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

Thursday, December 19, 2024

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

Members Present:

Chuck Dodd, David Gattis, Harold Latham, Mark Patterson, Mark Gibson, and

Billy Stephens.

Members Absent:

Mark Newhouse

Staff:

Paul Sigle, Allen Burks, Stacy Patrick, Kristi Krider, Nichole Murphy, Wayne

Parkman, Kenneth Elliott, and Velma Starks

Visitors:

Kristen Fancher, Fancher Legal

Stacey Reese, Stacey Reese Law

# **Preliminary Hearing Pursuant to District Rule 5.5**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Red River Groundwater Conservation District ("District") has scheduled a preliminary hearing on the following Production Permit Application:

**Applicant**: Mustang Special Utility District; 7985 FM 2931, Aubrey, TX 76227 **Location of Wells**:

- Cottonwood Well I (New): FM 902, Howe, TX 75459; Latitude: 33.529909°N Longitude: 96.650614°W; about 550 feet south of FM 902, and about 1,970 feet west of Farmington Rd, in Grayson County.
- Cottonwood Well 2 (New): Bradshaw Rd, Howe, TX 75459; Latitude:
   33.514034°N Longitude: 96.664525°W; about 790 feet west of Bradshaw Rd, and about 1,400 feet north of McBee Rd, in Grayson County.

Purpose of Use: Municipal/Public Water System

Requested Amount of Use: 292,000,000 gallons per year

**Production Capacity of Wells:** 

• Cottonwood Well 1: 600 gallons per minute

Cottonwood Well 2: 1,000 gallons per minute

Aquifer: Trinity (Antlers)

## Agenda:

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

Board President Mark Patterson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Consider and act upon engagement letter from Stacey V. Reese Law PLLC for legal services.

Board Member Chuck Dodd made a motion to accept an engagement letter from Stacey V. Reese Law PLLC for legal services. Board Member Mark Gibson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Board convened into Executive Session at 10:01 a.m. Board Member David Gattis abstained from the Executive Session.

Board reconvened into regular session at 10:28 a.m.

- 3. Public Comment on the Preliminary Hearing (verbal comments limited to three (3) minutes each).
  - Clint Philpott, City of Sherman, informed the Board that the City of Sherman sent a letter to Mustang, and he was here to answer any questions.
- 4. Consider and possible action on Mustang Special Utility District's request for the contested case hearing on its Production Permit Application to be conducted by the State Office of Administrative Hearings pursuant to Section 36.416 of the Texas Water Code.
  - Board Member Chuck Dodd made a motion that the contested case hearing on Mustang's Production Permit Application be conducted by the State Office of Administrative Hearings pursuant to Section 36.416 of the Texas Water Code and gave authorization to General Manager Paul Sigle and attorney Stacey Reese to act on behalf of RRGCD. Board Member Harold Latham seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Board Member David Gattis abstained.
- 5. Consider and possible action on designating parties to the contested case hearing.
  - Action was taken in the pervious item.
- 6. Adjourn
  - Board President Mark Patterson adjourned the Preliminary Hearing at 10:30 a.m.

#### **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 10:30 a.m., established quorum, declared hearing open to the public, and introduced the Board.
- 2. Review the Production Permit Application of:

### Permit Amendment

a. Applicant: Triple T Ranch Holding LLC; 761 Broadmoor Ln, Prosper, TX 75078
 Location of Well: Latitude: 33.737927°N, Longitude: 96.797228°W; about 2,481 feet east of Short Rd, and about 2,650 feet north of Bennett Ln, in Grayson County.
 Purpose of Use: Agriculture; Filling Pond(s)/Other Impoundment(s); Wildlife

Management

**Requested Amount of Use:** 4,000,000 gallons per year **Production Capacity of Well:** 175 gallons per minute

**Aguifer:** Woodbine

Amendment: Increase the capacity of the well from 100 gpm to 175 gpm. No increase in

annual production amount.

General Manager Paul Sigle reviewed the permit application with the Board. Board Member David Gattis made a motion to approve the permit amendment. Board Member Billy Stephens seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

# **New Production Permit**

Applicant: Blackland Development, LLC; 1892 Butler Rd, Wylie, TX 75098
 Location of Well: Hwy 160, Whitewright, TX 75491; Latitude: 33.402756°N Longitude: 96.401427°W; about 560 feet east of Hwy 160, and about 3,240 feet south of Desert Lake Rd, in Grayson County.

Purpose of Use: Concrete Production; Aggregate Irrigation Requested Amount of Use: 34,000,000 gallons per year Production Capacity of Wells: 150 gallons per minute

Aquifer: Woodbine

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

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

#### No comment

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.

Voted on individually.

5. Adjourn or continue permit hearing

Board President Mark Patterson adjourned the permit hearing at 10:35 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 10:36 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 17, 2024, Board Meeting.

Board Member Chuck Dodd made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2024, meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member David Gattis. Motion passed unanimously.

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

General Manager Paul Sigle reviewed the invoices with the Board. Discussion was held. Board Member Billy Stephens 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.

6. Consider and act upon a Policy on covered applications and prohibited technology.

General Manager Paul Sigle provided background information for the Board. The Legislature passed a bill to ban Tik Tok on company owned devices. Public entities enacted a policy to prohibit TikTok on any Authority computers. Board Member Chuck Dodd made a motion to approve a Policy on covered applications and prohibited technology. Board Member David Gattis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Update and possible action regarding the process for the development of Desired Future Conditions (DFC).

INTERA was approved for consulting services for DFC development and explanatory report.

8. Consider and act upon the Interlocal Agreement between GMA 8 Districts

NTGCD provides administrative services for GMA 8 districts. Districts will pay NTGCD their cost share for INTERA. NTGCD will pay INTERA. Discussion was held. Board Member David Gattis made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between GMA 8 Districts. Board Member Harold Latham seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- 9. Consider and act upon compliance and enforcement activities for violations of District Rules.
  - a. Mustang Special Utility District

Board convened into Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. Board Member David Gattis abstained from the Executive Session.

Board reconvened into regular session at 10:49 a.m.

Board Member Chuck Dodd made a motion that both Mustang SUD, owner, and Santa Rosa Well Service, driller, be fined \$500 (major violation) each for drilling well without Production Permit from District prior to the drilling. Board Member Billy Stephens seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Board Member David Gattis abstained.

- 10. General Manager's report: The General Manager will update the Board on operational, educational, and other activities of the District.
  - a. Update on updating Rules and spacing requirements

General Manager Paul Sigle informed the Board that the size of wells, update the rules by James Beach and looking at other legislation are to be considered in updating rules and spacing requirements.

b. Well Registration Summary

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

c. Update on Injection/Disposal Well Monitoring Program

no update

d. Update on Historic Use Permit

The District is sending out letters regarding historic use permit.

The District is following up on letters already sent out and resending corrected letters to Chuck Dodd and others.

11. Open forum / discussion of new business for future meeting agendas.

Kristen Fancher to do presentation on conflict-of-interest rules and set policy on interpretation of conflict-of-interest rules.

Next scheduled meeting, January 16, 2025, may be cancelled if there is no permit application.

12. Adjourn.

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

Recording Secretary

Secretary-Treasurer