Panola County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes July 22, 2025

A regular meeting of the Panola County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 5:30 pm. 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

Todd Malone

John Burgess

Precinct #3:

Mike Roquemore

Precinct #4:

Charles Foster

At Large:

Charles Worley

District Staff: Teresa Griffin, General Manager; David Waldrop, Field Technician/Inspector,

Jeremy Green, Field Technician

Absent: Heath Hays, Precinct #3, Corey Turner, Precinct #4

Other: Ty Embry, Lloyd Gosselink, Attorneys at Law

- 1. The regular board meeting was called to order by Mike Pennington, Board President at 5:30 P.M.
- 2. Charles Foster conducted the invocation.
- 3. There were no public comments at the July 22, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.
- 4. After reviewing the May 27, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Danny Reed moved, and Charles Foster, seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5. The preliminary 2026 District Budget was reviewed, and the 2025 tax rate was discussed; no action was taken.
- 6. The district's attorney, Ty Embry, updated the board on the 2025 legislative session, including changes to Chapter 36 of Texas Water Code.
- 7. The Board reviewed possible rule changes for approval at the next board meeting based on the information resulting from the 2025 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, Charles Worley seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

- 8. The General Manager gave routine office updates. There was no action taken.
- 9. District staff provided updates on monitor well, rain gauges, and other District field work. The monthly monitor deep well readings showed a water level decrease of 0.078 feet in the last month. The shallow monitor well water levels showed a decrease of 0.100 feet in the last month. Panola County's recorded rainfall average for June was 5.04 inches. The historical precipitation average for June is 4.09 inches. The cumulative precipitation total for 2025 is 28.73 inches. As of July 15, 2025, 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 pumping monitored areas, and water levels have increased in other areas.
- 10. After reviewing the expenditures from May 24, 2025, to July 18, 2025, Danny Reed moved, and Mike Roquemore seconded the motion to approve the expenditures as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- 11. The board did not enter Executive Session at the July 22, 2025 meeting.
- 12. Since the board did not enter Executive Session, there was no action to be taken.
- 13. Next meeting dates were set for August 5, 2025, and August 26, 2025, both at 5:30 P.M.
- 14. With no further business, Charles Worley moved, and Charles Foster seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously of those present, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 P.M.

Approved this 26th day of August 2025

Director Director

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