

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2025
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF
NORTH PLAINS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of North Plains Groundwater Conservation District met in regular session on November 19, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room in the Richard S. Bowers Water Conservation Learning Center Building at the North Plains Water Conservation Center, 6045 West County Road E., Dumas, Texas 79029-7201. The following people were present:

Members Present at 9:00 a.m.:

Daniel L. Krienke, President,
Bob Zimmer, Vice President,
Harold Grall, Secretary,
Justin Crownover, Director, and
Mark Howard, Director.

Staff present during part or all the meeting:

Janet Guthrie, General Manager,
Kristen Blackwell, Administration Manager,
Odell Ward, Aquifer Science Manager,
Curtis Schwertner, Natural Resource Specialist, and
Dusty Holt, Permitting Specialist.

Others present during part or all the meeting:

Lynn Tate, Esq.
Dr. David Sloane,
Stan Spain,
Dusty McWilliams,
Pete Van Regenmorter,
Kendra Van Regenmorter,
Andrew Osborne, Intera,
Jonah Parker, MyLand,
Harrison Maples, MyLand, and
Heath Rousser.

President Krienke declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Mark Howard gave the invocation and led the pledge.

At 9:02 a.m., President Krienke recessed the regular Board meeting to conduct formal show cause hearing NPGCD 025-1101, regarding Pete Van Regenmorter in apparent violation of District Rule 6.4.1 and show cause hearing NPGCD 025-1102, regarding Heath Rousser in apparent violation of District Rule 6.1.1.

President Krienke opened the hearing by informing those present of the procedures regarding a public hearing.

The hearing was recorded Zoom.

President Krienke adjourned the show cause hearings at 10:08 a.m. and reconvened the regular Board meeting.

President Krienke adjourned the regular meeting at 10:08 a.m. for a brief recess. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:19 a.m.

1. - Public Comment

No public comment was made to the board.

2. - Consent Agenda

Harold Grall moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes from September 17, 2025; approval of District expenditures from September 1, 2025, through October 31, 2025, including the general manager's expense and activity report; approval of payment to Underwood Attorneys at Law for professional services and out of pocket expense from September 1, 2025, through October 31, 2025; approval of payment to Kemp Smith Law for professional services and out of office pocket expense from September 1, 2025, through October 31, 2025, and approval of Sherman County Appraisal District's request to approve the 2025 tax roll..

Justin Crownover seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the board.

Action Agenda 3.a. - Consider action regarding formal show cause hearing NPGCD 025-1101, regarding Pete Van Regenmorter, in apparent violation of District Rule 6.4.1.

This item was addressed under Item 3q of these minutes.

Action Agenda 3.b. - Consider action regarding formal show cause hearing NPGCD 025-1102, regarding Heath Rousser, in apparent violation of District Rule 6.1.1.

This item was addressed under Item 3q of these minutes.

Action Agenda 3.c. - Receive investment report for July 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025.

Janet Guthrie presented the quarterly investment report from, July 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025, which reflected the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District investment transactions for all District funds subject to District's Public Funds Investment Policy.

The report was for informational purposes, no motion was made.

Action Agenda 3.d - Review and consider proposed revisions to the Independent Contractor Professional Services

Agreement between Steven Walthour and North Plains Groundwater Conservation District.

Bob Zimmer moved to approve the revised Independent Contractor Professional Services Agreement to allow \$34,806.89 for the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.

Justin Crownover seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Action Agenda 3.e - Consider approval of the Sope of Work between Intera and North Plains Groundwater Conservation District.

Bob Zimmer moved to approve the Master Technical Service Agreement Work Order #4 with Intera for the commencement date of October 1, 2025, and to continue until September 30, 2026, on a time and materials basis not to exceed \$88,868.00.

Harold Grall seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Action Agenda 3.f - Consider approval of the Independent Contractor Service Agreement between North Plains Groundwater Conservation District and Steve Amosson for Professional Services.

Harold Grall moved to approve the Independent Contractor Service Agreement between North Plains Groundwater Conservation District and Steve Amosson for the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, and total payments not to exceed \$30,000.

Justin Crownover seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Action Agenda 3.g - Consider approval of the Contract between North Plains Groundwater Conservation District and IT UpTime – Clint Glazner for IT Maintenance and Security.

