

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING & BUSINESS MEETING OF
THE PINEYWOODS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
HELD ON THE 2ND DAY OF MARCH, 2022**

On the 2nd day of March, 2022, 1:30 p.m. at Kurth Lodge in Angelina County, Texas, the Board of Directors of the Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District convened in a Regular Business meeting at which time the following items were discussed and action taken with the following members thereof, to wit:

Business Meeting

1 Call to Order & establish a quorum:

Called to order: President Jimmy Mize called to order and established quorum.

Start time: 1:37 p.m.

Board Members Present:

President - Jimmy Mize

Treasurer - Tommy Carswell

Director - Stephen Raley

Director - Kevin Gee

Absent:

Vice President - David Alders

Secretary - Gloria Montes

Director - Glen Collier

Also present:

General Mgr. - John McFarland

Admin. Assistant - Wil Blough

Charles E Jackson - Jackson Distributors (local water well driller)

- 2 Public Comments:** Charles Jackson expressed a desire for the PGC District to raise the exempt minimum water rate from 17.5 gal/minute to 25 gal/minute. He and his customers were upset about the amount of additional paperwork and permit process required for the additional volume on domestic use. Commented that there was another District that he worked in that did have the rate already set at 25 gal/minute. Board said they would place the item on a future meeting for discussion and decision.

3 Approval of the minutes of the meeting, November 18, 2021.

a. **Discussion:** None

b. **Motion:** Kevin Gee

Second: Tommy Carswell

c. **Motion carried**

4 General Manager's District Report

a. **Well Report:** 19 new Exempt wells, 5 Non-exempt wells, 3 Oil & Gas wells for the 4th quarter.

b. **District updates:** Working with state on one driller & landowner to resolve 8 unregistered well on the 250+ acre property that were up to 3 years old. We have our reports now. The driller has yet to provide the state with the documents. Process is ongoing.

We have another driller that is non-compliant with proper filing of applications & drilling rules. We are working with state and another district to resolve this

matter. Board has instructed “No new approvals to drill for this driller until all has been resolved.”

5 General Manager’s Financial Report

- a. Review and approval, if needed, of bills, banking and other financials
- b. Discussion: Talked about expenses and income levels. Possible future expenses, including new vehicle & various other tools to improve efficiencies and process.
- c. **Motion:** Kevin Gee **Second:** Stephen Raley
- d. Motion carried.

6 Review and possibly approve 4th quarter 2021 investment report

- a. **Discussion:** Talked about the rates and moving nearly all the CD’s to the highest bidder on the rate schedule over the past year. Also discussed the liquidity of the CD’s.
- b. **Motion:** Kevin Gee **Second:** Stephen Raley
- c. Motion carried.

7 Review and possibly adopt Desired Future Conditions (DFC’s) adopted by Groundwater Management Area 11 through joint planning with Panola County GCD, Rusk County GCD, Neches & Trinity Valleys GCD & Pineywoods GCD.

- a. Discussion: Went through the report. Showed where the information came from and impact it had on the DFC’s. Talked about what the options were if we get to a point where we have existing permits for what is considered our maximum available water.
- b. **Motion:** Stephen Raley **Second:** Tommy Carswell
- c. Motion carried.

8 Review annual static well level report.

- a. Discussion: Talked about process of adding new wells. Board stated the information was realistic & very useful. Also felt it was advantageous to continue to build the number of wells reporting in this area to improve the data for future inclusion in our decision process.

9 Review and possible approval of Annual Management Plan.

- a. Discussion: Talked about goals, objectives, and challenges to 2021. Spoke about the same for the upcoming 2022 year and how we would resolve those challenges we encountered in 2021.
- b. **Motion:** Kevin Gee **Second:** Tommy Carswell
- c. Motion carried.

**10 Announcement of the date and location of the next quarterly business meeting:
Tentative date: Wednesday, May 11, 2022.**

11 Adjourn.

- a. Closed by & Time: Move to adjourn by Jimmy Mize, second by Stephen Raley, motion carried at 3:05 p.m.