00 to \$300,000.00;
- Decrease Conservation Outreach budget from \$615,000.00 to \$580,000.00; and,
- Increase the Administrative budget from \$150,000 to \$160,000.00.

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

Action Agenda 3.c. - Receive Quarterly Public Funds Investment Report ending March 31, 2023.

The General Manager presented the District's quarterly investment report for the period from January 1, 2023, through March 31, 2023, which reflected the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District investment transactions for all District funds subject to the District's Public Funds Investment Policy.

The report described in detail the District's investment position as of March 31, 2023; stated the maturity date of each separately invested asset that has a maturity date; and stated 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").

Standard of Care

The Board directs that public funds investments shall be made with judgment and care, under prevailing circumstances, that a person of prudence, discretion, and intelligence would exercise in the management of the person's own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of capital and the probable income to be derived. The order of investment priorities are as follows:

- Preservation and safety of principal.
- Liquidity, and
- Yield.

In determining whether an investment officer has exercised prudence with respect to an investment decision, the determination shall be made taking into consideration the investment of all funds, or funds under the District's control, over which the officer had responsibility rather than a consideration as to the prudence of a single investment; and whether the investment decision was consistent with the District's written investment policy.

Investments

The District may invest in the obligations of, or guaranteed by, governmental entities as provided in Section 2256.009(a) of the Act. The District's board has authorized Perryton National Bank (PNB) as its primary depository and First State Bank as secondary depository as follows:

Bank Accounts	Account Name	Account Number	March 31, 2023	Interest Rate
Perryton National Bank	Main Account	337	\$ 1,845,411.47	0.01%
Perryton National Bank	Default Reserve	116	\$ 11,225.00	Non-Interest Bearing
Perryton National Bank	Interest & Sinking	256	\$ 100.00	Non-Interest Bearing
First State Bank	Late Filer Fees	9005805	\$ 2,500.00	Non-Interest Bearing

The Perryton National Bank Default Reserve Account and the Interest & Sinking Account, as well as the First State Bank Late Filer Fees Account are non-interest-bearing accounts and are not included in analyzing maturity and interest rate.

Perryton National Bank is the District's primary financial institution that provides the District's main operating account. The main operating account and CDs at Perryton National Bank exceeds the FDIC insurance coverage so the bank pledges funds that are secured by securities more than FDIC insurance for all District funds deposited with the bank. The District is currently holding 3 pledged securities with an original face value of \$3,985,000.00. The Perryton National Bank Default Reserve Account and the Interest & Sinking Account are non-interest-bearing accounts by contract used to service Texas Water Development Board Loan for Water Conservation Center

agriculture equipment construction. The First State Bank Account is used by the District to secure funds for well owners that filed their production reports late. Afterward, all remaining funds are swept from the account and are deposited in the District's operating account at Perryton National Bank. The District holds \$1010.91 in petty cash at its offices.

The District's Board has approved a list of depositories for the District to purchase certificate of deposits (CDs). The District primarily secures its funds in CDs issued by a state or national bank domiciled in Texas, a savings and loan association domiciled in Texas and is guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or its successor. The maximum allowable maturity of any authorized investment is two (2) years.

All interest from the CDs is paid by check to the District and deposited into the District's Perryton National Bank main operating account. On March 31, 2023, the District has funds in its Perryton National Bank Main Account which renews daily (1-7 days), and one CD set to mature in 2 days, one CD between 31-90 days, three CDs set to renew between 91-180 days, and six CDs set to mature after 180 days.

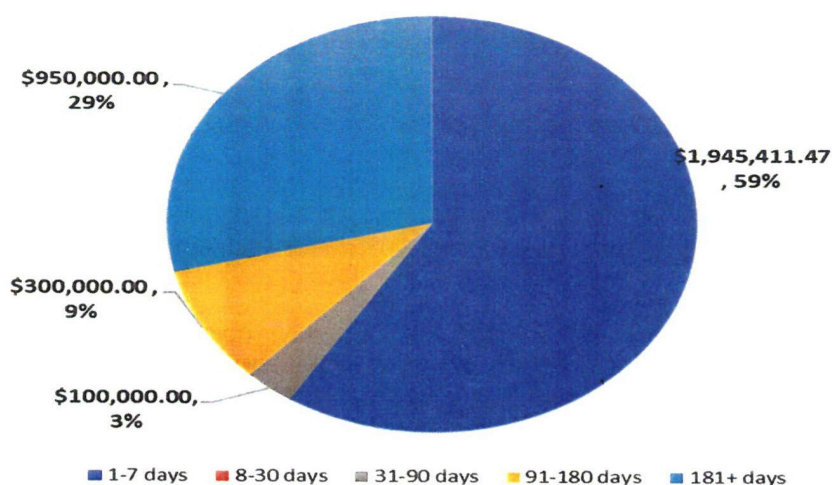
A summary of District funds by dollar amount, number of days until maturity, and weighted average maturity (WAM) is as follows:

