

**NORTH PLAINS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING**

9:00 AM Friday, January 15, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District ("District") shall be convened at 9:00 a.m., Central Standard Time on Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

In response to the COVID-19 crisis and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, Governor Greg Abbott has suspended various provisions that require government officials and members of the public to be physically present at a specified meeting location. To protect the health of the public, District staff and Board of Directors, this Board Meeting of the District will be conducted via Zoom Meeting video conference and teleconference in a manner consistent with these streamlined meeting standards. The public may virtually attend the live meeting by video conference by going to:

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Meeting ID: 837 3191 5090

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Individuals wishing to offer public comment during the meeting must register their name, telephone number and the item, if any, on which they wish to speak no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday January 14, 2020 by contacting Kristen Blackwell by telephone at the District: 806-935-6401 or by e-mail at klane@northplainsgcd.org. District staff will contact registered speakers prior to the meeting time to arrange the process of addressing the Board.

Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum.

Opening Prayer

Pledge

1. **Public Comment:** The public is invited to address the board on any general water issue at the beginning of the meeting. The public is further invited to address the board on a specific agenda item when the board considers that item. The public is encouraged to fill out a public comment form prior to the start of the meeting and submit it to the staff at the front desk.

Public comment may only be offered during this Agenda item and may either be general in nature or may address any specific item on this Agenda. General comments shall be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes, or comments on specific Agenda items shall be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes per Agenda item, not to exceed a total of 9 minutes.

2. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Review and approval of Minutes of meetings as follows:

- Regular Board Meeting held November 10, 2020

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COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK

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- b. Review and approval of District expenditures for November 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.
- c. Consider approval of payment to Lemon, Shearer, Phillips & Good, P.C. for professional services and out-of-pocket expenses from November 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

3. Action Agenda

- a. Recognize Dale Hallmark for 25 years of Service to the District.
- b. Review and consider approval of District's annual financial report for the year ended September 30, 2020, from Coy Barton, CPA.
- c. Review and consider approval of payment to Coy Barton, CPA for auditing services and preparation of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2020.
- d. Review and consider approval of letter of engagement for audit and non-audit services to be performed by Coy Barton, CPA for the year ending September 30, 2021.
- e. Consider final compliance approval of Water Well Permits as active and complete wells.
- f. Consider General Manager's proposal to allow non-exempt wells to be fitted with an additional smaller pump sized with the appropriate meter for domestic or livestock use and maintain the well's Classification.
- g. Consider District's role in developing future water resources.
- h. Receive report regarding the District's Conservation Reserve Program
- i. Receive report and consider action regarding the District's agriculture conservation programs.
- j. Receive Quarterly Investment Report ending September 30, 2020.
- k. Receive report regarding 2020 Annual Production Reporting
- l. Receive report regarding District groundwater level measurements.
- m. Receive report regarding IRS depletion program
- n. Receive report and consider action related to 87th Texas Legislative Session and Issues.
- o. Receive report and consider action regarding compliance matters before the District.
- p. Closed Session. The Board of Directors of the District may go into a closed session under the authority of the Government Code, Chapter 551, Texas Open Meetings Act, to discuss:
 - Consultation with general counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation; a settlement offer; or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Exempt from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to §551.071 of the Government Code.

- Consultation with general counsel regarding pending compliance matters before the District. Exempt from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to §551.071 of the Government Code.

q. Consider recommendation(s) regarding matters discussed in closed session.

4. Discussion Agenda

- a. District Director Reports regarding meetings and/or seminars attended, weather conditions and economic development in each director's precinct.
- b. Committee reports
- c. General Manager's report
 - i. Upcoming meetings and conferences
 - ii. General Manager's activity summary
 - iii. Permits Issued in November and December 2020.
 - iv. District activity summary

5. Discuss Items for Future Board Meeting Agendas and Set Next Meeting Date and Time.

6. Adjournment.

At any time during the meeting and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board may meet in executive session for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (§551.071). Any subject discussed in executive session may be subject to action during an open meeting.

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, is a true and correct copy of said Notice; and that I posted a true and correct copy at a place convenient to the public at the District office, at 603 East First, Dumas, Texas, and the Notice was posted on January 8, 2021, on or before 5:00 pm and will remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours immediately preceding the day of said Meeting; a true and correct copy of the Notice was furnished to each county clerk of the county or counties in which the above District is located.

Additionally, I certify that the above Notice of Meeting was furnished to the Secretary of State on or before 5:00 pm January 8, 2021

Dated this the 8TH day of January, 2021

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District

By: **Kristen Lane
Blackwell**

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