

**HIGH PLAINS UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2014**

The Board of Directors of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 (*the Board*) convened a regular meeting at the Bailey County Electric Cooperative Association office, 610 E. American Boulevard in Muleshoe, Texas, Bailey County, with the following members present:

Lynn Tate, President
James Powell, Vice-President
Mike Beauchamp, Secretary-Treasurer
Ronnie Hopper, Member
Brad Heffington, Member

(Attached to these minutes is the *Notice of Meeting of the Governing Body of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 [District]* calling said meeting, which was served upon the directors and publicly posted in accordance with applicable law.)

CALL TO ORDER & ESTABLISH QUORUM

President Tate called the regular Board of Directors meeting to order at 2:43 p.m. with the above-referenced directors in attendance. A quorum was present.

Visitors signing in for today's meeting were Jay Adams, Charles Allison, Steve Barrett, Mary Jane Buerkle, J. O. Dawdy, Jim Gregory, Justin and Lil Padgett, Loyce Sparkman, Josh Winegarner, Kelly Young, and Sondra Ziegler.

District staff members in attendance were Jason Coleman, General Manager; Tammy Anderson, Accountant; Kody Bessent, Legislative Affairs Director; Adeline Fox, Education and Outreach Coordinator; and Carmon McCain, Information/Education Group Supervisor.

President Tate welcomed the Board members, staff, and members of the public to today's meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Tate called on the Board to approve the consent agenda for today's meeting as follows:

- Approval of minutes of the July 8, 2014 Board of Directors regular meeting at Tulia.
- Approval of minutes of the July 29, 2014 public hearing at Levelland.
- Approval of minutes of the August 5, 2014 public hearing at Canyon.
- Adoption of report on the financial status of the District from the General Manager for the month of July 2014.

- Approval of the bills incurred by the District for the month of July 2014 and travel vouchers for the Board members and eligible staff.

Mr. Beauchamp made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Hopper seconded the motion. All members voted in the affirmative as expressed by a show of hands. The motion was unanimously approved.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda. No action was taken.

PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE 2014 TAX YEAR

President Tate called on the Board to discuss and take possible action to consider a proposed tax rate for the 2014 tax year.

As reported in the earlier work session, the Lubbock County Central Appraisal District has assisted HPWD staff with preparation and publication of the Notice of Calculation of Effective Tax Rate and Estimated Unencumbered Fund Balances Schedule for the district.

Mr. Coleman said the proposed effective tax rate is \$0.008026 per \$100 valuation. The 2013 tax rate is \$0.00810 per \$100 valuation. He told the Board that this item was placed on today's agenda for discussion purposes only.

It was the consensus of the Board Members that there should be no action taken on this agenda item at today's meeting. It will be placed on the Sept. 9, 2014 regular meeting agenda.

ADOPT THE 2015 BUDGET FOR MAINTENANCE & OPERATION OF THE DISTRICT

President Tate called on the Board to discuss and take possible action to adopt the 2015 budget for maintenance and operation to the High Plains Water District.

Based on discussion at the earlier work session, Mr. Heffington made a motion to adopt the 2015 budget. Mr. Powell seconded the motion. All members voted in the affirmative as expressed by a show of hands. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADOPT THE DISTRICT'S COUNTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE POLICY

President Tate called on the Board to discuss and take possible action to adopt the District's County Advisory Committee policy.

Based on discussion at the earlier work session, Mr. Hopper made a motion to adopt the HPWD County Advisory Committee policy with the following revisions: (1) County Advisory Committee members can serve a one year term with possible reappointment to a second term; and (2) there will be a minimum of one member per county. Mr. Powell seconded the motion. All members voted in the affirmative as expressed by a show of hands. The motion was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT NEW/REVISED MANAGEMENT POLICIES FOR THE DISTRICT

President Tate called on the Board to discuss and take possible action to adopt new and revised management policies for the district.

Mr. Coleman reported that this item was placed on today’s agenda in hopes that the final document would be ready for Board review/approval. The staff should have this completed by the September 9, 2014 regular meeting.

No action was taken regarding this agenda item.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REVISED 10-YEAR HPWD MANAGEMENT PLAN

President Tate called on the Board to discuss and take possible action to approve a resolution adopting the revised 10-year HPWD management plan.

President Tate noted that the HPWD Board of Directors conducted two public hearings to receive comment on both the rules amendments and the revised management plan. One hearing was held July 29, 2014 at the Mallet Event Center in Levelland and the other was held August 5 at the Kuhlman Center at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Randall County office in Canyon.

After discussing comments received at these two public hearings, it is the consensus of the Board of Directors to adopt the 2014-2024 management plan as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Heffington to approve the resolution adopting the revised 10-year management plan and to file said plan and documentation with the Texas Water Development Board in Austin. Mr. Beauchamp seconded the motion. All members voted in the affirmative as expressed by a show of hands. The motion was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT REVISIONS TO THE RULES OF THE HIGH PLAINS UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 1

President Tate called on the Board to discuss and take possible action to adopt revisions to the Rules of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1.

