

Minutes of the Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting on Wednesday August 14, 2024 at 1:30pm at the Guadalupe Basin Natural Resources Center – Boardroom 125 Lehmann Dr., Kerrville, Texas.

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, and Certification of Quorum in Compliance with Texas Open Meetings Law.

Directors Present: Tom Jones – Precinct 1, President
Laurie Lowe – Precinct 4, Vice-President
Chris Childs – Precinct 2
John Elliott – At Large, Secretary/Treasurer
Kenneth Wilke – Precinct 3

Staff Present: Monica Thibodeaux, Deneise Harris, Michael Mann

Staff Absent: Gene Williams

Other: Richard Mosty, HGCD Attorney

2. Public Comment - Any person may address the Board at any time on any agenda item of this meeting. Non-agenda items may only be addressed during the Public Comment section of this meeting; no formal action will be taken on the non-agenda items.

N/A

3. Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of the Public Hearing – District Rules Minutes (July 10, 2024)**
- 2. Approval of the Public Hearing – Drought Contingency Plan Minutes (July 10, 2024)**
- 3. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes (July 10, 2024)**
- 4. Approval of Paying of the Bills**
- 5. Receiving the Treasurer’s Report (July 2024)**
- 6. Public Funds Investment Policy Reporting (July 2024)**
- 7. Receiving the Groundwater Report**

Director Lowe motioned to Accept the Consent Agenda. Director Elliott seconded the motion. Director Jones, Director Lowe, Director Elliott and Director Wilke all voted in favor. Director Childs abstained due to his absence at the July 10th meeting. The motion passed.

4. Discussion and Possible Action, place the proposed 2024-2025 Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District annual budget on the September 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda for adoption.

Information Supplied in Compliance with Water Code 36.154 FY 2024-2025 Annual Budget		
1. No Outstanding Obligations		
2. Cash on hand for each fund -July 31, 2024		
CD Security State Bank		\$105,281
Operating Account - Security State Bank		\$610,970
Total Assets		\$716,251
3. The amount of revenue received by the District from all sources during the previous year. (Oct. 22- Sep. 23)		
Permits for Wells		\$59,602
Tax Collection		\$503,265
Temporary Investment Interest		\$558
Total Revenue for Previous Year	2022-2023	\$563,425
4. The amount of revenue projected to be available to the District During the ensuing year.		
		\$629,240
5. The amount of the balances expected at the end of the year in which the budget is being prepared.		
		\$594,147
6. The estimated amount of Revenue and balances available to cover the proposed budget.		
		\$1,223,387
7. The estimated Tax Rate or fee revenues that will be required.*		
		\$0.006722
The annual budget may be amended with approval from the Board of Directors.		

Director Lowe motioned to place the proposed 2024-2025 Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District annual budget on the September 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda for adoption. Director Childs seconded the motion. Director Jones, Director Lowe, Director Elliott, Director Childs, and Director Wilke all voted in favor. The motion passed.

5. **Discussion and Possible Action, by roll call vote to:**

- **Set the proposed tax rate of \$0.006722 for the fiscal year October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025.**
- **Set a date for a public hearing (September 11, 2024) on this proposed tax rate and place it on the September 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda for adoption.**

Director Elliott motioned to Set the proposed tax rate of \$0.006722 for the fiscal year October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025. Set a date for a public hearing (September 11, 2024) on this proposed tax rate and place it on the September 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda for adoption. Director Wilke seconded the motion. Director Jones, Director Lowe, Director Elliott, Director Childs, and Director Wilke all voted in favor. The motion passed.

6. **Discussion and Possible Action, “Order of Election” as required by Chapter 3 Sec. 3.004 and 3.005 of the Texas Election Code for HGCD Directors, Precincts 1, 3, and At-Large, all Four-Year Terms beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2028.**

Director Lowe motioned to Approve the “Order of Election” as required by Chapter 3 Sec. 3.004 and 3.005 of the Texas Election Code for HGCD Directors, Precincts 1, 3, and At-Large, all Four-Year Terms beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2028. Director Elliott seconded the motion. Director Jones, Director Lowe, Director Elliott, Director Childs and Director Wilke all voted in favor. The motion passed.

7. **Discussion and Possible Action, “Appointment of Agent during Election Period” in Accordance with Election Code Chapters 31 Sec. 122 and Sec. 123.**

Director Elliott motioned to accept “Appointment of Agent during Election Period” in Accordance with Election Code Chapters 31 Sec. 122 and Sec. 123. Director Childs seconded the motion. Director Jones, Director Lowe, Director Elliott, Director Childs and Director Wilke all voted in favor. The motion passed.

8. **Discussion only, HGCD's Drought Contingency Plan Stage 4 prohibited practices. At the previous meeting, it was brought up that the 'no new water connections' measure was removed from the proposed new Drought Plan. Also, item 6 (filling swimming pools) and 7 (no applications for new or expanded water connections) were removed from the Drought Plan on July 10, 2024.**

No Action Taken

9. **Discussion only, Update regarding Permits that overproduced in 2023. What has been done to date and what will be the plan to address any continued overproduction in 2024?**

No Action Taken

10. **Discussion only, are there other options, beyond the Production Cap, that may be available to protect a designated Management Zone. Further discussion on the need to update the East Kerr Management Zone Study.**

No Action Taken

11. **Discussion only, Update from the Rules Committee regarding Rule 12.C.**

No Action Taken

12. **Discussion and Response to Petition for Rulemaking regarding Rule Changes to Rule #12.C in the Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District Rules (Revised July 10, 2024).**

Director Jones declared this item to be tabled for a future Board Meeting, before the 90-day response requirement expires. No objections.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/CLOSED MEETING: 3:04 pm UNTIL 3:53 pm

13. **Action, if any, resulting from Executive Session.**

No Action Taken

14. Directors Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

Petition for Rulemaking regarding Rule Changes to Rule #12.C in the Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District Rules (Revised July 10, 2024) will be addressed.


15. Adjournment

Director Childs motioned to Adjourn. Director Elliott seconded the motion. Director Jones, Director Lowe, Director Elliott, Director Childs, and Director Wilke all voted in favor. The motion passed.

APPROVED:



Tom Jones
Board of Directors, President



Laurie Lowe
Board of Directors, Vice President