

Panola County Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2021

A regular meeting of the Panola County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 5:30PM 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 – Arrived 6:15
Precinct #3: Scott Yarnell
Precinct #4: Ronny McMillan – Via Telephone
Ray Davis
At Large: Bud Worley – Arrived at 5:37

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

Absent: Denzel Harrison, Precinct #3; David Waldrop, Field Technician/Inspector

1. The regular board meeting was called to order by Mike Pennington, Board President, at 5:30 p.m.
2. Mike Pennington conducted the invocation.
3. There was no public comment at the January 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.
4. After reviewing the December 15, 2020 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes, Ray Davis moved, and John Burgess seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously
5. After reviewing the December 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Scott Yarnell moved, and Ray Davis seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
6. After reviewing the expansion of the water quality testing, Danny Reed moved and Scott Yarnell seconded the motion to approve the expansion of testing. The motion passed unanimously.
7. After discussing on the coronavirus paid leave policy, a Coronavirus employee screening questionnaire was put into place. Scott Yarnell moved and Bud Worley seconded the motion to approve the COVID-19 questionnaire. The motion passed unanimously.
8. The General Manager gave routine office updates. There was no action taken.

9. District staff provided updates on monitor wells, rain gauges, and other District field work. The monthly monitor deep well readings showed a water level rise of 0.4 feet in the last month. The shallow monitor well water levels showed a rise of 0.4 feet in the last month. The net groundwater level change in 2020 was up 0.4 feet. Panola County's recorded rainfall average for December was 6.89 inches. The historical precipitation average for December is 4.88 inches. The cumulative precipitation total for 2020 was 54.51 inches. As of January 19th 2021, there is no drought in Panola County according to the U.S. Drought Monitor for Texas. In the last month, there have been significant drawdowns near frac ponds in the Rehobeth area, water levels have recovered significantly in the Grand Bluff and Deadwood areas, and levels have been mostly stable in other areas.

10. After reviewing the Quarterly Investment Report and District's expenditures from December 12, 2020 to January 21, 2021, Scott Yarnell moved, and Ray Davis seconded the motion to approve the Quarterly Investment Report and payment of expenditures as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

11. The Board did not enter into executive session at the January 26, 2021.

12. No action taken.

13. With no further business, Scott Yarnell moved, and Ronny McMillan seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously of those present, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Approved this 23rd day of March.



Director



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