Panola County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes May 28, 2024

A regular meeting of the Panola County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, 5:30 p.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

Precinct #2 John Burgess

Todd Malone

Precinct #3: Mike Roquemore

Precinct #4: Charles Foster

At Large:

<u>District Staff</u>: Teresa Griffin, General Manager; David Waldrop, Field Technician/Inspector, Jeremy Green, Field Technician

<u>Absent:</u> Danny Reed, Precinct #1, Jody Harris, Precinct #3, Corey Turner, Precinct #4, Charles Worley, At Large.

Guests: Morgan LaGrone, Morgan LaGrone, CPA

- 1. The regular board meeting was called to order by Mike Pennington, Board President at 5:31 P.M.
- 2. Mike Pennington conducted the invocation.
- 3. There was no public comment at the May 28, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.
- 4. Morgan LaGrone of Morgan LaGrone CPA presented the District's 2023 Financial Audit. Charles Foster moved to accept the financial audit, Mike Roquemore seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously of those present.
- 5. After reviewing the April 23, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Mike Roquemore moved, and Charles Foster seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6. Resolution 2024-02 appointing the Panola County Tax Assessor and the district's General Manager to calculate and publish the District's 2024 effective and roll-back tax rates, was presented. Todd Malone made a motion to approve the Resolution, Charles Foster seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously of those present.

- 7. The Board reviewed District Rules and discussed possible rule changes. Charles Foster made a motion to approve the proposed rule changes for public hearing, John Burgess seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
- 8. The District's Personnel Policy was updated to reflect changes in health insurance coverage requirements, the holiday schedule and rescind the 2020 Covid Policy. After discussing these changes, Mike Roquemore made a motion to approve these changes, Todd Malone seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- 9. The General Manager gave routine office updates. There was no action taken.
- 10. 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 0.45 feet in the last month. The shallow monitor well water levels showed an increase of 0.64 feet in the last month. Panola County's recorded rainfall average for April was 11.07 inches. The historical precipitation average for April is 4.39 inches. The cumulative precipitation total for 2024 is 29.9 inches. As of May 21, 2024, Panola County's drought status is none, 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.
- 11. After reviewing the District expenditures from April 20, 2024, May 24, 2024, Todd Malone moved, and Charles Foster seconded the motion to approve the expenditures as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- 12. The board did not enter Executive Session at the May 28, 2024, meeting.
- 13. Since the board did not enter Executive Session, there was no action to be taken.
- 14. Next meeting date was set for June 25, 2024 at 5:30 P.M
- 15. With no further business, Charles Foster moved, and Mike Roquemore seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously of those present, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Approved this 25th day of June 2024

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