

Panola County Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2020

A regular meeting of the Panola County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, following the public hearing at 5:52p.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
 Todd Malone
Precinct #3: Scott Yarnell
Precinct #4: Ronny McMillan – Via Telephone
 Ray Davis – Via Telephone
At Large: Bud Worley – Arrived at 5:53

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

Absent: Denzel Harrison, Precinct #3

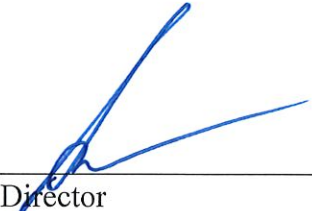
1. The regular board meeting was called to order by Mike Pennington, Board President, at 5:50 p.m.
2. Mike Pennington conducted the invocation.
3. There was no public comment at the December 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.
4. After reviewing the November 17, 2020 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes, Scott Yarnell moved, and Todd Malone seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously
5. After reviewing the November 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Danny Reed moved, and Scott Yarnell seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
6. After reviewing the FY 2020 Budget amendments, Danny Reed moved and Bud Worley seconded the motion to approve the amendments. The motion passed unanimously.
7. After discussing the pledge of support for Amicus Brief preparation, Scott Yarnell made the motion to designate \$1000.00 for Amicus Brief, John Burgess seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
8. After discussion on the selection of the executive committee, Scott Yarnell moved and Todd Malone seconded the motion to leave the committee as is. The motion passed unanimously.

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 0.1 feet in the last month. The shallow monitor well water levels showed a decline of 0.4 feet in the last month. Panola County's recorded rainfall average for November was 1.03 inches. The historical precipitation average for November is 4.67 inches. As of December 8th 2020, Panola County is in moderate drought according to the U.S. Drought Monitor for Texas. In the last month, no areas have had significant water level decline due to pumping to fill frac ponds, while water levels have recovered significantly in Rehobeth and have been mostly stable in other areas.
11. After reviewing the District's expenditures from November 18, 2020 to December 11, 2020, Danny Reed moved, and Ray Davis seconded the motion to approve the payment of expenditures as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
12. Review of employee yearly evaluations and compensation was moved into executive session at the December 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.
13. Entered into executive session at 6:37 PM.
14. The board returned to open session at 8:10 PM. Scott Yarnell made the motion for the Office Manager and Field Technician to receive a 2% raise, Field Technician/Inspector a 4% raise and the General Manger a 5% raise for the year 2021. Todd Malone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The next board meeting was set for January 26, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the District office.
15. With no further business, Scott Yarnell moved, and Bud Worley seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously of those present, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Approved this 26th day of January 2021.



Director



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