# UPPER TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

# THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025 MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### INTRODUCTORY MATTERS

The Board may discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, including expenditure of funds as necessary or appropriate, on any item listed on this agenda:

- 1. Welcome guests and members of the public. The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m.
- 2. Roll call, establish a quorum, call Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting to order; declare the Hearing and Meeting open to the public.

Directors Present: Jarrod Reynolds (arrived at 5:10 p.m.), Bob Lusk, Shannon Nave, Jason Flynt, Don Majka, Mike Berkley, and Tracy Mesler

Directors Absent: Justin Bradley

- 3. Pledges of allegiance to the flags.
- 4. Public comments were made where mentioned below.

### **PUBLIC HEARING - OPERATING PERMITS**

- 1. Receive any public comments, requests to contest, and the General Manager's report and recommendations regarding the following applications for permits, permit amendments, and/or requests for exceptions to the District's water well spacing or minimum tract size requirements:
  - A. Applicant/Owner: The Madison Commercial Properties, LLC— 6142 Weiland Road, Weatherford, TX 76088

Type of Application: Exception to Tract Size Requirements

Well ID: 22023

Location of well or proposed well: 6142 Weiland Road, Weatherford, TX 76088

**Description of Request:** The Madison Commercial Properties, LLC is seeking an exception to the District's water well minimum tract size requirements under District Rule 4.7, in order to operate a new commercial well on the property. This property was platted or otherwise lawfully configured as it exists today after 2009 (2025).

B. Applicant/Owner: Tolar Volunteer Fire Department—PO Box 234, Tolar, TX 76476

Type of Application: Exception to Tract Size Requirements

Well ID: 23134

Location of well or proposed well: 7115 Paluxy Hwy, Tolar, TX 76476

**Description of Request:** Tolar Volunteer Fire Department is seeking an exception to the District's water well minimum tract size requirements under District Rule 4.7, in order to operate a new commercial well on the property. This property was platted or otherwise lawfully configured as it exists today prior to 2009 (1977).

C. Applicant/Owner: Aqua Texas, Inc—3201 Curtis Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76116

Type of Application: Operating Permit Amendment

System ID: 001-W

Requested Permit Volume: 0 gallons/year

General Manager's Recommendation: 0 gallons/year

**Location of well or proposed well:** Barbwire Way, Newark, TX 76071

**Description of Request:** Aqua Texas, Inc is seeking an Operating Permit Amendment in order to drill and operate one new public water supply well. The applicant is seeking no additional volume.

**D.** Applicant/Owner: Aqua Texas, Inc—3201 Curtis Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76116 **Type of Application:** Historic Use Permit and Operating Permit Amendment

System ID: 005-P

Requested Permit Volume: 0 gallons/year

General Manager's Recommendation: 0 gallons/year

**Location of well or proposed well:** 1112 Bradley Dr, Azle, TX 76020

**Description of Request:** Aqua Texas Inc is seeking an amendment to their Historic Use Permit and Operating Permit in order to replace a Well ID 766 with the proposed Replacement Well ID 23168. The proposed amendment would remove Well ID 766 from both Permits and add Well ID 23168 to both permits.

E. Applicant/Owner: City of New Fairview — 999 Illinois Lane, New Fairview, TX 76078

Type of Application: Operating Permit

System ID: 205-W

Requested Permit Volume: 56,210,000 gallons/year

General Manager's Recommendation: 56,210,000 gallons/year

Location of well or proposed well: Various locations within the City of New Fairview

**Description of Request:** The City of New Fairview is seeking an Operating Permit in order to drill and operate four new public water supply wells to provide water to a proposed development within the city limits.

**F.** Applicant/Owner: Central States Water Resources – Texas — 1650 Des Peres Ste 300, Des Peres, MO, 63131

Type of Application: Operating Permit

System ID: 002-P

Requested Permit Volume: 18,000,000 gallons/year

**General Manager's Recommendation:** 14,817,524 gallons per year – updated from 5,240,129 gallons/year

Location of well or proposed well: 333 Hillcroft Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76108

**Description of Request:** Central States Water Resources - Texas is seeking an Operating Permit in order to drill and operate one new public water supply well.

