Panola County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes October 19, 2021

A regular meeting of the Panola County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 5:30 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: Todd Malone

John Burgess

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, Jody Harris; Precinct #3, Rodger McLane; Precinct

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- 1. The regular board meeting was called to order by Mike Pennington, Board President, at 5:30 p.m.
- 2. Bud Worley conducted the invocation.
- 3. There was no public comment at the October 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.
- 4. After reviewing the September 28, 2021 Public Hearing Minutes, Ray Davis moved, and Todd Malone seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Discussion on the Safefill protest was moved into executive session.
- 6. The General Manager gave routine office updates. There was no action taken.
- 7. 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 0.3 feet in the last month. The shallow monitor well water levels showed a decline of 0.8 feet in the last month. The net groundwater level change in September 2021 was down 0.4 feet. Panola County's recorded rainfall average for September was 0.83 inches. The historical precipitation average for September is 3.80 inches. As of October 12th 2021, it is abnormally dry 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 Deadwood area, while water levels have been mostly stable in other monitored areas.

- 8. After reviewing the District's Quarterly Investment Report and expenditures from September 24, 2021 to October 19, 2021, Todd Malone moved, and Danny Reed seconded the motion to approve the Quarterly Report and expenditures as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- 9. The Board entered into executive session at the October 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting at 5:33p.m.
- 10. The Regular Board Meeting reconvened open session at 7:10p.m. After discussion, Bud Worley moved to accept the district's proposed settlement letter to Safefill, and for the executive committee and General Manager to make decisions regarding a counter offer, counter proposals and to negotiate or calling a special meeting. Danny Reed seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 11. Next meeting date is set for November 23, 2021.
- 12. With no further business, Bud Worley moved, and Danny Reed seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously of those present, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42p.m.

Approved this 23rd day of November 2021.

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