Security Description	Investment Amount	Mat. in Days (DTM)	WAM
Perryton National Bank Main Account	\$1,845,411.47	1	0.56
First State Bank CD 21046	\$100,000.00	2	0.06
Dalhart Federal Savings & Loan CD 602 608808 8	\$100,000.00	33	1.00
Happy State Bank/Centennial Bank CD 12046	\$100,000.00	129	3.91
Perryton National Bank CD 21457	\$100,000.00	145	4.40
First Bank Southwest CD 10000222	\$100,000.00	171	5.19
First National Bank CD 83033	\$100,000.00	291	8.83
First State Bank - Spearman CD 45152	\$150,000.00	298	13.56
Happy State Bank/Centennial Bank CD 11297	\$150,000.00	321	14.61
Dalhart Federal Savings & Loan CD 602- 609183-3	\$150,000.00	322	14.66
Western State Bank CD 20855	\$250,000.00	324	24.58
Interstate Bank SSB CD 9361-13004190	\$150,000.00	362	16.48
Total	\$3,295,411.47		107.85

The Interest & Sinking Account, the Default Reserve Account, and the First State Bank Late Filer Fees Account are non-interest-bearing accounts and are not included in this analysis. The WAM is used to illustrate the average number of days it takes District investments to mature. The Perryton National Bank Account is the main operating account used by the District. Funds within this account are available within one day and are shown in the 1-7-day maturity date in the pie chart below. The District is currently operating on a 107.85-day WAM.

The following pie chart shows a snapshot of what percent of District's money is being held in longer investments versus money on hand. Sixty percent of the District's investments are held in the main operating account and one CD with less than eight days maturity, whereas twenty-eight percent of the District's investments are held in CDs with a maturity date of over 180 days. The final three pieces of the pie are investments that are held for a period of 31-90 days, and 91-180 days. The highest interest rates the district receives on CD's is 1.00 percent. The pie chart representing the percent of holdings in investments based on the days to maturity is as follows:

Percent Holdings by Maturity Date



District Yield Rates compared to US Department of Treasury Par Yield Curve Rates

The District compares the yield rates on its investments to the par yield curve rates from the U.S. Department of the Treasury website on the last trading day of the month. As of March 31, 2023 (last trading day of month), the US Department of Treasury Par Yield Curve Rates for one month are 4.74 percent and the one year are 4.64 percent. This par yield curve, which relates the par yield on a security to its time to maturity, is based on the closing market bid prices on the most recently auctioned Treasury securities in the over-the-counter market. The par yields are derived from input market prices, which are indicative quotations obtained by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at approximately 3:30 PM each business day.

District Loan Obligations

The District has one loan agreement with the Texas Water Development Board. The original loan agreement (TWDB Account# 21743) was executed in October 2014 for \$620,000.00 to equip the North Plains Water Conservation Center. The loan is for ten years with an 0.11 percent annual fixed interest rate. The remaining loan amount as of March 31, 2023, is \$62,000 with a \$68 interest payment due in 2024.

Justin Crownover moved to accept the investment report presented to the Board. Harold Grall seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Action Agenda 3.d. - Review and consider approval of District Public Funds Investment Policy.

The Board of Directors of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District ("District") may purchase, sell, and invest its funds under its control in investments authorized under the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code, as amended (the "Act") in compliance with investment policies approved by the Board and according to the standard of care set forth in its Policy. The District's Board last reviewed its Public Funds Investment Policy on July 13, 2021. A copy of the current policy was presented to the Board.

The General Manager recommended that the Board amend the reference to Administrative Assistant to Administrative Manager consistent with the position that is responsible for the day-to-day interaction with the financial institutions that holds District funds and readopt the District's Public Funds Investment Policy.

Bob B. Zimmer moved to amend the reference to Administrative Assistant to Administrative Manager in the District's Public Funds Investment Policy and to readopt the District's Public Funds Investment Policy with the said modification. Harold Grall seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Action Agenda 3.e. - Review and consider approval of District's depository institutions.

The General Manager stated that annually, the District's Board must review the terms and conditions of each banking or depository relationship with the District to confirm compliance with this Investment Policy and assure that each such banking or depository relationship is in the best interests of the District.

