

Panola County Groundwater Conservation District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 22, 2023

A regular meeting of the Panola County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 5:34 P.M. 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: 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 regular board meeting was called to order by Mike Pennington, Board President at 5:34 P.M.
2. Corey Turner conducted the invocation.
3. There was no public comment at the August 22, 2023, Regular Board Meeting.
4. After reviewing the July 25, 2023, Public Hearing Meeting Minutes, Mike Roquemore moved, and Charles Foster seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
5. After reviewing the July 25, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Charles Foster moved, and John Burgess seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
6. After reviewing the August 1, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes, Danny Reed made a motion and Charles Worley seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
7. The General Manager reviewed the 2024 Budget. Danny Reed moved, and Charles Forster seconded the motion to approve the 2024 Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

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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