Bob Zimmer moved to approve the contract between North Plains Groundwater Conservation District and IT UpTime – Clint Glazner for IT Maintenance and Security in the amount of \$54,936.00.

Justin Crownover seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Action Agenda 3.h - Review of Rules regarding deteriorated wells in accordance with the District's Management Plan.

General Manager Janet Guthrie reported The North Plains Groundwater Conservation District (NPGCD) rules provide the appropriate mechanisms and procedures for the identification and remedy of risks for contamination of the aquifer by deteriorated wells. The rules provide clear provisions for owners to come into compliance and for the district is to deal with non-compliant owners. The time frames and compliance steps found in the NPGCD rules follow the rules established by the TOC and TAC 16.

No changes or updates were found in the TOC, TAC 16 or Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code that would lead to or signify a need for changes in the existing NPGCD (07-15,2025) rules at this time.

Harold Grall moved the board make no changes at this time after reviewing District Rules 4.1 and 4.9 to consider if any changes are necessary to protect the groundwater resources of the District due to deteriorated wells.

Bob Zimmer seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Action Agenda 3.i - Consider approval of a new truck for field services.

Justin Crownover moved to approve the purchase of one new field vehicle not to exceed \$60,000.

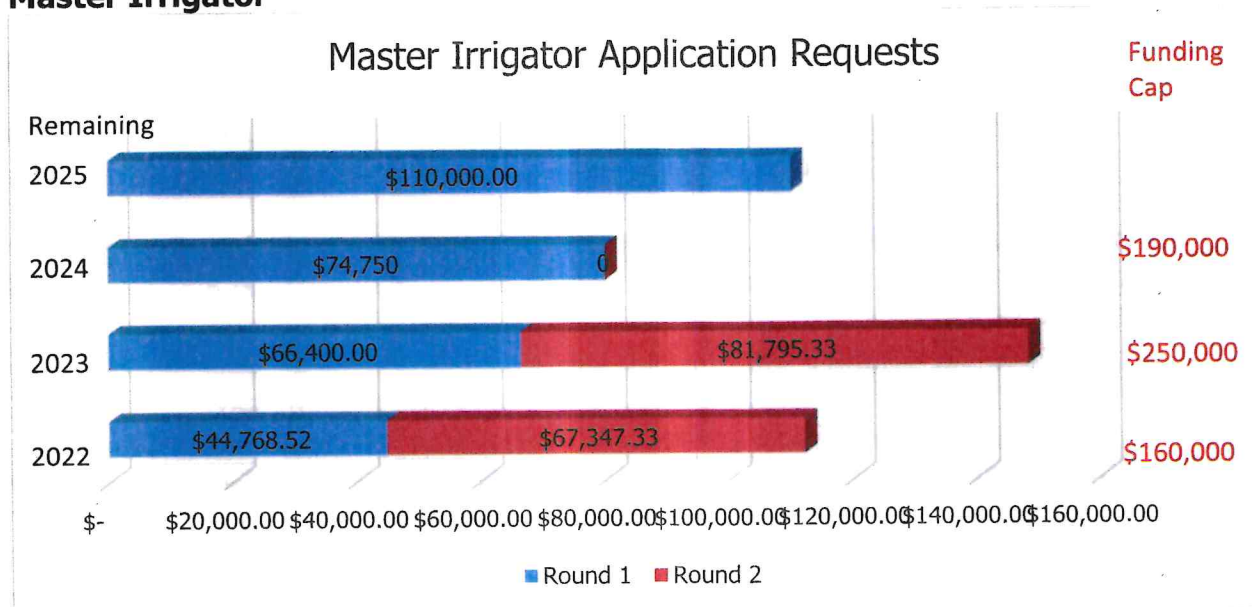
Harold Grall seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Action Agenda 3.j - Receive report of applications for financial assistance made by the District and updates on available funding for qualified producers, in accordance with the District’s Management Plan.

General Manager Janet Guthrie reported the Master Irrigator program has 3 contracts with TWDB, the most recent was received in September of 2025, in the amount of \$160,496.00. There are two other contracts with some funds still available. See below.