Texas Water Code § 36.155 requires the Board to name one or more banks to serve as depository for the District funds. The General Manager, the District's Finance and Investment Officer can only invest District funds in financial institutions approved by the Board. Currently the District uses Perryton National Bank (PNB) as its primary depository and secondary depositories including certificate of deposits (CDs) as follows:

NAME OF BANK	City	Relationship	Insured Max Amount	Current Amount
Dalhart Federal Savings & Loan	Dalhart	CD	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
First Bank Southwest	Perryton	CD	\$250,000.00	\$100,000.00
First National Bank	Spearman	CD	\$250,000.00	\$100,000.00
First State Bank	Dumas	Secondary Account and CD	\$250,000.00	Late Fees \$2,500.00 CD \$100,000.00
First State Bank - Spearman	Spearman	CD	\$250,000.00	\$150,000.00
Happy State Bank	Dumas	CD	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
Interstate Bank	Perryton	CD	\$250,000.00	\$150,000.00
Perryton National Bank	Perryton	Primary Operating Account and CD	\$250,000 plus \$2,000,000 pledged securities	Operating \$1,845,411.47 CD \$100,000.00
Western State Bank	Gruver	CD	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00

The General Manager recommended that the Board approve the primary depository and secondary depositories as identified above.

Director, Bob B. Zimmer stated that he would like to add Anchor D Bank, Spearman, Texas, to the secondary depository list of the District.

Bob B. Zimmer moved that the Board approve the primary depository and secondary depositories of the District as follows:

NAME OF BANK	City	Relationship
Dalhart Federal Savings & Loan	Dalhart	CD
First Bank Southwest	Perryton	CD
First National Bank	Spearman	CD
First State Bank	Dumas	Secondary Account and CD
First State Bank - Spearman	Spearman	CD
Happy State Bank	Dumas	CD
Interstate Bank	Perryton	CD
Perryton National Bank	Perryton	Primary Operating Account and CD
Western State Bank	Gruver	CD
Anchor D Bank	Spearman	CD

Justin Crossover seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Action Agenda 3.f. - Receive report and consider action as needed regarding agriculture water conservation demonstration programs and the North Plains Water Conservation Center.

Assistant Manager, Kirk Welch, presented the following report to the Board:

Process for Allowing Growers from Other Districts to Have Access to Master Irrigator Funds

During the February Board meeting, District staff reported that representatives from the Texas Water Development (TWDB) Board Agriculture Conservation Program have presented the idea of the District allowing producers from outside of the boundaries of the District to qualify for the Master Irrigator funding. The TWDB expressed that it would be agreeable to distribution of funds to "outside" participants within the State. At that time, District management was directed to investigate a process by which the program funding could be made available to growers within the State of Texas, but outside the boundaries of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District.

The following are some suggested guidelines:

1. Growers within the District continue to have priority for participation in the program and access to funds.
2. District continues to allow growers outside the boundaries of the District to participate if there are not enough applicants from inside the District boundaries to fill the class.
3. Participants from outside the District would have access to the Master Irrigator funding with the same responsibilities for equipment upkeep and reporting as those within the District boundaries.
4. Equipment inspections outside the District would be performed by District personnel or by staff of the District in which the equipment is located.

Options:

- a. Continue to hold the event in the NPGCD but allow outside participation and access to funds.
- b. Seek participation from other groundwater conservation Districts to present the program. Consider holding the event in a central location outside the District.

Harold Grall moved that the District continue to hold the Master Irrigator event in the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, but to allow outside participation and access to funds. Daniel L. Krienke seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

NRCS Payments for Irrigated to Dryland Rotation

Director Frerich requested that the District investigate the potential of an NRCS EQIP Program under code 328 for Crop Rotation that pays between \$260 to \$400 per acre on irrigated land that is converted to dryland. Local NRCS representatives said those payments may be available in Oklahoma and Kansas, but not in this area at this time. Based on the District's track record with the Texas Conservationist, the Board advocating the program could go a long way in initiating it in Texas. There is the possibility that this program could be available in the future.

Daniel L. Krienke moved that the District continue looking into NRCS payments on

irrigated land that is converted to dryland. Harold Grall seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Cotton and Conservation Program

Dr. Jourdan Bell has submitted a proposal for continuance of the Cotton and Conservation Program for another year. The proposal includes providing information for video productions on crop production practices for three cotton fields in the District. The cost for the Texas A&M AgriLife contribution to the project would be \$6,000. The proposal was presented to the Board.

District staff recommended that this program be continued under review this year and strategies be investigated to expand the reach of the videos.

