

Minutes of Public Hearings on
Operating & Grandfathered Use Permit Applications,
Management Plan, & Rule Change

Panola County Groundwater Conservation District
April 24, 2018

A public hearing was held by the Panola County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors at 5:30 p.m. in the District Conference Room on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 on the applications for Operating & Grandfathered Use Permits for Panola Bethany WSC, Panola County Processing, Merket Tree Farm, Gary ISD, and Joe Harris.

Board Members:

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; Ashley Whitaker, Office Manager; David Waldrop, Field Technician/Inspector; and Jess Landreneau, Field Technician

Others: Johnny Sharp of Sharp Water Well Services and Debbie Bennett

Absent: Jim Payne, Precinct #3; Danny Reed, Precinct #1; and Mike Pennington, Precinct #1

1. The public hearing was called to order by James Browning, Board President, at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday April 24, 2018.
2. Mr. Browning moved into review of the Operating Permit application for Panola Bethany WSC. He asked the General Manager to present the application. The General Manager then explained that Panola Bethany WSC applied to operate one (1) water well for public water supply. The total usage applied for was 45,000,000 gallons or 138.10 acre-feet annually.

Based on the presented information and the fact that the application had met all of the requirements of the District Rules and Chapter 36, TWC, the General Manager recommended that the Board approve the application. Ray Davis moved and Scott Yarnell seconded the motion to approve the Operating Permit for Panola Bethany WSC. The motion passed unanimously of those present.

3. Mr. Browning moved into review of the Operating Permit application for Panola County Processing. He asked the General Manager to present the application. The General Manager then explained that Panola County Processing applied to operate one (1) water well for commercial use. The total usage applied for was 2,000,000 gallons or 6.14 acre-feet annually.

Based on the presented information and the fact that the application had met all of the requirements of the District Rules and Chapter 36, TWC, the General Manager recommended that the Board approve the application. After discussion, Scott Yarnell moved and Ronny McMillan seconded the motion to approve the Operating Permit for Panola County Processing. The motion passed unanimously of those present.

4. Mr. Browning moved into review of the Grandfathered Use Permit application for the Market Tree Farm. He asked the General Manager to present the application. The General Manager then explained that the Market Tree Farm applied to operate one (1) water well for commercial use (irrigation). The total usage applied for was 5,000,000 gallons or 15.35 acre-feet annually.

Based on the presented information and the fact that the application had met all of the requirements of the District Rules and Chapter 36, TWC, the General Manager recommended that the Board approve the application. Scott Yarnell moved and Ronny McMillan seconded the motion to approve the Grandfathered Use Permit for the Market Tree Farm. The motion passed unanimously of those present.

5. Mr. Browning moved into review of the Operating Permit application for Gary ISD. He asked the General Manager to present the application. The General Manager then explained that Gary ISD applied to operate one (1) water well for irrigation use. The total usage applied for was 10,512,000 gallons or 32.26 acre-feet annually.

Based on the presented information and the fact that the application had met all of the requirements of the District Rules and Chapter 36, TWC, the General Manager recommended that the Board approve the application. Ray Davis moved and Larry Dorman seconded the motion to approve the Operating Permit for Gary ISD. The motion passed unanimously of those present.

6. Mr. Browning moved into review of the Operating Permit application for Joe Harris. He asked the General Manager to present the application. The General Manager then explained that Joe Harris applied to operate one (1) water well for irrigation use. The total usage applied for was 2,000,000 gallons or 6.14 acre-feet annually.

Based on the presented information and the fact that the application had met all of the requirements of the District Rules and Chapter 36, TWC, the General Manager recommended that the Board approve the application. Ronny McMillan moved and Bobby Langford seconded the motion to approve the Operating Permit for Joe Harris. The motion passed unanimously of those present.

Management Plan

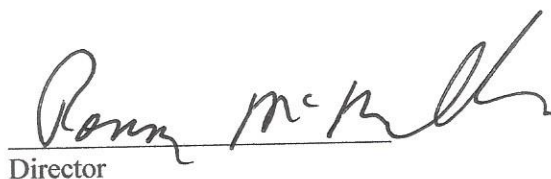
7. After discussing the approval of the District Management Plan for 2018 and Resolution 2018-01, Scott Yarnell moved and Ray Davis seconded the motion to approve the Management Plan and Resolution 2018-01. The motion passed unanimously of those present.

Rule Change

8. After discussing Resolution 2018-02 and the proposed changes to the District Rules regarding well spacing and permit amendments, Ronny McMillan moved and Bobby Langford seconded the motion to approve the rule changes and Resolution 2018-02. The motion passed unanimously of those present. Johnny Sharp of Sharp Water Well Services then stated his concerns about the rule changes.
9. With no other items on the agenda, Mr. Browning adjourned the public hearing at 5:51 p.m.

Approved this 29th day of May, 2018


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