

Panola County Groundwater Conservation District
Minutes of Public Hearings on Operating Permit Applications
February 25, 2020

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 at 419 W. Sabine Street, Carthage, Texas 75633 on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 on the application for Operating Permits for Jimmy Jones and John Jones.

Board Members:

Precinct #1: Mike Pennington
 Danny Reed
Precinct #2: Larry Dorman
 Todd Malone
Precinct #3: Scott Yarnell
 Denzel Harrison
Precinct #4: Ronny McMillan
At Large: Bud Worley

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

Absent: Ray Davis, Precinct #4; Ashley Whitaker, Office Manager

Guest: Members of the public (see attached list)

1. The Public Hearing was called to order by Mike Pennington, Board President, at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2020.

Mr. Pennington opened the floor for public comment. Numerous members of the public in attendance, expressed concerns to the Operating Permits on the agenda. Concerns included there being no public water supply in the area, an excessive amount being sold to oil and gas operations and a concern of drawn down in the aquifer. The District also received eight letters of protest from the community. District staff presented scientific data and research conducted over the previous ten years, which shows there should be no adverse effects on the aquifer. It was also explained that District staff will closely monitor the water levels and quality in the area.

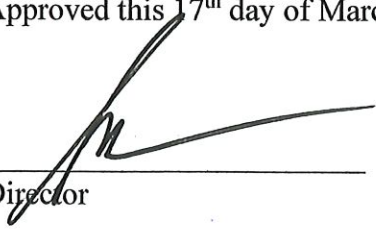
2. Mr. Pennington moved into review of the Operating Permit application for Jimmy Jones. He asked the General Manager to present the application. The General Manager then explained that Jimmy Jones applied to operate one (1) water well for water sales use. The proposed total usage for the well was 48,355,200 gallons or 148.40 acre-feet annually.
3. Mr. Pennington moved into review of the Operating Permit application for John Jones. He asked the General Manager to present the application. The General Manager then explained that John Jones applied to operate one (1) water well for water sales use. The proposed total usage for the well was 600,000 gallons or 1.85 acre-feet annually

Based on the presented information for both applicants and the fact that the applications had met all the requirements of the District Rules and Chapter 36, TWC, the General Manger recommended that the Board approve the applications. Scott Yarnell moved, and Bud Worley


seconded the motion to approve the Operating Permits with the condition that the applicants submit monthly production for one year and allow access to domestic well for sampling quality and water level for Jimmy and John Jones. The motion passed unanimously of those present.

4. With no other items on the agenda, Mr. Pennington adjourned the public hearing at 6:47 p.m.

Approved this 17th day of March 2020.



Director



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