**G. Applicant/Owner:** Pecan Pipeline Company— 421 West Third St. Suite 300, Fort Worth, TX 76102

Type of Application: Operating Permit Amendment

System ID: 102-M

Requested Permit Volume: 0 gallons/year

General Manager's Recommendation: 0 gallons/year

Location of well or proposed well: 2100 Briar Creek Rd, Bowie, TX 76230

**Description of Request:** Pecan Pipeline Company is seeking an Operating Permit Amendment in order to add an existing well to the permit, for commercial use.

H. Applicant/Owner: Rolling V Ranch WCID No. 3 Wise County — 4514 Cole Avenue, Suite 1450, Dallas, TX 75205

Type of Application: Operating Permit Amendment

System ID: 202-W

Requested Permit Volume: 50,900,000 gallons/year

General Manager's Recommendation: 35,900,000 gallons/year

**Location of well or proposed well:** Multiple locations within the Rolling V development. **Description of Request:** Rolling V Ranch WCID No. 3 of Wise County is seeking an Operating Permit Amendment in order add the volume of water associated with systems 195-W and 196-W into system 202-W and add commercial use to the permit for 202-W. They are not seeking to drill any additional wells and the permits associated with System IDs 195-W and 196-W will be abandoned.

- 2. General Manager Shaw presented background information and his recommendations for the water wells related to the permit applications:
  - A. Carl Madison participated in the discussion regarding Exception to Tract Size Requirements submitted by The Madison Commercial Properties, LLC. Because the property was platted after 2009 (2025), Director Nave made a motion to deny the Application for Exception. President Mesler seconded the motion. Aye-6 Nay-1. Motion passed.
  - B. Assistant Fire Chief Ray Wilson participated in the discussion regarding Exception to Tract Size Requirements submitted by the Tolar Volunteer Fire Department. Director Berkley made a motion to approve the application for exception. Because the property was platted prior to 2009 (1977) and because the original intent, at the time of platting, was for the property to be provided water through private water well, Director Majka seconded the motion. Director Renolds abstained. Aye-6 Nay-0 Motion passed.
  - C. Matt VanHattem participated in the discussion regarding the Operating Permit Amendment submitted by Aqua Texas Inc. Director Nave made a motion to approve the General Manager's recommendation, as presented, for the Application for an Operating Permit Amendment for system 001-W-OP in the amount of 0 gallons per year and to add Well ID 23118 to the permit. Director Lusk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
  - D. Matt VanHattem participated in the discussion regarding the Historic Use Permit and Operating Permit Amendment submitted by Aqua Texas Inc. Director Majka made a motion to approve the General Manager's recommendation, as presented, for the Application for a Permit Amendment for system 005-P-OP in the amount of 0 gallons per year and to add Well ID 23168 to the Historic Use Permit. Director Nave seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
  - E. John Cabrales participated in the discussion regarding the Operating Permit submitted by City of New Fairview. Director Reynolds made a motion to approve the General Manager's recommendation, as presented, to approve the Application for an Operating Permit for System 205-W in the amount of 56,210,000 gallons per year. Director Lusk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
  - F. Director Reynolds made a motion to approve the General Manager's recommendation, as presented, for the Application for an Operating Permit for System 002-P-OP in the amount of 14,817,524 gallons per year. Director Majka seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
  - G. Director Berkley made a motion to approve the General Manager's recommendation, as presented, for the Application for an Operating Permit Amendment for system 102-M-OP in the amount of 0 gallons per year and to add Well ID 23100 to the permit. Director Nave seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
  - H. Director Flynt made a motion to approve the General Manager's recommendation, as presented, for the Application for an Operating Permit Amendment for System 202-W-OP in the amount of 35,900,000 gallons per year and to add all of the wells associated with System IDs 195-W and 196-W to the permit. Director Majka seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. President Mesler adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:43 p.m.

