



**MINUTES OF THE  
Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting  
May 25, 2023, @ 5:30 P.M  
*Hemphill County UWCD District Board Room***

The Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District Board met with the following in attendance: Marty Carr, Elizabeth Light, Tom Isaacs, and Craig Cowden

Others Present: Janet Guthrie-General Manager HCUWCD, Steve Walthour- General Manager North Plains GCD, Danny Krienke Board Member NPGCD, Bob Zimmerman, Director NPGCD; Mark Howard, Director NPGCD, Lucas Moreno, Intern for HCUWCD and Laurie Ezzell, editor Canadian Record

Members Absent: Spencer Hanes,

**1) ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Following roll call President Marty Carr established a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. on 05-25-2023.

**2)Public Comment**

None

**3) Consent Agenda**

(a) Review and Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting held as follows

- April 19, 2023

Action: Motioned by Tom Isaacs and seconded by Craig Cowden to approve Consent Agenda Item 3

(a)

Vote:4-0 In Favor

**4)Action Agenda-These items may not have been addressed in the order in which they are listed:**

a. Hear Presentation from 4-H Water Ambassador Lucas Moreno – Lucas Moreno is a Junior at Canadian High School and has completed his requirements to fulfill the Tier I level as a 4-H Water Ambassador. After the slide presentation, Lucas was awarded a check for reimbursement of his application fee to 4-H Water Ambassador Program

Action: No Action Required

Vote: None taken

b. Hear Ogallala Project – Missouri River Transfer Study presentation and consider statement of support

Steve Walthour, GM of the North Plains GCD gave a presentation on the proposal to seek funding to perform a feasibility study of bringing flood water from the Missouri River to the High Plains.

Action: Motion by Tom Isaacs second by Craig Cowden for the District to issue Resolution 2023-02 to Recognize and Support Seeking Federal Support For An Update Of The 1982 Six State High Plains-

Ogallala Aquifer Regional Resources Study And If Such Report Supports The Feasibility; Seek Federal And Other Support For The Import Of Water Resources To The Six State High Plains Region.

Vote: 4-0

c. Have discussion with representatives from the North Plains GCD regarding their rules and procedures for groundwater management.

Steve Walthour GM for the North Plains GCD led a discussion regarding their rules and procedures for permitting, monitoring and enforcement of production limits. The directors present also participated in the discussion.

Action: No action required – discussion only

Vote: None Taken

(d) Approve Depository Request for Banking Services Forms

Action: Motioned by Elizabeth Light and seconded by Craig Cowden approve the Depository Requests for Banking Services Forms with a 2 year term and an optional 2 year renewal.

Vote: 4-0 In Favor

(e) Consider and Take Action on General Manager’s Recommendation to Approve the New Proposed Management Plan, and Authorize the General Manager to give any Required Public Notice, Hold a Public Hearing and Take Any Other Actions As May Be Required by Law to Process the Proposed Management Plan in Preparation for its Consideration by the Board for Final Adoption

Action: Motioned by Elizabeth Light and seconded by Craig Cowden to Approve the Management Plan And Authorize The General Manager To Give Any Required Public Notice, Hold A Public Hearing And Take Any Other Actions As May Be Required By Law To Process The Proposed Management Plan In Preparation For Its Consideration By The Board For Final Adoption.

Vote: 4-0 In Favor

(f) Take Up, Consider and Take Action on Management Report from General Manager, discussing recent meetings attended, well Registrations and permits acted on by the General Manager, status of any administratively incomplete applications, field and water quality lab activity report, activities related to District’s Education program, rainfall information.

Action: Motioned by Elizabeth Light and seconded by Tom Isaacs to approve the management report for April, 2023.

Vote: 4-0 In Favor

(g) Take Up, Consider and Take Action to Approve April 2023, Financial Reports, Ratify Bills Paid for April 2023

Action: Motioned by Elizabeth Light and seconded by Craig Cowden for the board to approve the April 2023, financial reports and ratify the bills paid in April 2023.

Vote: 4-0 In Favor

(h) Legislative Update

GM Janet Guthrie advised the board that the 88<sup>th</sup> legislative session will end on May 29, 2023. She updated the board on the actions of the TAGD, TWCA and our interlocal agreement for legislative services. Mrs. Guthrie reported on bills that passed that will require action by the board to update our rules and which bills of interest did not pass.

Action: No Action – discussion item only

Vote: No vote taken

(i) Budget Work Session FY 2023-2024

General Manager Janet Guthrie presented a draft budget that had the estimated tax roll at the same rate. Mrs. Guthrie advised the board that she will have certified values by June 25, 2023.

Action: No Action – discussion item only

Vote: No vote taken

**(j) Rules Work Session to discuss Chapter 5**

Action: No Action – discussion item only

Vote: No vote taken

**(5) Discussion Agenda**

**(a) Discuss Items for Future Board Meeting Agenda and Set Next Meeting Date and Time**

Action: following open discussion, the next meeting date will be June 19, 2023, at 5:30 pm.

**6.) Adjournment**

Action: Motioned by Elizabeth Light and seconded by Craig Cowden for the board to adjourn at 9:31 pm.

Vote: 4-0 In Favor

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Marty Carr, President

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Elizabeth Light, Secretary