Based on discussion received at the public hearings and at the previous work session, the HPWD Board of Directors made three revisions to the proposed district rules.

They are: (1) Rule 1-Definitions: Delete the phrase “in the same year” in the definition of double-cropping in subsection N; (2) Rule 4.2(a)-Well Registration: Clarification added regarding exempt well registration; and (3) Rule 4.11-Replacing Wells: Delete phrase “A replacement well cannot be replaced.”

There being no other additions or discussion, Mr. Powell made a motion to adopt the revisions to the rules of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 as presented. Mr. Hopper seconded the motion. All members voted in the affirmative as expressed by a show of hands. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPLICATIONS FOR WATER WELL PERMITS

President Tate called on the Board to discuss and take possible action on approval of applications for water well permits received during the month of July 2014.

Mr. Coleman reported the following:

There were two applications from Randall County received in July 2014 for wells to be completed into the Dockum Aquifer.

There were 39 applications for wells to be completed into the Ogallala Aquifer during July 2014. These include: five from Cochran County; three from Floyd County; 10 from Hale County; two from Lamb County; four from Lubbock County; two from Lynn County; 11 from Parmer County; and two from Swisher County.

All permit applications comply with the rules of the District. There being no questions or comments on the report, Mr. Powell made a motion for the Board to approve applications for water well permits for the month of July 2014 as presented. Mr. Hopper seconded the motion. All members voted in the affirmative as expressed by a show of hands. The motion was unanimously approved.

There were 181 water well completions in the Ogallala Aquifer during July 2014.

There have been 747 wells completed within the district during the period Jan. 1-July 31, 2014. This includes nine wells in the Dockum Aquifer, five wells in the Edwards-Trinity Aquifer, and 733 wells in the Ogallala Aquifer.

COUNTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President Tate called on the Board to discuss and take possible action on County Advisory Committee members. No new appointments were suggested and no action was taken on this agenda item.

REPORTS ON STATUS OF DISTRICT PROGRAMS FROM THE MANAGER

Mr. Coleman called on Mr. Bessent, Ms. Fox, and Mr. McCain to update the Board on various programs and activities.

Mr. Bessent provided an update on current legislative activity. The primary legislation being discussed during the interim session includes aquifer storage and recovery, brackish groundwater use, and long-term water well permitting. The latter is not expected to impact HPWD—but its progress will be monitored throughout the upcoming session.

He told the Board that possible draft language for these bills should be completed in October. Comments should be accepted in November. There is no rush to take up the interim charges due to upcoming changes in legislative leadership.

Mr. Bessent also reported on the upcoming TAGD Groundwater Summit. HPWD is one of the participants on the groundwater panel.

He also provided an update on the USDA-NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). HPWD submitted an application for project funding and was rejected. There were three applications accepted in Texas.

With regard to the November 2014 election, he reported that the election services contract between Hockley and Lubbock Counties has been finalized. Depending upon the filing outcome, the Hockley County and/or Lubbock County election services contract will be presented for consideration at the September 9, 2014 meeting.

Ms. Fox reported that the redesigned HPWD web site will be launched this week. It features interactive information, such as hydrologic atlases, observation wells, well logs, and a well spacing guide. All back issues of *The Cross Section* newsletter are now available for online viewing.

She also reported on the district's new H2YOU campaign. This campaign is designed to increase high school students' awareness of water conservation and to encourage sharing of innovative ways to reduce water use by respective water user groups. The first-place winner receives an all-expense paid trip to Austin, where the group will present their conservation campaign to their state representative and/or the Texas Water Development Board. The top three proposals will be awarded scholarships. The deadline for the campaign proposal is Nov. 2, 2014.

Ms. Fox reminded the Board of the Aug. 16 City of Wolfforth Water Expo at Lubbock Indoor Courts in Wolfforth. HPWD staff members will be on hand to man an information table, discuss the district's Ogallala Aquifer display, and give formal presentations about the Ogallala Aquifer and groundwater use.

Mr. McCain shared copies of the 2013-2014 WaterWise™ Program Summary Report submitted by Resource Action Programs. Approximately 2,253 teachers, students, and their families participated in the program.

Program pre-scores and subject knowledge improved from 68 percent (pre-test) to 86 percent (post-test). These participants are expected to save 17,682,043 gallons of water per year by installation of the high-efficiency fixtures included in the student kit.

Mr. McCain reported positive feedback about the program from teachers, parents, and students. The summary report includes comments from teachers as well as letters from students.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Tate invited those present to offer public comment. (*Only persons that completed a registration form indicating their desire to comment were recognized.*) J. O. Dawdy, Kelly Young, and Sondra Ziegler offered public comment. All other persons were given an opportunity to provide comment, if desired, and the agenda item concluded.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

No closed Executive Session was convened.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

No closed Executive Session was convened. Therefore, no action was taken on this agenda item.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Mr. Beauchamp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Powell seconded the motion. All members voted in the affirmative as expressed by a show of hands. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mike Beauchamp

Mike Beauchamp, Secretary-Treasurer