

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

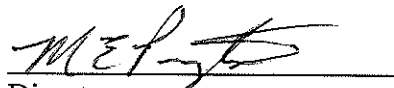
1. The Public Hearing was called to order by Mike Pennington, Board President, at 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2023.
2. Mr. Pennington moved into review of District Rule Amendments. The General Manager then began to discuss what was being amended in each rule. She overviewed each rule as follows:
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 rennumbers 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.

Rule 14.1- Amends subsection (a) to provide notice of allowed 20 cent maximum rate; Adds subsection (b) to provide notice of automatic annual increase; Adds subsection (c) to specify how revenue from increased fees may be spent.

After the General Manager finished the review of these rules Danny Reed motioned to approve the rule changes as presented. Charles Foster seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. With no other items on the agenda, Mr. Pennington adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:34 P.M.

Approved this 26th day of September 2023.



Director



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