

Panola County Groundwater Conservation District  
Minutes of Public Hearing on  
Operating Permit Applications  
September 23, 2025

A Public Hearing was held by the Panola County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors 5:30 p.m., in the District Conference Room at 419 W. Sabine Street, Carthage, Texas 75633 on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, on the applications for Operating Permits for Duc Thien Vu, Ross Barron, and Ricky Johnson.

Board Members:

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| Precinct #1  | Mike Pennington<br>Danny Reed    |
| Precinct #2  |                                  |
| Precinct # 3 | Mike Roquemore                   |
| Precinct #4: |                                  |
| At Large:    | Charles Foster<br>Charles Worley |

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

Absent: Todd Malone, Precinct #2 John Burgess, Precinct #2, Heath Hays, Precinct #3  
Corey Turner, Precinct #4

Public: None

1. The Public Hearing was called to order by Mike Pennington, Board President, at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2025.
2. There were no public comments at the September 23, 2025 meeting.
3. Mr. Pennington moved into review of the Operating Permit applications for Duc Thien Vu. He asked the General Manager to present the applications. The General Manager explained that Duc Thein Vu applied for operating permits for three water wells for poultry use. The General Manager then explained the required Public Hearing Notification letters were not mailed by the applicant in time, so the hearing for Duc Thien Vu's Operating Permit will have to be moved to October 28, 2025.
4. Ross Barron, of 386 County Road 237, Beckville, TX, 75631 applied for a permit to operate two (2) water wells located at 386 County Road 237, Beckville, TX 75631 for agriculture use (poultry). The potential maximum annual groundwater production from these wells in gallons, and estimated maximum rate of withdrawal in gallons per minute (gpm) are shown below:

| Well Name | Potential Maximum<br>Annual Production | GPM |
|-----------|--|-----|
| Well 1    | 10,512,000                             | 20  |
| Well 2    | 10,512,000                             | 20  |

The total combined usage applied for is 740,000 gallons or 2.27-acre feet annually at the rate of 20 gallons per minute, per well.

Based upon the General Manager's findings that the application meets the requirements of the District's Rules and Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, Charles Foster moved and Danny Reed seconded the motion to approve the issuance of an Operating Permit to Ross Barron for a combined total of 740,000 gallons per year or 2.27 acre-feet of groundwater production annually at a rate of 20 gallons per minute, per well. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Ricky Johnson of 241 CR 127, Gary, TX, 75643 applied for a permit to operate two (2) water wells located at 241 CR 127, Gary, TX, 75643 for agriculture use (poultry). The potential maximum annual groundwater production from these wells in gallons, and estimated maximum rate of withdrawal in gallons per minute (gpm) are shown below:

| Well Name | Potential Maximum<br>Annual Production | GPM |
|-----------|--|-----|
| Well 1    | 13,140,000                             | 25  |
| Well 2    | 13,140,000                             | 25  |

The total combined usage applied for is 1,000,000 gallons or 3.07-acre feet annually at the rate of 25 gallons per minute, per well.

Based upon the General Manager's findings that the application meets the requirements of the District's Rules and Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, Mike Roquemore moved and Charles Foster seconded the motion to approve the issuance of an Operating Permit to Ricky Johnson for a combined total of 1,000,000 gallons per year or 3.07 acre-feet of groundwater production annually at a rate of 25 gallons per minute, per well. The motion passed unanimously.

6. With no other items on the agenda Mr. Pennington adjourned the public hearing at 5:33 P.M.

Approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.

  
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