The Meter Reimbursement Program has two contracts with TWDB. One contract is closed but still has required annual reporting. The other contract 2894 has \$185,255 available for disbursement.

Master Irrigator



Currently, there has been an estimated \$110,000 requested from the class of 2025 (11 applications at \$10,000/ person). The application window is closed for the class of 25, 3 applications have been fully funded, 1 needs to be inspected, and 7 need invoices. There will be no round 2.

The class of 2024 had 8 total applications with an estimated \$74,750 requested in round 1. Three of the applications have been fully funded, with five outstanding. Round 2 has not opened and with a cap of \$190,000 (19 attendees), round 2 will have \$115,250 available for the funding of conservation projects.

The class of 2023 had 8 applications and has 2 outstanding. Baylee has been working to get these funded and closed out. Round 2 had 3 applications, all of which are completely funded.

Future Funding for Master Irrigator

TWDB Grants (2449 & 2576) Available Funds: \$339,975.15
TWDB Grant (2894) Available Funds: \$160,496.00
Grant with A&M: \$100,000.00
Total: \$600,471.15
Less ESTIMATED outstanding requests: -\$275,250.00 (including round 2 class 2024)
We will have an estimated **\$325,221.15** for the class of 2026 and 2027

Meter Reimbursement Program:

Contract #	Grant Amt.	NPGCD Share	TWDB Share	Dispersed	Remaining	Meters	Ends
2213582646	600,000	300,000	300,000	299,610	-390	302	Closed
2413582894	400,000	200,000	200,000	14,745	-185,255	15	12/15/2027

Under the current contract we have 23 applications, 9 inspections pending and 2 pending payouts.

The report was for informational purposes, no motion was made.

Action Agenda 3.k - Consider final compliance approval of water well permits as active and complete wells, review permits issued and permitting graphs from September and October 2025.

*Non-Exempt Well Permits issued since January 1, 2025, 160
Exempt Wells Registered Since January 1, 2025, 78
Non-Exempt Well Permits board approved since January 1, 2025, 204*

The following list of wells were presented to the board for final compliance approval.

	Permit #	Well Class	Section, Block, N S	E W
	DA-13068	C	24, 5, FDW	462 N 382 E
R	DA-13282	D	16, M E Hays, CRL	704 N 344 E
	DA-13368	B	71, M E Hays, CRL	115 S 103 W
	DA-13477	C	44, 1, B&B	476 S 472 W
	DA-13571	C	10, 0, J MOORE	887 N 450 E
	DA-13709	C	119, 1-T, T&NO	128 S 798 E
	DA-13710	C	119, 1-T, T&NO	434 S 528 E

