

Panola County Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2019

A regular meeting of the Panola County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at 5:50 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
 Todd Malone
Precinct #3: Scott Yarnell
Precinct #4: Ray Davis
At Large: Bud Worley

District Staff: Teresa Griffin, General Manager; Ashley Whitaker, Office Manager
David Waldrop, Field Technician/Inspector; Jess Landreneau, Field Technician


Absent: Denzel Harrison, Precinct #3; Ronny McMillan, Precinct #4

Other: Jeff Davidson

1. The regular board meeting was called to order by Mike Pennington, Board President, at 5:40 p.m.
2. Scott Yarnell conducted the invocation.
3. Jeff Davidson spoke with the board about consideration of a rule review for out of county water sales and hydro study requirements.
4. After reviewing the November 19, 2019 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes, Scott Yarnell moved, and Danny Reed seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
5. After reviewing the November 19, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes, Danny Reed moved, and Scott Yarnell seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
6. After reviewing the Memorandum of Understanding with TCEQ and TDLR, Scott Yarnell moved and Danny Reed seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2019-5 and join to MOU with TCEQ and TDLR. The motion passed unanimously.
7. After reviewing the travel and meeting schedule for District Staff , Danny Reed moved and Scott Yarnell seconded the motion to approve the attendance of staff and to close the office January 17, 2020 from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM for District Staff to attend the Landowner Conference. The motion passed unanimously.

8. After reviewing the District Budget Amendment for 2019. Ray Davis moved and Bud Worley seconded the motion to post pone the approval until the January 2020 board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
9. Employee Performance Evaluations and compensation was moved into executive session. There was no action taken.
10. No General Manager Report at the December 17, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. There was no action taken.
11. District staff provided updates on well plugging and drilling, monitor wells, rain gauges, and other District field work. The monthly monitor deep well readings showed a water level rise of 0.1 feet in the last month. The shallow monitor well water levels showed a decline of 0.3 feet in the last month. Panola County's recorded rainfall average for November was 0.69 inches. The historical precipitation average for November is 4.74 inches. As of December 3rd 2019, Panola County is mostly abnormally dry, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor for Texas. In the last month, water levels have dropped significantly due to pumping for frac ponds in the Deadwood and DeBerry areas, while water levels in other monitored areas have either risen or been stable.
12. After reviewing the District's expenditures from November 15, 2019 to December 11, 2019, Scott Yarnell moved, and Bud Worley seconded the motion to approve the payment of expenditures as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
13. The Board entered into executive session at 6:50 PM.
14. The Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 8:30 PM at which time Scott Yarnell made the motion for David to receive a 5% pay raise, Ashley 4% and Jess 3% efective January 1, 2020. Bud Worley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Scott Yarnell made a second motion to increase the General Mangers annual salary to \$60,000 effective January 1, 2020. Todd Malone seconded the motion.
15. The next board meeting was set for January 28, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the District office.
16. With no further business, Ray Davis moved, and Danny Reed seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously of those present, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Approved this 28th day of January 2020.



Director



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