

Panola County Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2017

A regular meeting of the Panola County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors was held on Monday, November 27, 2017, immediately following the public hearing at 5:38 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: James Browning
Precinct #3: Jim Payne (Left at 6:48 PM)
Precinct #4: Ronny McMillan
At Large: Bobby Langford


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


Absent: Scott Yarnell, Precinct #3; Larry Dorman, Precinct #2; Ray Davis, Precinct #4

1. The regular board meeting was called to order by James Browning, Board President, at 5:38 p.m. following the public hearing.
2. There were no public comments.
3. After reviewing the October 24, 2017 Public Hearing – Permits minutes, Danny Reed moved and Mike Pennington seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously of those present.
4. After reviewing the October 24, 2017 Regular Board Meeting minutes, Bobby Langford moved and Ronny McMillan seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously of those present.
5. The 2018 Holiday Schedule was presented and discussed. Bobby Langford moved and Ronny McMillan seconded the motion to approve the 2018 Holiday Schedule. The motion passed with five in favor of and one opposed.
6. The Board reviewed a proposed compensation plan for the District based on local government statistics and comparable groundwater conservation district salaries. After some discussion, Danny Reed moved and Mike Pennington seconded the motion to approve the compensation plan. The motion passed unanimously of those present.
7. After reviewing and discussing the Evaluation of Well Spacing for Panola County Groundwater Conservation District Final Report, the decision was made to continue the discussion at a later time. No action was taken.

8. After reviewing and discussing the equal disbursement of the remaining GMA 11 funds to each groundwater district that contributed, Mike Pennington moved and Danny Reed seconded the motion to donate Panola County GCD's portion of the remaining funds to the Rusk County GCD to compensate for their excess legal fees during the DFC process. The motion passed unanimously of those present.
9. Field Technician/Inspector David Waldrop provided updates on recent well plugging projects and on frac water usage. 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 0.33 feet in the last month. Compared to 2011, the deep well water levels are up 5.79 feet. The shallow monitor well water levels have fallen 0.23 feet in the last month, and they are 1.23 feet higher than in 2011. The county's recorded rainfall average for October was 1.79 inches. The historical average for October is 4.07 inches, and the historical average for November is 4.70 inches. As of November 14th, 2017, Panola County is partially in abnormally dry and moderate drought conditions according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Frac pond monitor well water levels in the Gary area have recovered to pre-frac pumping conditions.
10. After reviewing the District's expenditures from October 20, 2017 to November 20, 2017, Danny Reed moved and Mike Pennington seconded the motion to approve the payment of expenses as presented. The motion passed unanimously of those present.
11. The Board did not enter into executive session at the November 27, 2017 meeting.
12. The next board meeting date was set for December 19, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office.
13. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Approved this 19th day of December, 2017.


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