

Panola County Groundwater Conservation District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2023

A regular meeting of the Panola County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, immediately following the Public Hearing 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
Todd Malone

Precinct #3: Mike Roquemore

Precinct #4: Cory Turner
Charles Foster

At Large: Charles Worley

District Staff: Teresa Griffin, General Manager; Ashley Castleberry, Office Manager, David Waldrop, Field Technician/Inspector, Jeremy Green, Field Technician

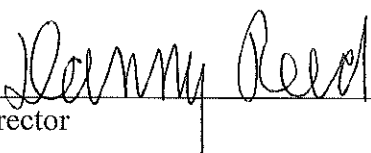
Others: Ty Embrey, Lloyd Gosselink Attorneys at law

Absent: Jody Harris, Precinct #3


1. The regular board meeting was called to order by Mike Pennington, Board President at 5:32p.m.
2. Charles Foster conducted the invocation.
3. There was no public comment at the July 25, 2023, Regular Board Meeting.
4. After reviewing the June 27, 2023, Public Hearing Meeting Minutes, Danny Reed moved, and Charles Foster seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
5. After reviewing the June 27, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Mike Roquemore moved, and Cory Turner seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
6. The fiscal year 2024 Budget was reviewed and discussed. There was no action taken.
7. The fiscal year 2023 Tax Rate was reviewed and discussed. There was no action taken.
8. Ty Embrey, the District's attorney, spoke about the rule changes to Chapter 36 during the 2023 Texas Legislative Session.

9. The Board reviewed possible rule changes for approval at the next board meeting based on the information resulting from the 2023 Texas legislative session and based on the recommendation provided by the District's Attorney, Ty Embrey. Charles Foster made a motion to approve the proposed rule changes for public hearing, Corey Turner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
10. The District's Personnel Policy was reviewed and discussed. Cory Turner made a motion to add June 19th as a floating holiday and prohibit the use of Tik Tok on government devices. Charles Worley seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
11. The General Manager gave routine office updates. There was no action taken.
12. District staff provided updates on monitor well, rain gauges, and other District field work. The monthly monitor deep well readings showed a water level increase of .47 feet in the last month. The shallow monitor well water levels showed an increase of .30 feet in the last month. Panola County's recorded rainfall average for June was 3.37 inches. The historical precipitation average for June is 4.09 inches. The cumulative precipitation total for 2023 is 28.99 inches. As of July 19, 2023, Panola County is abnormally dry 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 increased in other areas.
13. The Quarterly Investment Report and District expenditures from June 23, 2023- July 21, 2023, were reviewed and confirmed. Todd Malone motioned to approve the Quarterly Investment Report and District expenditures. Charles Foster seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
14. The Board did not enter into Executive Session at the July 25, 2023, meeting.
15. Since the board did not enter into Executive Session no action was taken.
16. Next meeting dates are set for August 1, 2023, and August 22, 2023 at 5:30 P.M.
17. With no further business, Charles Foster moved, and Charles Worley seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously of those present, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

Approved this 22nd day of August 2023.



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