Harold Grall moved that the District continue and fund the Cotton and Conservation Program for another year. Daniel L. Krienke seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Nich Kenny presented the following report to the Board.

NPGCD Water Conservation Center Update

Manure and pre-water have been applied. Two passes totaling approximately 3" were applied to the West Pivot, going from corn to cotton, and three passes for a total of 4.5" were put on the East Pivot, going from cotton to corn.

Action Agenda 3.h. - Receive report regarding the 88th Legislative Session.

Tom Forbes, Esq., and Steve Walthour presented a Bill Status Report to the Board for the period beginning 03/27/2023 through 04/05/2023 regarding Actionable Groundwater Bills, General Water Bills, and Government Bills filed in the 88th Legislature.

The Board recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:37 a.m.

Action Agenda 3.g. - Receive report regarding 2022 Annual Production Reporting.

Steve Walthour reported that approximately 2,968 production reports for 2022 were sent to 677 recipients via mail or email by December 5, 2022, with an option to report online, upon request. As of April 2, 2023, 2,968 production reports have been received and 2,070 reports have been entered. Twenty-nine (29) production reports have been successfully submitted and approved through the online portal. Late filing letters were sent to five (5) producers for fifty-four (54) potentially late filed reports. Late filing fees were set by the Board of Directors of \$50 per day per report up to \$500. The letters and invoices were mailed out on March 24, 2023, with a due date of May 1, 2023.

Mr. Walthour also reported that there was a large producer with significant reporting issues that is causing a delay in entering production data by the District staff which he recommended being addressed in closed session.

Action Agenda 3.i. - Receive Panhandle Water Planning Group Report.

Steve Walthour presented the following report to the Board:

The Regional A Panhandle Water Planning Group (PWPG) is scheduled to hold an Agricultural Committee and a full membership meeting on April 19th. The Ag Committee will begin at 9:30 and will consider for recommendation to the full committee, the

following:

- TWDB Ag Demands Timeline,
- Draft Irrigation Demands, and
- Irrigation Supplies (Past methodologies and possible recommendations).

The General Manager reported that he has worked to estimate irrigation production for the District from 2011 through 2021 using the District's annual production reporting program data. After going through this process, the District may wish to rethink how the District identifies the well type to match state and regional water user groups more consistently. By better identifying these groups, the District can better serve its stakeholders by focusing opportunities and assistance to those group members.

The PWPG full committee meeting will start at 1:30. Items that will be discussed and considered are as follows:

- Review responses to Solicitation for Nominations to fill Voting member position in the Environmental interest, Industries interest, and Water District's interest categories. and receive recommendation from the Executive committee.
- Draft Population and Municipal Water Demand Projections.
- Update and recommendations from Agriculture Sub-Committee
- Draft Modeled Available Groundwater Report for Groundwater Management Area 1 (GAM Run 21-007 MAG)
- Water Planning Group to recognize and support seeking Federal support for an update to the 1982 Six-State High Plains-Ogallala Aquifer Regional Resources Study.
- Regional Reports – Region B and Region O
- Reports for relevant Groundwater Management Areas
- Recognition of new GMA No. 6 representative – Whitney Wiebe
- Report or Comments from TWDB Personnel
- Report or Comments from Technical Consultant(s)

In March, the Region A Panhandle Water Planning Group solicited nominations to fill serves three open voting positions within the PWPG. Nominees were solicited who represent the following interest groups that either operate in or have interests in the Panhandle Water Planning Area (Region A) Environmental (1 seat) and/or Industries (1 seat) and/or Water Districts (1 seat). The Water Districts seat was previously held by Bobby Kidd who is retiring from the Greenbelt Water Authority. The General Manager nominated Herman Bergen from Hilmar Cheese in Dalhart for the Industries seat. Mr. Bergen has said that he is interested in serving. The PWPG members from the North Plains GCD area include:

- David Landis – Municipalities (Secretary);
- Steve Walthour – Water Districts (Executive Committee);
- Janet Tregallas – Agriculture;
- Daniel L. Krienke – GMA 1; and
- Rusty Gilmore – Small Business.

Action Agenda 3.j. - Receive Groundwater Management Area 1 Report.

District representatives in Groundwater Management Area 1 adopted desired future conditions for the Ogallala, Rita Blanca, and Dockum aquifers on August 26, 2021. The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) said it received the desired future condition explanatory report and related material on January 4, 2022. On November 9, 2022, the TWDB requested clarifications regarding several items required to evaluate the materials for administrative completeness. Walthour worked with the other groundwater District managers in GMA 1 to provide clarification. He forwarded and the TWDB received final clarifications from the District managers regarding these items on November 10, 2022. The TWDB Executive Director provided the Modeled Available Groundwater (GR21-007 MAG) to the Districts by email on April 3, 2023.

