



**NECHES & TRINITY VALLEYS  
GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – October 16, 2025**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Terry Morrow, President; Sam Hurley, Vice President; Gary Douglas, Secretary; Jimmy Terrell, Director; Randall Chandler, Director; Cody Rayburn, Director; Christophe Trahan, Director

**ALSO PRESENT**

Penny Hanson, General Manager; John Stover, Attorney; Holli Baze, Attorney; Members of Public

**CALL TO ORDER**

Terry Morrow, President, opened the Board meeting at 1:02pm

**1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND INVOCATION**

A quorum was declared by Sam Hurley.

**2. INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Pastor Patrick Evans.

**3. PUBLIC FORUM FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Item 3 was moved to after Item 11.

**4. RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS FROM RANDY GORHAM, CPA**

Financial reports were presented to the Board. No action required.

**5. CONSENT ITEMS:**

- a. Gary Douglas made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 17, 2025 meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sam Hurley, passed unanimously.
- b. Gary Douglas made a motion to approve payment of the bills for September 1, 2025 through November 30, 2025, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sam Hurley, passed unanimously.

**6. HEAR AND DISCUSS REPORTS FROM STAFF**

- a. Drilling authorizations issued
- b. Production reports and fees
- c. Monitor well reports

- d. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Investment Report
- d. General Manager report

No action required.

**7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION TO FILL VACANCY FOR THE POSITION OF TREASURER**

A motion was made to name Randall Chandler as Treasurer by Sam Hurley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cody Rayburn, passed unanimously.

**8. RECEIVE AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION TO REMOVE FORMER DIRECTOR FROM OPERATING ACCOUNT AT TEXAS NATIONAL BANK AND UPDATE SIGNATURE CARD**

A motion was made by Christophe Trahan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jimmy Terrell to remove former Director, Donald Foster, from the District Operating Account and to leave the signature card as is with Terry Morrow, Sam Hurley, Gary Douglas and Penny Hanson named as signers on the account; passed unanimously.

**9. RECEIVE AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION TO AMEND AND ADOPT THE DISTRICT INVESTMENT POLICY**

A motion was made to amend and adopt the District Investment Policy as presented by Gary Douglas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sam Hurley, passed unanimously.

**10. RECEIVE AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION TO AMEND AND ADOPT THE DISTRICT'S RECORD RETENTION SCHEDULE.**

A motion was made by Cody Rayburn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christophe Trahan, to amend and adopt the District's Record Retention Schedule as presented; passed unanimously. A copy as amended is attached.

**11. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION TO APPOINT A BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THE 2026 DISTRICT BUDGET.**

A motion was made by Sam Hurley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cody Rayburn to appoint the following list for the 2026 Budget Committee; passed unanimously:

- Terry Morrow
- Christophe Trahan
- Gary Douglas

**3. PUBLIC FORUM FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

The Board entered into closed session at 1:50 pm.  
The Board exited closed session at 3:27 pm.  
The board meeting was reopened at 3:30 pm

**12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ENGAGEMENT OF KEMP SMITH LLP TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO THE DISTRICT**

A motion was made to approve the engagement of Kemp Smith LLP to provide legal services to the District on motion by Sam Hurley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christophe Trahan, passed unanimously.


**13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION REGARDING THE MATTER OF CAUSE NO. DCCV25-5642-369, SANDERSON FARMS, LLC, ET AL VS. NECHES AND TRINITY VALLEYS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT.**

A motion was made Sam Hurley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christophe Trahan, to authorize the District Attorneys to negotiate a judgement that will declare the prior votes on administrative completeness and SOAH to be void and that the Board will reconsider administrative completeness at a future meeting, and to agree to an injunction to wait until all three aquifer studies are completed by the Texas Water Development Board, the Trinity River Authority, and the District and presented to the Board passed unanimously.

**14. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PERMIT APPLICATIONS TO DRILL WELLS RECEIVED FROM PINE BLISS, LLC AND REDTOWN RANCH HOLDINGS, LLC, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE BOARD'S ACTIONS ON THOSE APPLICATIONS AT ITS MEETING AND HEARING ON JUNE 19, 2025.**

**15. ADJORN**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:37 pm by Sam Hurley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Douglas, passed unanimously.

  
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Terry Morrow                      President                      11-20-25  
DATE

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