

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 2026
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 January 28, 2026, 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,
Clinton Born, Director
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,
Dusty Holt, Permitting Specialist,
Jessica Fobbs, Administrative Assistant
Curtis Schwertner, Natural Resource Specialist, and
Baylee Barnes, Conservation Outreach Coordinator

Others present during part or all the meeting:

Lynn Tate, Esq.
Coy Barton, CPA,
Melissa Gonzalez, Coy Barton CPA,
Jonah Parker, MyLand,
Harrison Maples, MyLand,
Erik Carlos, Blaine Larsen Farms,
Alan Ortega Garcia, Blaine Larsen Farms, and
Antonio Huaracha, Blaine Larsen Farms.

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

Bob Zimmer gave the invocation and led the pledge.

1. - Public Comment

No public comment was made to the board.

2. - Consent Agenda

Mark Howard moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes from November 19, 2025; approval of District expenditures from November 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, including the general manager's expense and activity report; approval of payment to Kemp Smith Law for professional services and out of pocket expense from November 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025; and approval of payment to Underwood Attorneys at Law for professional services and out of office pocket expense from November 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

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

Action Agenda 3.a. - Review and consider approval of the District's annual financial report for the year ending September 30, 2025.

Coy Barton and his staff presented the District Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2025.

Bob B. Zimmer moved the board approve the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2025.

Clinton Born seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Action Agenda 3.b. - Review and consider approval of payment to Coy Barton, CPA for auditing services and preparation of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District annual financial report for the year ended September 30, 2025.

Bob Zimmer moved the board approve payment to Coy Barton, CPA in the amount of \$22,000.00 for auditing services and preparation of the District annual financial report for the year ended September 30, 2024.

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

Action Agenda 3.c. - Review and consider approval of letter of engagement for audit and non-audit services to be performed by Coy Barton, CPA for the year ended September 30, 2026.

Bob B. Zimmer moved the board approve the letter of engagement for audit and non-audit services to be performed by Coy Barton, CPA for fiscal year October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026.

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

Action Agenda 3.d - Receive and consider approval of presentation from MyLand.

Jonah Parker and Harrison Maples from MyLand, made a presentation regarding a

partnership between Texas A&M AgriLife and MyLand. The presentation focused on results and reporting and a plan to move forward with the District.

This item was discussed under Item 3N of these minutes

Action Agenda 3.e - Receive Investment Report for October 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

General Manager Janet Guthrie presented the quarterly investment report to the board in compliance with Government Code Chapter 2256 Public Funds Investment Act.

This item was presented to the board for reporting purposes.

No motion was made by the Board.

Action Agenda 3.f - Receive report regarding field inspection services during November and December 2025.

Odell Ward, Aquifer Science Manager, presented this item to the Board for reporting purposes.

No motion was made by the Board.

Action Agenda 3.g - Receive report and consider action as needed regarding public outreach, agriculture water conservation demonstration programs and the North Plains Water Conservation Center.

Baylee Barnes, Conservation Outreach Specialist, presented this item to the Board for reporting purposes.

No motion was made by the Board.

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

Non-Exempt Well Permits issued since January 1, 2025, 175
Exempt Wells Registered Since January 1, 2025, 99
Non-Exempt Well Permits board approved since January 1, 2025, 264

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

PLE	Permit #	Well Class	Qtr.	Section	N S	E W
	DA-13697	C	NE	22, 1, BS&F	812 N	769 E
	DA-13818	B	SW	7, 2, B&B	475 S	796 W
	DA-13922	C	SE	26, 5, CSS	547 S	9 E
	HA-13505	C	NW	29, 14, CSS	740 N	555 W

