

Panola County Groundwater Conservation District  
Minutes of Public Hearing on  
Rule Changes  
August 22, 2023

A Public Hearing was held by the Panola County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors at 5:30 P.M. in the District Conference Room at 419 W. Sabine Street, Carthage, Texas 75633 on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, on District Rule Amendments. 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: Corey 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

Absent: Jody Harris, Precinct #3

1. The Public Hearing was called to order by Mike Pennington, Board President, at 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2023.
2. Mr. Pennington moved into review of District Rule Amendments. The General Manager then began to discuss what was being amended in each rule. She overviewed each rule as follows:  
Rule 3.3 The wording will be updated from “minor” to “major” to reflect the wording in Civil Penalty Schedule.  
Rule 9.2(c)- Update of the due date for all plugging reports to the District to 30 days.  
Rule 3.5- Adds subsection (a)(6) to include an exemption for temporary use wells used to supply water for a rig actively engaged in drilling a groundwater production well.  
Rule 10.1- Adds subsection (d)(3) to establish that continuance of a hearing cannot exceed 180 days.; this rule renumbers accordingly.  
Rule 10.2- Adds subsection (h) to provide a process to petition the District to adopt or modify rules as required by HB 2443.  
Rule 10.5- Adds subsections (h), (i), (j), (k), and (l) to add language complying with the timelines established by HB 1971 for the Board to issue a final decision in a contested case hearing on an application for a groundwater permit.  
Rule 10.10- Adds subsection (f) to provide that the Board shall not consolidate requests for rehearing pursuant to HB 1971.

8. After reviewing the proposed 2023 Tax Rate of 0.007165. Todd Malone moved to approve the 2023 Tax Rate by Resolution 2023-3, and Charles Worley seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
9. The Petition to Adopt or Modify a District Rule Form was reviewed. Charles Foster moved to approve the Petition to Modify the District Rule Form, and Todd Malone seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
10. The General Manager gave routine office updates. There was no action taken.
11. 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 a decrease of -0.88 feet in the last month. Panola County's recorded rainfall average for July was 0.68 inches. The historical precipitation average for July is 2.89 inches. The cumulative precipitation total for 2023 is 29.67 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.
12. The Quarterly Investment Report and District expenditures from July 22, 2023- August 18, 2023, were reviewed and confirmed. Danny Reed motioned to approve the Quarterly Investment Report and District expenditures. Corey Turner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
13. The Board did not enter into Executive Session at the August 22, 2023, meeting.
14. Since the board did not enter into Executive Session no action was taken.
15. Next meeting date was set for September 26, 2023 at 5:30 P.M
16. With no further business, Charles Foster moved, and John Burgess seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously of those present, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

Approved this 26th day of September 2023.

  
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