# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' BOARD MEETING RED RIVER GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

### Thursday, December 15, 2022

## **MEETING LOCATION:** GREATER TEXOMA UTILITY AUTHORITY **BOARD ROOM** 5100 AIRPORT DRIVE **DENISON TX 75020**

Members Present:

Chuck Dodd, David Gattis, Harold Latham, Mark Patterson, and Billy Stephens.

Members Absent:

Mark Newhouse and Mark Gibson

Staff:

Paul Sigle, Nichole Sims Murphy, Wayne Parkman, and Velma Starks

Visitors:

Kristen Fancher, Fancher Legal Tammy, A.L. Moser Drilling

#### **Permit Hearing**

#### Agenda:

1. Call to Order; establish quorum; declare hearing open to the public; introduction of Board.

Board President Mark Patterson called the Permit Hearing to order at 10:03 a.m., established quorum declared hearing open to the public and introduced the Board.

2. Review the Production Permit Application of:

## New Production Permits

Applicant: Fannin Tree Farm LTD, 15700 HWY 121, Frisco, TX 75035

Location of Well: 2255 Old Scoggins Rd, Howe, TX 75459; Latitude: 33.576880°N Longitude: 96.740530°W; Approx. two miles west of HWY 289 and approx. 980 feet

south of Old Scoggins Rd.

Purpose of Use: Agriculture (Tree Farm Irrigation) Requested Amount of Use: 45,000,000 gallons per year Production Capacity of Well: 180 gallons per minute

**Aquifer:** Trinity (Antlers)

General Manager Paul Sigle reviewed the permit with the Board. Discussion was held. Board Member David Gattis made the motion to approve the permit. Board Member Harold Latham seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment on the Production Permit Application (verbal comments limited to three (3) minutes each).

- 4. Consider and act upon the Production Permit Application, including designation of parties and/or granting or denying the Production Permit Application in whole or in part, as applicable.
- 5. Adjourn or continue permit hearing

Board President Mark Patterson adjourned the permit hearing at 10:09 a.m.

#### **Board Meeting**

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Board President Mark Patterson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Board Member Chuck Dodd offered the invocation for the group.

2. Call to order, establish quorum; declare meeting open to the public.

Board President Mark Patterson called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m., established a quorum was present, and declared the meeting open to the public.

3. Public Comment.

No Public Comment

4. Consider and act upon approval of Minutes of October 20, 2022, Board Meeting.

Board Member Chuck Dodd made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2022, meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Billy Stephens. The motion passed unanimously.

- 5. Budget and Finance.
  - a. Review and approval of monthly invoices.

General Manager Paul Sigle reviewed the invoices with the Board. Board Member David Gattis made the motion to approve the monthly invoices. Board Member Chuck Dodd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Receive monthly financial information.

General Manager Paul Sigle reviewed the District's monthly financial information with the Board. Discussion was held.

6. Consider and act upon naming the General Manager as Assistant Secretary.

Board Member Billy Stephens made the motion to name Paul Sigle (General Manager) as Assistant Secretary. Board Member David Gattis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible action on late payments and late fees.

General Manager Paul Sigle provided background information for the Board. The late fee structure for failure to submit meter readings by the deadline is: first quarter, \$50 per account; second consecutive quarter, \$250 per account, and third consecutive quarter, \$500 per account. Discussion was held. Board Member David Gattis made the motion to approve the late fee structure for failure to submit meter readings by the deadline. Board Member Chuck Dodd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board decided to move through remaining agenda items and then go into executive session for Item 8.

- 8. Discussion and possible action on a Declaration of Drought.
- 9. Update and possible action regarding the process for the development of Desired Future Conditions (DFC).

General Manager Paul Sigle updated Board on GMA 8's committee RFQ selection of INTERA for hydrogeologist contractor to update model, runs, etc. GMA 8 meeting will be in the beginning of the year. Discussion was held.

10. Consider and act upon compliance and enforcement activities for violations of District Rules.

No issues at this time.

11. Discussion and possible action related to 88th Texas Legislative Session and Issues.

General Manager Paul Sigle informed the Board that this item will be on the agenda to update the Board on legislative activities. It is believed that Senate Bill 156 will be brought up again. It was an issue two years ago concerning whether districts would receive return legal fees from lawsuits. Discussion was held.

- 12. General Manager's report: The General Manager will update the Board on operational, educational, and other activities of the District.
  - a. Well Registration Summary

General Manager Paul Sigle reviewed the well registration summary with the Board. Six new wells were registered in October and nine new wells were registered in November.

b. Update on Injection/Disposal Well Monitoring Program

No report

Board entered Executive Session at 10:26 am.

Regular session readjourned at 10:58 a.m. No action was taken in Executive Session.

- 13. Open forum / discussion of new business for future meeting agendas.
- 14. Adjourn.

Board President Mark Patterson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Velma Starks Recording Secretary

Secretary-Treasurer