

Panola County Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2017

A regular meeting of the Panola County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, immediately following the public hearing at 5:32 p.m. in the District Conference Room at 419 W. Sabine Street, Carthage, Texas 75633. The following were in attendance:

Board Members:

Precinct #1: Mike Pennington
 Danny Reed
Precinct #2: Larry Dorman
Precinct #3: Scott Yarnell
 Jim Payne
Precinct #4: Ronny McMillan
 Ray Davis

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

Others Present: Jackie Robinson of Robinson & Payne, PLLC.

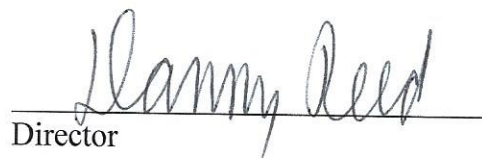
Absent: James Browning, Precinct #2, Bobby Langford, At Large.

1. The regular board meeting was called to order by Mike Pennington, Board Vice President, at 5:32 p.m. following the public hearing.
2. There were no public comments.
3. After reviewing the August 22, 2017 Public Hearing – Rule Change minutes, Ray Davis moved and Jim Payne seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously of those present.
4. After reviewing the August 22, 2017 Public Hearing – Permits minutes, Danny Reed moved and Ronny McMillan seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously of those present.
5. After reviewing the August 22, 2017 Regular Board Meeting minutes, Scott Yarnell moved and Jim Payne seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously of those present.
6. Jackie Robinson of Robinson & Payne, PLLC presented the 2016 financial audit. After the presentation, Scott Yarnell moved and Ray Davis seconded the motion to approve the 2016 District financial audit and the budget amendment to pay for the cost of the audit. The motion passed unanimously of those present.

7. The Board reviewed the letters provided to the District from J Roque, Ltd. Based on the letter received August 11, 2017, the Board applied District Rule 1.16, considering the letter to be a request for reconsideration of approval of the Wedgeworth Well 1 permit application. After review of information related to the Wedgeworth Well 1 permit application and the request for reconsideration and Board discussion regarding the request for reconsideration, Scott Yarnell moved and Larry Dorman seconded the motion to deny the request for reconsideration based on the fact that the District has not received any information that would alter or contradict the original approval by the Board of the Wedgeworth Well 1 permit application. The motion passed unanimously of those present.
8. Field Technician/Inspector David Waldrop discussed various topics with the Board and General Manager, including water well drilling activity, well inspections, gas-venting water wells, well driller compliance, and rule violation and enforcement situations. Field Technician Jess Landreneau then provided updates on the regular monthly monitor wells, rain gauges, and frac pond monitoring. The monthly monitor deep well readings show a rise in water levels of 0.14 feet in the last month. Compared to 2011, the deep well water levels are up 6.44 feet. The shallow monitor well water levels have fallen 0.00 feet in the last month, and they are 1.92 feet higher than in 2011. The county's recorded rainfall average for August was 8.26 inches. The historical average for August is 2.79 inches, and the historical average for September is 3.87 inches. As of September 12th, 2017, all of Panola County is in "no drought" conditions according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Frac pond monitor well water levels in the Delray area have recovered to pre-pumping conditions. Frac pond monitor well water levels in the Centennial area have dropped an average of 3 feet in the last month, and water levels in the Deadwood area have risen an average of 3.5 feet in the last month.
9. After reviewing the District's expenditures from August 18, 2017 to September 21, 2017, Danny Reed moved and Jim Payne 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 executive session at the September 26, 2017 meeting.
11. The next board meeting date was set for October 24, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office.
12. With no further business, Scott Yarnell moved and Jim Payne seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously of those present. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Approved this 24th day of October, 2017.


Director


Director