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

- 1. Director Majka moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including:
  - A. Approval of minutes from the Show Cause Hearing, Preliminary Hearing, Public Hearing, and Regular Board Meeting on September 18, 2025.
  - B. Approval of bank statement ending September 30, 2025, and current financial reports of the District.
  - C. Payment of bills/invoices received through October 16, 2025, including the addition of an invoice submitted by SledgeLaw Group, PLLC.
  - D. Reimbursements for expenses incurred on behalf of the District through October 16, 2025, including the addition of a mileage reimbursement submitted by Director Majka.
  - E. Approval of Request for an Extension Applications submitted through October 16, 2025.

Director Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2. No items were pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.
- 3. Director Nave made a motion to approve the quarterly Investment Report ending September 30, 2025 as presented. Director Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

President Mesler took agenda item 6 out of order.

6. Mr. Raymond Chambers participated in the discussion regarding multiple potential violations of District Rules committed at 2855 XA Meyer Rd, Granbury, TX in Hood County. Director Flynt made a motion to offer a settlement to Mr. Chambers, in lieu of litigation, to include: 1) a first major violation of District Rules for drilling a water well without first obtaining an approved registration (Rule 2.3 (a)); 2) a \$1,000 penalty associated with the first major violation; 3) a second major violation of District Rules for failure to meet the District's spacing requirements (Rule 4.3 (a)); 4) a \$1,500 penalty associated with the second major violation; 5) a requirement for a licensed driller to plug the most recently drilled well on the property; 6) a a requirement for a licensed well driller to plug well ID 22171; and 7) a requirement that District staff be on site for the drilling of any additional well on the property. Director Majka seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

At 6:10 p.m., the Board went into executive session, in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, concerning attorney-client matters (§551.071) and personnel matters (§551.074).

President Mesler called the Public Hearing back into open session at 7:10 p.m. No decision was made as a result of the executive session.

- 4. Regarding the recommendation from the Executive Committee and General Manager regarding staff compensation in preparation for the development of fiscal year 2026 Budget, the Board directed the General Manager to move forward with preparaiton of the 2026 Budget incorporationg the staff compensation package discussed in Executive Session.
- 5. Presentation and Discussion regarding the Draft 2026 Budget will resume in the next Regular Board meeting.
- 7. Director Berkley made a motion to authorize GM Shaw to execute a "Tree Trimming Agreement" with Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC, to trim the trees near the electric transmission lines on the

District's property in Springtown, TX. Director Majka seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 8. Management Report on Administrative and Operational Issues: The General Manager and staff will brief the Board on the following and any other items included in the General Manager's written report, which may be discussed, considered, and acted upon by the Board, including authorizing the initiation of, managing, or resolving enforcement action or litigation where applicable.
  - A. General Manager's report was submitted to the Board of Directors in advance of the Regular Board meeting.
  - B. Discussion regarding delinquent customers of the District; no action was taken.
  - C. Report on Education and Outreach activities; no action was taken.
  - D. Report on injection well applications filed with the Railroad Commission; no action was taken.
  - E. Well Registration and Groundwater Production reports; no action was taken.
- 9. Director Nave moved to adopt 2025 budget amendments as presented by staff:
  - \$330,000 from Monitoring Well Drilling Fund to Monitoring Well Drilling
  - \$1,600 from Seminars---Directors to Legislative Attendance
  - \$3,100 from Payroll Expenses Other to Outside Contract Services

Director Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 10. District General Counsel from SledgeLaw Group gave updates regarding District Rules development and legislative activities related to the District.
- 11. The next Public Hearing and Regular Board meeting are scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at the District's office.
- 12. The next meeting agenda will include a discussion regarding the District's 2026 Budget.
- 13. President Mesler adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS this 20 day of November 2025.

Attest:

Tracy Mesler, President Shanon L. Nove Vice President

Secretary/Assistant Secretary