	DA-13711	C	119, 1-T, T&NO	155 S	431 W
	DA-13712	B	119, 1-T, T&NO	431 S	429 W
	DA-13713	C	120, 1-T, T&NO	429 S	645 E
	DA-13714	C	120, 1-T, T&NO	291 S	573 E
	DA-13715	C	84, 1-T, T&NO	648 N	302 W
	DA-13721	C	120, 1-T, T&NO	441 S	562 W
	DA-13722	C	84, 1-T, T&NO	848 N	120 E
	DA-13729	A	27, 5, CSS	392 S	485 W
	DA-13772	B	84, 1-T, T&NO	534 N	120 E
	DA-13775	B	84, 1-T, T&NO	239 N	215 E
	DA-13782	B	44, 5, CSS	450 S	550 E
	DA-13788	B	119, 1-T, T&NO	159 S	416 E
	DA-13819	B	7, 2, B&B	473 S	142 W
	DA-13820	C	56, 2, CSS	268 N	386 E
	DA-13846	C	2, 1, B&B	760 N	719 W
	HA-13426	C	98, 48, H&TC	560 S	391 E
	HA-13506	C	29, 14, CSS	659 N	102 W
	HA-13550	C	32, 14, CSS	768 S	779 E
PLE	HA-13552	C	39, 14, CSS	20 N	783 E
	HA-13686	C	7, A-1, PSL	717 S	212 E
	HA-13689	C	7, A-1, PSL	112 S	874 W
PLE	HA-13742	B	23, 5, GH&H	616 S	19 W
	HA-13745	B	23, 5, GH&H	105 N	875 W
PLE	HA-13756	B	19, 5, GH&H	7 S	103 E
	HA-13813	B	11, 3, B&B	427 S	451 E
	HA-13827	B	53, 48, H&TC	595 N	282 W
	HA-13878	B	14, 2, BS&F	127 N	128 E
	HA-13886	C	4, 0, C S TEBBS	124 N	279 W
	HN-13456	B	226, 2, GH&H	444 N	875 E
	HN-13778	C	18, 2, SA&MG	354 S	866 W
R	HN-13833	D	20, 2, WCRR	282 S	33 W
R	HN-13841	C	111, 45, H&TC	703 N	871 E
PLE	HN-13842	D	61, P, H&GN	784 S	46 E
	HN-13998	D	122, 45, H&TC	166 N	637 E
PLE	HU-13777	D	1, M-24, TC&RY	50 S	164 W
	HU-13853	C	6, M-24, TC&RY	114 S	110 W
	HU-13884	D	79, 5-T, T&NO	523 S	773 W
	HU-13887	C	79, 5-T, T&NO	740 S	116 W
	MO-13262	B	182, 3-T, T&NO	471 N	653 W
	MO-13828	B	14, 1-PD, WJ MORTON	286 S	130 E
PLE	MO-13854	C	290, 44, H&TC	79 S	155 E
	MO-13894	C	363, 44, H&TC	105 N	188 W
R	OC-12322	D	1012, 43, H&TC	409 S	68 E
PLE	OC-13868	D	117, 13, T&NO	30 S	646 E
	SH-13260	C	30, 2-B, GH&H	138 N	117 W
	SH-13640	C	35, 1-C, GH&H	565 S	583 W
	SH-13683	C	42, 2, GH&H	241 N	347 E
	SH-13848	C	7, 3-B, GH&H	109 N	674 W

PLE	SH-13889	B	410, 1-T, T&NO	115 S	21 E
	SH-14015	C	34, 2-B, GH&H	100 N	385 W
	SH-14016	C	34, 2-B, GH&H	102 S	847 E
	SH-14018	C	34, 2-B, GH&H	425 S	148 E
	SH-14019	B	34, 2-B, GH&H	123 S	147 E

Harold Grall moved the board approve the well permits represented in the table above as active and complete wells because the wells are properly equipped and otherwise comply with district rules.

Justin Crownover seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Action Agenda 3.l. - Receive Report Regarding Field Inspection Services Completed in September and October 2025

Odell Ward presented the activities of the field staff for the months of September and October 2025.

The report was for informational purposes, no motion was made.

Action Agenda 3.m. - Receive Report and Consider Action as Needed Regarding Agriculture Water Conservation Demonstration Programs and North Plains Water Conservation Center.

WCC

The WCC has received 4.09" of rain from September 17th to November 10th.

David will give update on harvest.

Public Outreach

The past couple of months the Outreach Team has been busy gearing up for their busy season. These preps include coordinating with cooperators, purchasing giveaways, updating promos, promoting online, and dates for upcoming events.

Our upcoming events:

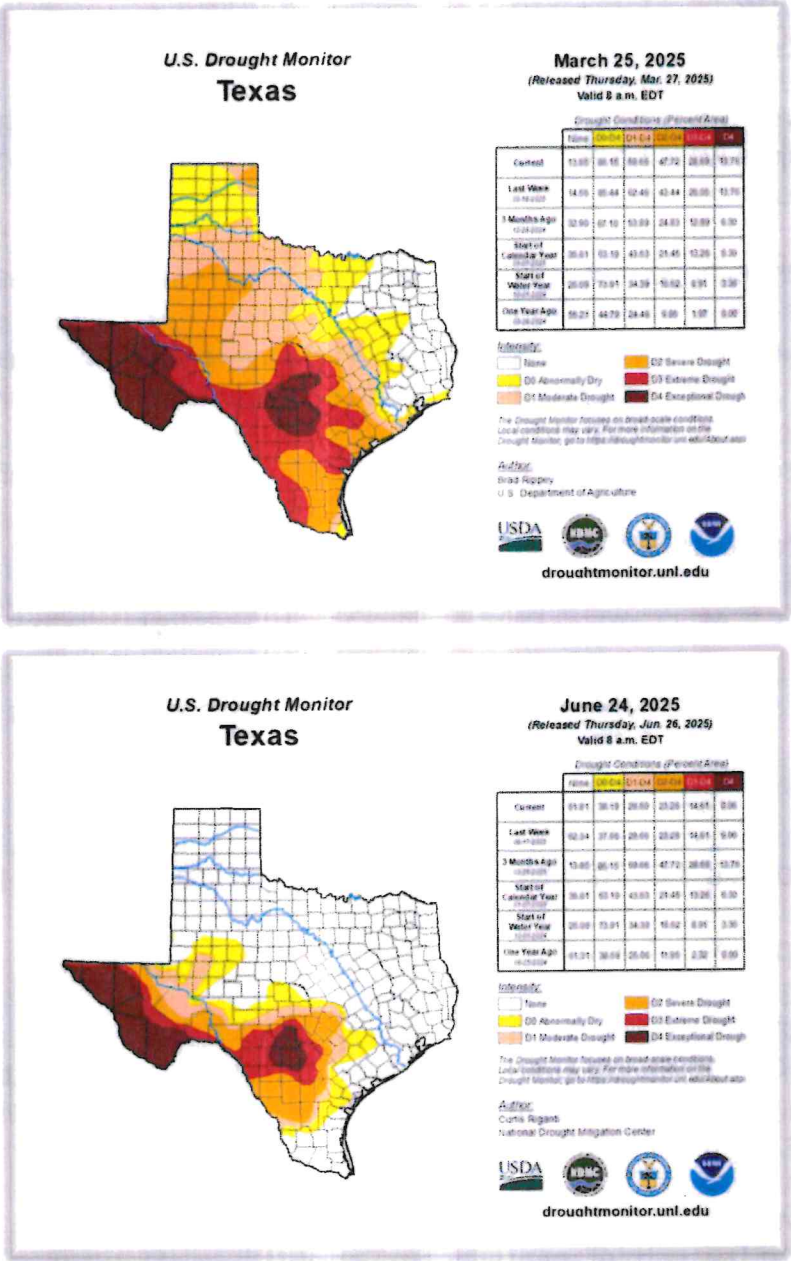
November 18th- Ag Day with 4th grade Moore County
November 19th- Ag Day with 8th grade Moore County
December 2nd-4th- Farm and Ranch Show in Amarillo
December 8th- Rainwater Harvesting at Dumas Office
December 17th- CEU course with Agri-Life Moore County
January (TBA)- Pioneer Meetings
February 11th- Water Conservation Symposium
February 18th & 25th- Master Irrigator
March 4th & 11th- Master Irrigator
May (TBA)- 4th Grade Water Festivals

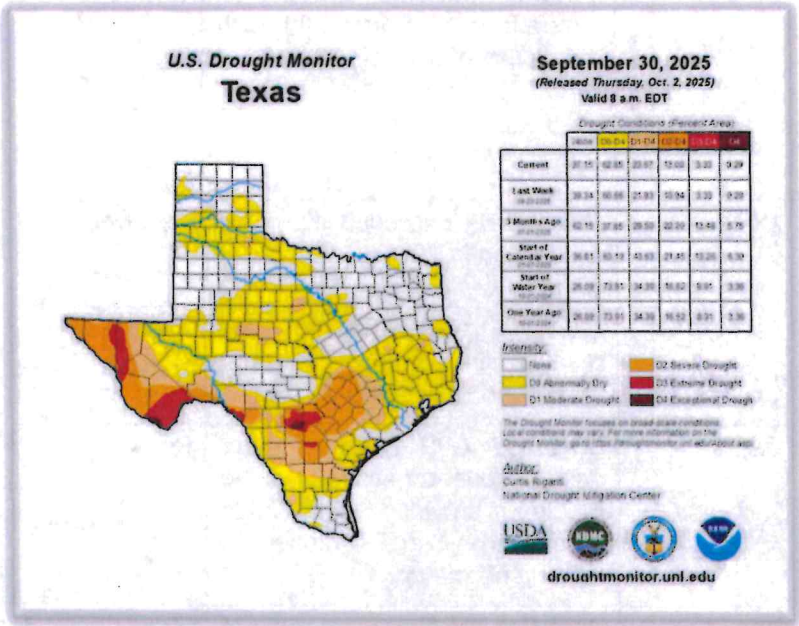
Analytics

Newsletters:

The open rate for both the September and October newsletters was above the 36% industry average. 23% of our audience regularly opens and clicks on the content of our emails. The click rate for the last two emails is below the industry average of 2%,

September generated the most clicks on our Ag Water Minutes link. While October generated more clicks on the Hydrology Report. Drought Monitor Maps 2025 are periodically posted on social media and regularly on the district website at www.northplainsgcd.org





Action Agenda 3.n. - Receive report and consider action regarding compliance and contested matters before the District including but not limited to individuals/entities listed on the exhibits.

Kristen Blackwell Administration Manager, presented the following report to the Board, orally and through the Board Packet.

A) Technical Violations

Violations for Board Consideration Update from Previous Meeting(s)

Name	Well Number(s) & GPU	Board Decision and Status Since Last Meeting
BLF	8266, 8263, 8268, 8267 – Exceeded 2023 annual production limitation.	Unresolved.
BLF	HA-5814 GPU 8287 not properly plugged by the board due date.	Unresolved
BLF	3354, 3366, 5248, 5256, 5260, 5770, 8239, 8255, 8263, 8267, 8268, 8274, 8281, 8282, 8291, 8297, 8799, 8801, 8802, 8803, 9623 & 9713. Late 2023 Annual Production Report(s)	Unresolved
BLF	8263, 8266, 8268, 9623, 9933, 9935 – Exceeded 2024 annual production limitation.	Unresolved.

Stephen Batton 2024 Annual Production Report Late Filer	Unsettled late filers were sent CM letters from legal June 30th with a deadline of July 31, 2025.	Resolved
Henry Fehr (RR)/Johnny O'Cator (WRO)	GPU 8978– Exceeded allowable production in 2024	Resolved
Braiden & Brittany Cartrite	SH-12776 GPU 5109 – Meter reading in cubic feet. Not authorized under districts rules.	Resolved.
Braiden & Brittany Cartrite	SH-11097 GPU 8206 – Meter nonfunctional on active well. No reading provided for 2024 production. Serial number is missing off meter.	Resolved
Pete Van Regenmorter 2024 Annual Production Report Late Filer	Unsettled late filers were sent CM letters from legal June 30th with a deadline of July 31, 2025.	Show Cause Hearing 11/19/25
Heath Rousser	GPU 10488 – Exceeded allowable production in 2024	Show Cause Hearing 11/19/25.
Chuck Schoonover	GPU 6433 – DA-0435 Flow meter not functioning on operating well	Legal Demand Letter due date November 13, 2025. Inspected 11/12/25 – Mr. Schoonover said he had the parts and was looking for someone to install them. Will inspect before board meeting and will provide an update at the meeting.

A) Technical Violations

Name	Well, GPU, Issue	Recommendation
Andy Cover	HA-0749, GPU 3037 – LPD closed off making it non-functional	Legal demand letter
Andy Cover	HA-4873 GPU 3037 – Meter non-functional on an operating well. LPD closed off with capped hose.	Legal demand letter
David Carrell	MO-5128 GPU 1179 – Meter non-functional on operating well	Legal demand letter
David Carrell	MO-2439 GPU 1179 – Meter showing no flow on operating well. Current meter too small for well classification	Legal demand letter
David Carrell	MO-1990 GPU 1179 – No meter installed on well re-permitted 2024.	Legal demand letter

	Well operational	
George & Shirley Freeman	SH-0941 GPU 9532 – no meter installed on well. Required due to permitting new well SH-13336	Legal demand letter
George & Shirley Freeman	SH-0886 GPU 9532 – well needs meter or to be reclassified as capped	Legal demand letter
Chuck Schoonover	DA-5415 GPU 6433 – pipe diversion bypassing meter	Legal demand letter
Chuck Schoonover	DA-0436 GPU 6433 – pipe diversion bypassing meter	Legal demand letter

September 2025 Compliance Statistics	
Total Well Sites Compliance Reviewed	586
Total Wells Compliance Cleared	475
Compliance Wells Awaiting Clearance	111
Compliance Categories Overall	646
Misc (Det Well, Pipe Div, Reclass, Prod Report	70
LPDs & Check Valves	159
Meters	318
Capped Well Secured / Not Secured	99
October 2025 Compliance Statistics	
Total Well Sites Compliance Reviewed	709
Total Wells Compliance Cleared	549
Compliance Wells Awaiting Clearance	161
Compliance Categories Overall	775
Misc (Det Well, Pipe Div, Reclass, Prod Report	75
LPDs & Check Valves	177
Meters	422
Capped Well Secured / Not Secured	101

This item was addressed in the Closed Session and action taken is reflected in Item 3q.