	HA-13662	C	NE	ME Cole, NONE, NONE	108 N	1175 E
	HA-13677	C	SE	62, 48, H&TC	783 S	178 E
	HA-13681	C	NE	J Harris	108 N	222 E
	HA-13898	B	SW	2, A-3, PFS	462 W	100 S
	HA-13899	B	NE	JH Lewis	248 N	743 E
	HA-13911	C	NE	6, 5, CSS	767 N	753 E
PLE	HA-13928	B	SE	7, 5, CSS	25 S	413 E
	HA-13933	C	SW	5, 5, CSS	331 S	845 E
PLE	HA-13934	C	NE	8, A-1, PSL	51 N	476 E
	HA-13945	C	NE	5, 5, CSS	805 N	708 E
	HN-13811	B	SE	9, 3, SA&MG	339 S	367 W
	HN-13890	C	SW	2, 2, C&M	102 S	1027 W
	HN-13929	B	NE	136, 45, H&TC	737 M	179 W
	HU-13896	C	SW	55, 5-T, T&NO	314 S	315 W
	LI-0404	D	NE	621, 43, H&TC	367 N	511 E
R	MO-13956	C	SW	391, 44, H&TC	596 S	21 W
	OC-13923	D	NW	17, R, B&B	209 N	338 W
	OC-13931	C	SE	17, R, B&B	105 S	843 E
	OC-13942	C	SW	17, R, B&B	101 S	513 W
	OC-5130	B	SW	140, 4-T, T&NO	106 S	104 W
	SH-13261	C	SW	445, 1-T, T&NO	109 S	601 W
PLE	SH-13647	B	SE	205, 1-C, GH&H	39 S	260 E
	SH-13906	C	SW	221, 1-C, GH&H	750 S	293 W
	SH-13941	C	SE	38, 1-C, GH&H	107 S	151 E
PLE	SH-13949	B	SW	126, 1-T, T&NO	3 S	164 W
PLE	SH-13950	B	SW	126, 1-T, T&NO	33 S	776 W

Clinton Born moved the board approve well permits OC-13923, OC-13931, and OC-13942 as active and complete wells because the wells are properly equipped and otherwise comply with district rules.

Harold Grall seconded the motion, and the motion passed, with Justin Crownover abstaining from the vote.

Mark Howard moved the board approve the remaining well permits represented in the table above with the exception of LI-0404, which was pulled from the list by Bob Zimmer, as active and complete wells because the wells are properly equipped and otherwise comply with district rules.

Clinton Born seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Action Agenda 3.i. - Receive report regarding the status of 2025 annual production reporting

Kristen Blackwell, Administration Manager, provided the board with an update on 2025 annual production reporting.

This item was presented to the board for reporting purposes.

No motion was made by the Board.

Action Agenda 3.j. - BLF alternative metering method request

Three representatives from Blaine Larsen Farms, Antonio Huaracha, Erik Carlos and Alan Ortega Garcia provided the board documentation about the AgSense product they use on their farm and answered questions from the board related to how it might report their annual production when meters fail during the production season.

This item was discussed under Item 3N of these minutes.

Action Agenda 3.k. - Receive report and consider action regarding compliance and contested matters before the District including but not limited to any actionable violations of the Districts rules regarding groundwater waste in 2025.

Kristen Blackwell Administration Manager presented the following report to the Board.

A) Technical Violations

Compliance for Board Consideration Update from Previous Meeting(s)

Name	Well Number(s) & GPU	Board Status	Decision Since Last Meeting
BLF	8266, 8263, 8268, 8267 – Exceeded 2023 annual production limitation.	Unresolved.	
BLF	HA-5814 GPU 8287 not properly plugged by 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	GPUs: 8263, 8266, 8268, 9623, 9933, 9935 – Exceeded 2024 annual production limitation.	Unresolved	
Pete Van Regenmorter	GPUs 6413 and 6806 Show Cause Hearing 11/19/25 2024 Annual Production Report Late Filer.	Resolved	