Table: Ogallala aquifer (inclusive of Rita Blanca aquifer) MAG by county in North Plains GCD for each decade between 2020 and 2080 (GR21-007 MAG). Modified from Table 1 to include Moore County and the management zones. Values are in acre-feet per year.

County	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070	2080
Dallam	319,988	269,575	228,726	194,888	165,787	144,360	128,259
Hartley	355,646	270,230	207,754	169,890	144,564	124,366	108,352
Moore	140,408	139,745	132,737	121,616	106,134	88,165	73,128
Sherman	290,148	287,657	261,521	226,142	198,338	166,675	145,399
Hansford	297,486	295,700	281,612	264,290	247,744	229,800	211,464
Hutchinson	77,920	80,189	77,835	74,461	70,609	67,496	64,083
Lipscomb	251,489	270,819	263,478	249,968	235,561	218,975	201,984
Ochiltree	259,676	259,973	247,274	231,502	215,617	199,324	181,295
Total	1,992,761	1,873,888	1,700,937	1,532,757	1,384,354	1,239,161	1,113,964
West	1,106,190	967,207	830,738	712,536	614,823	523,566	455,138
East	886,571	906,681	870,199	820,221	769,531	715,595	658,826

Table: Areas of Hartley, Hutchinson and Moore counties are located outside North Plains GCD. The DFCs for each of those areas correspond to their county. Below, the Ogallala aquifer (inclusive of Rita Blanca aquifer) MAG by county outside North Plains GCD for each decade between 2020 and 2028 GR21-007 MAG). Values are in acre-feet per year.

County	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070	2080
Hartley	15,555	16,380	15,634	14,309	12,989	11,646	10,434
Hutchinson	33,955	32,967	28,372	24,059	20,978	18,576	17,204
Moore	8,703	9,681	9,415	8,245	7,122	6,198	5,317
Total	58,213	59,028	53,421	46,613	41,089	36,420	32,955

The Dockum Aquifer MAG is also presented in GR21-007 MAG. The two following tables show the MAG for the portions of the counties inside and outside of the District.

Table: Dockum Aquifer MAG by county in North Plains GCD on for each decade between 2020 and 2080 (GR21-007 MAG). Values are in acre-feet per year.

County	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070	2080
Dallam	15,969	15,522	14,700	14,019	13,513	12,895	12,415
Hartley	12,402	11,792	11,051	10,334	9,755	9,234	8,831
Moore	4,496	5,399	5,409	5,064	4,782	4,474	4,213
Sherman	445	416	310	288	293	288	291
Total	33,312	33,129	31,470	29,705	28,343	26,891	25,750

Table: Dockum Aquifer MAG by county outside North Plains GCD on for each decade between 2020 and 2080 (GR21-007 MAG). Values are in acre-feet per year.

County	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070	2080
Hartley	44,260	52,799	53,096	50,432	46,907	42,974	39,311
Moore	241	560	594	616	643	645	625
Total	44,501	53,359	53,690	51,048	47,550	43,619	39,936

District staff will further analyze the report (GR21-007 MAG) for the June Board meeting.

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

Action Agenda 3.l. - Closed Session.

Executive Session - Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

At 10:51 a.m., Justin Crownover moved to go into Executive Session in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, §551.071, to obtain legal advice on matters in which the duty of attorneys to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with Chapter 551. Harold Grall seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Executive Session: At 10:51 a.m., the Board went into Executive Session. At 12:07 p.m., Justin Crownover moved that the Board reconvene into regular session. Gene Born seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board reconvened into regular session at 12:08 p.m.

Action Agenda 3.m. - Closed Session.

Bob B. Zimmer moved that the District participate in the voting allocation of the Moore County Appraisal District for selecting members of the Board. Harold Grall seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Daniel L. Krienke moved that the Board assess a civil penalty against BLF Land, LLC in the amount of \$100.00 per day per violation from the date to cure each violation until the violation was resolved for calendar year 2022 in regard to Rule other than exceeding the District annual allowable production limit. Justin Crownover seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

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

No Director reports were presented.

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's presented his report to the Board in the Board Packet which included the General Manager's activity summary, the District's activity summary, permits issued in March 2023, Conservation Outreach Activities, Aquifer Science Activities, and Well Inspections activities.

Set Next Meeting Date and Time

The next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for June 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

The July regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for July 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, President Howard adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.


Mark Howard, President


Bob B. Zimmer, Secretary