Panola County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes December 27, 2022

A regular meeting of the Panola County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at 5:30p.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:

John Burgess

Precinct #3:

Mike Roquemore

Precinct #4:

At Large:

Bud Worley

District Staff: Teresa Griffin, General Manager; Ashley Whitaker, Office Manager; David

Waldrop, Field Technician/Inspector; Eric Solis, Field Technician

Absent:

Todd Malone, Precinct #2; Jody Harris, Precinct #3; Ray Davis, Precinct #4

- 1. The regular board meeting was called to order by Mike Pennington, Board President, at 5:31p.m.
- 2. Mike Roquemore conducted the invocation.
- 3. There was no public comment at the December 27, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.
- 4. After reviewing the November 15, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Danny Reed moved, and John Burgess seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5. No action was taken after discussing the appointment for the unexpired term of Director Precinct #4.
- 6. After reviewing, Danny Reed moved to approve the District Budget Amendment for 2022, Mike Roquemore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously
- 7. The General Manager gave routine office updates. There was no action taken.
- 8. District staff provided updates on monitor wells, rain gauges, and other District field work. The monthly monitor deep well readings showed a water level increase of .54 feet in the last month. The shallow monitor well water levels showed an increase of .38 feet in the last month. Panola County's recorded rainfall average for November was 5.01 inches. The historical precipitation average for November is 4.74 inches. The cumulative precipitation total for 2022 is 38.28 inches. As of December 13, 2022, Panola County is in an abnormally dry drought status according to the U.S. Drought Monitor for Texas. In the last month, there have been no significant drawdowns near frac ponds, and water levels have been mostly stable in other areas.

- 9. After reviewing the district's expenditures from November 11, 2022 to December 21, 2022, Danny Reed moved, and Bud Worley seconded the motion to approve the expenditures as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- 10. Employee evaluations were discussed in executive session.
- 11. The Board entered into executive session at the December 27, 2022 Regular Board Meeting at 6:21 p.m.
- 12. The Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 7:50p.m. After discussion, Danny Reed moved for the following compensation raises, General Manger; 10% as well as bridging service time from previous employment at the District, Office Manager; 8%; Field Technician / Inspector; 9%, and Field Technician 7%. Bud Worley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously
- 13. Next meeting date is set for January 24, 2023.
- 14. With no further business, Mike Roquemore moved, and John Burgess seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously of those present, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55p.m.

Approved this 24th day of January 2023.

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