Heath Rousser	GPU 10488 Show Cause Hearing 11/19/25 Exceeded allowable production in 2024.	Resolved
Andy Cover	HA-0749, GPU 3037 HA- 0749, GPU 3037 – LPD closed off making it non- functional	Legal Demand letter due February 9, 2026.
Andy Cover	HA-4783, GPU 3037 Meter non-functional on an operating well. LPD closed off with capped hose.	Legal Demand letter due February 9, 2026.
David Carrell	MO-5128 GPU 1179 – Meter non-functional on operating well	Resolved
David Carrell	MO-2439 GPU 1179 – Meter showing no flow on operating well. Current meter too small for well classification	Resolved
David Carrell	MO-1990 GPU 1179 – No meter installed on well re- permitted 2024. Well operational	Resolved
George & Shirley Freeman	SH-0941 GPU 9532 – no meter installed on well. Required due to permitting new well SH-13336	Legal Demand letter due February 9, 2026. Change of ownership in progress
George & Shirley Freeman	SH-0886 GPU 9532 – well needs meter or to be reclassified as capped	Legal Demand letter due February 9, 2026. Change of ownership in progress
Chuck Schoonover	DA-5415 GPU 6433 – pipe diversion bypassing meter	Legal Demand letter due February 9, 2026.
Chuck Schoonover	DA-0436 GPU 6433 – pipe diversion bypassing meter	Legal Demand letter due February 9, 2026.
Chuck Schoonover	GPU 6433 – DA-0435 Flow meter not functioning on operating well	Legal Demand letter due February 9, 2026.

January 2026 Compliance for Board Consideration
Associated files located in [Dropbox.com](#) – Board Meeting Compliance

Name	Well Number(s) & GPU	Compliance Issue(s)
Dean Cooke (TCW Supply, Inc.)	HU-0609 GPU 9644	Meter nonfunctional on an operating well. Check valve counterweight fouled. Old meter is buried. Issue addressed by staff 8/25/25, correction due 9/25/25. As of 1/13/26 no change.
Tim Wilhelm	OC-0312 GPU 3853	Pipe diversion bypassing metering method for operating well. Issue addressed by staff 9/5/25, correction due 10/6/25. No change as of 1/5/26.
Steve & Weylin Wolf (WF Land & Cattle, LLC)	SH-13892 and SH-13893 on GPU 10244	Both wells have an incorrect type of check valve where there is no maintenance access and no LPD port. Issues addressed 10/30/25, correction due 12/4/25. No change as of 12/29/25.

2025 Actionable Violations of Waste – Per District’s Management Plan – XI (B)

In 2025 there were two actionable violations related to waste. They were as follows:

- Dallam County GPU 5198 – 10, 7-T, T&NO on 6-26-25
 - Report attached
 - The issue was addressed with the landowner and corrected in a timely manner
- Lipscomb County GPUs 202 and 2403 – 1064, 43, H&TC
 - Report attached
 - The issue was addressed with the landowner and corrected in a timely manner

Justin Crownover moved in the matter of Dean Cooke (TCW Supply, Inc.), to direct the District’s legal counsel to issue a demand letter.

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

Clinton Born moved in the matter of Tim Wilhelm to direct the District’s legal counsel to issue a demand letter.

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

Justin Crownover moved in the matter of Steve & Weylin Wolf (WF Land & Cattle, LLC.) to direct the District’s legal counsel to issue a demand letter.

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

Action Agenda 3.l. - 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.m. - Closed Session.

Executive Session - Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

At 11:01 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 January 28, 2026, commencing at 11:01 a.m. At 12:23 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 12:23 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 January 28, 2026, at 12:23 p.m. No formal action was taken by the Board of Directors during closed session.

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

In the matter of Item 3D of these minutes, receive and consider approval of presentation from MyLand, Mark Howard moved the board no longer participate.

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

In the matter of Item 3J of these minutes, BLF alternative metering method request, the board took no action.

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.

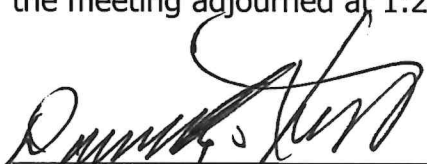
The general manager provided her report to the board in the board packet.

Discussion Item 5 - Set Next Meeting Date and Time

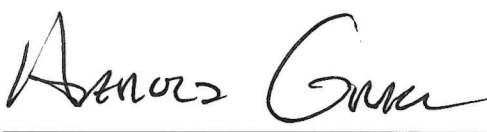
The February meeting of the board was confirmed for February 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, President Krienke declared the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.



Daniel Krienke, President



Harold Grall, Secretary

Exhibit A- Technical Violations

Dean Cooke – TCW Supply, Inc.

Tim Wilhelm

Steve & Weylin Wolf – WF Land & Cattle, LLC