Action Agenda 3.o. - Discuss BLF Land LLC et al v. Allan Frerich, et al., NO. 2:23-CV-133Z (N.D. Tex August 8, 2023.

This item was addressed in the Closed Session.

Action Agenda 3.p. - Closed Session.

Executive Session - Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

At 10:59 a.m. President Krienke closed the meeting for consultation with legal counsel as authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, which allows a closed meeting to discuss pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or matters where the duty of counsel to the District, pursuant to the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Under the authority of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the President declared that we will now close this meeting to the public for the purpose of: Consultation with legal counsel as authorized by Sec. 551.071, Government Code, which allows a closed meeting to discuss pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or matters where the duty of counsel to the District, pursuant to the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

President Krienke stated that this is a Closed Session of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors on November 19, 2025, commencing at 10:59 a.m. At 12:00 p.m., the board reconvened into regular session.

President Krienke stated that it is my duty to remind you as board members that discussions held in closed session are confidential. In the event of a breach of this confidentiality by an individual director, the disclosure is not to be construed as a waiver of the district's attorney-client privilege. A known disclosure to a member of the public of a tape recording of a closed session constitutes a criminal violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act. This concludes the closed session of the Board of Directors at 12:00 p.m.

President Krienke stated that the meeting of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors is hereby reopened to the public on November 19, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. No formal action was taken by the Board of Directors during closed session.

Action Agenda 3.q. - Consider recommendations regarding matters discussed in Closed Session.

In the matter of Pete Van Regenmorter, formal show cause hearing NPGCD 025-1101, Harold Grall moved to authorize the districts legal counsel send a formal letter with a settlement amount of \$2,000.00 for violation of District Rule 6.4.1.

Mark Howard seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

In the matter of Heath Rousser, formal show cause hearing NPGCD 025-1102, Justin Crownover moved to authorize the districts legal counsel send a formal letter with a settlement amount of \$1,500.00 plus the overproduction settlement amount of \$8,078.75 for a total of \$9,578.75 for violation of District Rule 6.1.1.

Mark Howard seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

In the following matters related to Andy Cover, David Carrell, George and Shirley Freeman and Chuck Schoonover, Bob Zimmer moved to authorize the District's legal counsel to send formal demand letters for the violations listed in the table below:

Andy Cover	HA-0749, GPU 3037 – LPD closed off making it non-functional
Andy Cover	HA-4873 GPU 3037 – Meter

	non-functional on an operating well. LPD closed off with capped hose.
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Chuck Schoonover	GPU 6433 – DA-0435 Flow meter not functioning on operating well

Justin Crownover seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Discussion Agenda 4.a. - Director Reports regarding meetings and/or seminars attended, weather conditions and economic development in each Director's precinct.

Director reports were presented to the board.

Discussion Agenda 4.b. - Committee Reports.

No Committee reports were presented to the board.

Discussion Agenda 4.c. - General Manager's Report.

The general manager provided her report to the board in the board packet.

Discussion Item 5 - Set Next Meeting Date and Time

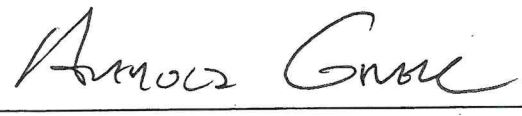
The January meeting of the board was confirmed for January 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, President Krienke declared the meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.



Daniel Krienke, President



Harold Grall, Secretary

Show Cause Hearings

Pete Van Regenmorter

Heath Rousser

Exhibit A- Technical Violations

Andy Cover

David Carrell

George Freeman

Shirley Freeman

Chuck Schoonover