

Panola County Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2017

A regular meeting of the Panola County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at 5:34 p.m. in the District Conference Room at 419 W. Sabine Street, Carthage, Texas 75633. The following were in attendance:

Board Members:

Precinct #1: Danny Reed
Mike Pennington
Precinct #2: James Browning
Larry Dorman
Precinct #3: Scott Yarnell
Precinct #4: Ronny McMillan
Ray Davis
At large: Bobby Langford

District Staff: Leah Adams, General Manager; David Waldrop, Field Technician/Inspector; Jess Landreneau, Field Technician; and Shawn Jordan, Office Manager

Absent: Jim Payne, Precinct #3

1. The regular board meeting was called to order by James Browning, Board President, at 5:34 p.m.
2. James Browning asked if there were any public comments, at which time Larry Dorman discussed his concerns about the Texas Railroad Commission, their policies for plugging and abandoning oil and gas wells, and the resulting effects on groundwater.
3. After reviewing the April 25, 2017 Rule Change Public Hearing minutes, Scott Yarnell moved and Ray Davis seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously of those present.
4. After reviewing the April 25, 2017 minutes on the Public Hearing for the Desired Future Conditions, Scott Yarnell moved and Danny Reed seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously of those present.
5. After reviewing the April 25, 2017 Regular Board Meeting minutes, Ray Davis moved and Ronny McMillan seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously of those present.
6. The General Manager gave a presentation on the District's 2016 Annual Report. Danny Reed moved and Mike Pennington seconded the motion to approve and sign Resolution 2017-02, adopting the 2016 Annual Report. The motion passed unanimously of those present.
7. The Board held a discussion on unregistered well issues and how to get the word out to the public. After discussing various ideas such as mail-outs, advertisements on the jumbotron at high school football games, and articles in the *Crossroads* magazine, no action was taken at that time.

8. Field Technician Jess Landreneau provided updates on the regular monthly monitor wells, rain gauges, and frac pond monitoring. The monthly monitor deep well readings show a drop in water levels of 0.13 feet in the last month. Compared to 2011, the deep well water levels are up 6.58 feet. The shallow monitor well water levels have fallen 0.33 feet in the last month, and they are 2.43 feet higher than in 2011. The county's recorded rainfall average for April was 5.17 inches. The historical average for April is 4.48 inches, and the historical average for May is 4.65 inches. As of May 9th, 2017, most of Panola County is in moderate drought conditions according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Frac pond monitor well water levels have been mostly stable throughout the last month. There also was a discussion about a landowner's pond that is filled by water wells and is exporting water out of the District via surface water lines.
9. After reviewing the District expenditures for the period from April 20, 2017 to May 18, 2017, Danny Reed moved and Scott Yarnell seconded the motion to approve the payment of expenses as presented. The motion passed unanimously of those present.
10. The Board did not enter into an executive session at the May 23, 2017 meeting.
11. The next board meeting date was set for June 27, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office.
12. With no further business, Danny Reed moved and Ronny McMillan seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously of those present. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Approved this 27th day of June, 2017.


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