

**NORTH PLAINS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
9:00 AM Tuesday, February 13, 2024
North Plains Water Conservation Center
6045 County Road E., Dumas, Texas**



A meeting of the Board of Directors of North Plains Groundwater Conservation District ("District") will be held on February 13, 2024, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the North Plains Water Conservation Center, 6045 County Road E., Dumas, Texas 79029. The presiding officer and a quorum of the Board of Directors of the District will be physically present at this location. Other board members and employees of the District may participate remotely in the meeting by video conference as permitted by Government Code Section 551.127.

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 the Agriculture and Finance Committee's meetings held January 11, 2024 and the Board meeting held January 16, 2024.
- b. Review and approval of District expenditures for January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2024.
- c. Consider approval of payment to Lemon, Shearer, Phillips & Good, PC for professional services and out-of-pocket expenses from January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2024.

3. Action Agenda

- a. Consider resolution regarding optional personal property taxation in 2024 for the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District to property owners in Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore and Hutchinson Counties, Texas.
- b. Consider Homestead Exemptions for 2024.
- c. Consider final compliance approval of Water Well Permits as active and complete wells, review permits issued and permitting graphs from January 2024.
- d. Receive report and consider action as needed regarding agriculture water conservation demonstration programs and the North Plains Water Conservation Center and receive an update on all current grants with Texas Water Development Board.

- e. Consider action authorizing Janet Guthrie to act on behalf of North Plains GCD when applying for TWDB grants and update on grant application process and status of current grants
- f. Receive report regarding 2023 Annual Production Reporting
- g. Receive report regarding field inspection and services completed during January 2024.
- h. Receive report and consider action regarding compliance matters before the District.
- i. Discuss *BLF Land, LLC et al. v. Allen Frerich, et al.*, No. 2:23-CV-133-Z (N.D. Tex. Aug. 8, 2023).
- j. 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.
- k. 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. 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 **February 7, 2024**, 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**

Dated this the **7th** day of **February, 2024**

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District

By:

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