

Panola County Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2020

A regular meeting of the Panola County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 5:30p.m. in the District Conference Room at 419 W. Sabine Street, Carthage, Texas 75633 and via telephone at (720) 740-9824, access code 2311646. The following were in attendance:

Board Members:

Precinct #1: Mike Pennington
Danny Reed – Via Telephone
Precinct #2: John Burgess

Precinct #3
Precinct #4: Ronny McMillan
Ray Davis
At Large: Bud Worley

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

Absent: Ashley Whitaker, Office Manager; Todd Malone, Precinct #2, Denzel Harrison, Precinct #3, Scott Yarnell, Precinct #3

1. The regular board meeting was called to order by Mike Pennington, Board President, at 5:30 p.m.
2. Ronny McMillan conducted the invocation.
3. There were no public comments at the September 22, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.
4. After reviewing the August 25, 2020 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes, Ray Davis moved, and Danny Reed seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
5. After reviewing the August 25, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Danny Reed moved, and Ronny McMillan seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
6. After discussion, Ray Davis made the motion to remove Larry Dorman from the signature card at First State Bank and update signature card to include, Mike Pennington, Danny Reed, Todd Malone, Scott Yarnell and Teresa Griffin. Bud Worley seconded the motion and the motion carried.
7. The proposed Hydro Study rule changes were discussed. No action was taken.
8. The proposed rule changes were reviewed and discussed. No action was taken.
9. The General Manager gave routine office updates. There was no action taken.

10. District staff provided updates on monitor wells, rain gauges, and other District field work. The monthly monitor deep well readings showed a water level decline of 0.9 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 August was 3.05 inches. The historical precipitation average for August is 2.89 inches. As of September 8th 2020, there is no drought in Panola County 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 Grand Bluff and Bethany areas, while water levels have recovered significantly in Deadwood and have been stable in other areas.
11. After reviewing the District's expenditures from August 21, 2020 to September 18, 2020, Danny Reed moved, and Ronny McMillan seconded the motion to approve the payment of expenditures as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
12. The District Personnel Vehicle use policy was discussed.
13. The board entered executive session at 7:30 p.m. at the September 22, 2020 board meeting under Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated regarding legal matters. The executive session ended at 8:03 p.m.
14. The board reconvened in open session at 8:03 at which time Ray Davis made a motion to modify the personnel policy to only allow employees to ride in company vehicles. John Burgess seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously of those present.
15. The next board meeting was set for October 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the District office.
16. With no further business, Ronny McMillan moved, and Bud Worley seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously of those present, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Approved this 27th day of October 2020.



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