## MINUTES

for the

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

# PERMIT HEARING ON GRANDFATHERED USE PERMITS and OPERATING PERMITS,

and

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

for

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

of the

# NORTHERN TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MEETING LOCATION: Board Room located at 1100 Circle Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76119

## **Permit Hearing**

The Permit Hearing will begin at 2:00 PM. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (District) will hold a Permit Hearing and may discuss, consider, and take all necessary action regarding the subject matters of the hearing, including but not limited to approving the application(s) listed below.

### Agenda:

1. Call to order; establish a quorum; declare the meeting open to the public; introduction of the Board.

Vice President Cozart called to order the March 4, 2025, Open Meeting for the Permit Hearings and Regular Board Meeting at 2:02 P.M. A quorum was established, and the meeting was opened to the public.

**Board Members present:** 

Vice President Cozart

Secretary Merritt Director Haster

Director Gladbach (in person at 2:20 PM)

Board Member Absent:

President Laughlin

Staff Present:

Corey Jones, General Manager

Hi Newby

Laura Schumacher

Remote via telephone: Ty Embrey, Lloyd Gosselink - Attorney for the District

John Ellis, P.G., Intera Incorporated

Members of the Public attending the meeting introduced themselves as requested by VP Cozart.

Vice President Cozart moved Agenda Item 2 - Crest Water under the Permit Hearing to the end of the Permit Hearing. Page 1 of 14

2. Review the Grandfathered Use Permit Application(s) of:

Applicant: Crest Water (James Dyche)

Location of Well System: Within CCN# 12037

Purpose of Use: PWS

Requested Annual System Production: 11,455,000 gallons

Capacity (GPM): Well 1- 45 Well 2- 32
Aquifer: Well 1- Paluxy Well 2- Paluxy

The Board of Directors heard the Crest Water (James Dyche) Grandfathered Use Permit Application out of Agenda order. This Grandfathered Use Permit was introduced and discussed as the last Grandfathered Use Permit Application.

Vice President Cozart is a customer of Crest Water; therefore, he recused himself from the meeting chair.

Secretary Merritt chaired the Board for the Grandfathered Use Permit Application hearing for Crest Water (James Dyche)

Secretary Merritt called for an introduction to Crest Water (James Dyche).

GM Jones introduced Crest Water (James Dyche).

GM recommended 11,455,000 gpy as reported in the 2018 reports.

Secretary Merrit called for additional discussion. There was none. Secretary called for a motion.

Director Haster made a motion to approve the request of 11,455,000 gpy for the Crest Water (James Dyche) well system for well N-2016-1445 and N-2016-1446. Director Gladbach seconded the motion.

Secretary Merritt called for a Board vote. Vote was unanimous to accept the motion.

Applicant: Hanover Water Solutions, LLC (Berkshire HOA)- Berkshire North

Location of Well: 9718 Paxon Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76131

Purpose of Use: Irrigation and Pond

Requested Annual Production: 9,964,783 gallons

Capacity (GPM): 85
Aquifer: Paluxy

The Permit Hearing opened with Agenda Item 2, Applicant Hanover Water Solutions, LLC (Berkshire HOA) -Berkshire North Grandfathered Use Permit Application.

VP Cozart asked General Manager Jones to introduce the Hanover Water Solution permit. GM Jones explained that Hanover WS Berkshire North well requested a higher amount than reported during the Grandfathered Use period. GM recommended approval for the 2018 production of 5,019,033 gpy.

Ben Luedtke with Hanover WS spoke to the Board, requesting approval for the application due to the requirements for the water features at the HOAs.

GM recommended an Operating Permit for additional gallons to supplement the Grandfathered Use Permit, if needed.

V P Cozart called for additional discussion. There was none. VP called for a motion.

Secretary Merritt made a motion to approve the General Manager's recommendation of 5,019,033 gpy for Hanover Water Solutions Berkshire HOA North well N-2017-030. Director Haster seconded the motion.

VP Cozart called for Board vote. Vote was unanimous to accept the motion.

Applicant: Hanover Water Solutions, LLC (Berkshire HOA)- Berkshire South

Location of Well: 9718 Paxon Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76131

N-2017-029 - Latitude: 32.911380° N Longitude: -97.349200° W

Purpose of Use: Irrigation and Pond

Requested Annual Production: 13,066,701 gallons

Capacity (GPM): 85
Aquifer: Paluxy

GM Jones introduced Hanover Water Solutions - Berkshire HOA South.

GM recommended 4,399,409 gallons per year of water usage as reported in 2018.

V P Cozart called for additional discussion. There was none. VP called for a motion.

Secretary Merritt made a motion to accept the General Manager's recommendation of 4,399,409 gpy for the Hanover Water Solutions Berkshire HOA South well N-2017-029. Director Haster seconded the motion.

VP Cozart called for Board vote. Vote was unanimous to accept the motion.

Applicant: Hanover Water Solutions, LLC (HPC Wellington North Development Corp)- Well #1

Location of Well: 1501 Jocelyn Dr, Haslet, TX 76052

N-2019-0026 - Latitude: 32.948111° N Longitude: -97.392361° W

Purpose of Use: Irrigation and Pond

Requested Annual Production: 16,443,248 gallons

Capacity (GPM): 180
Aquifer: Twin Mountains

GM Jones introduced Hanover Water Solutions - HPC Wellington North Development Corp - Well 1

GM recommended 16,443,248 gallons per year of water usage as reported in 2022.

V P Cozart called for additional discussion. There was none. VP called for a motion.

Secretary Merritt made a motion to accept the General Manager's recommendation of 16,433,248 gpy for the Hanover Water Solutions HPC Wellington North Development Corp — Well 1 N-2019-0026. Director Haster seconded the motion.

VP Cozart called for Board vote. Vote was unanimous to accept the motion.

Location of Well: 1532 Everitt Tr, Haslet, TX 76052

N-2019-0025 - Latitude: 32.948778° N Longitude: -97.393722° W

Purpose of Use: Irrigation and Pond

Requested Annual Production: 12,608,749 gallons

Capacity (GPM): 180
Aquifer: Twin Mountains

GM Jones introduced Hanover Water Solutions – HPC Wellington North Development Corp – Well 2

GM recommended 12,608,749 gallons per year as reported in 2020.

V P Cozart called for additional discussion. There was none. VP called for a motion.

Secretary Merritt made a motion to accept the General Manager's recommendation of 12,608,749 gpy for the Hanover Water Solutions HPC Wellington North Development Corp — Well 2 N-2019-0025. Director Haster seconded the motion.

VP Cozart called for Board vote. Vote was unanimous to accept the motion.

### Applicant: Viridian Municipal Management District

Location of Well System: N Collins St, Arlington, TX 76011- Within Viridian Municipal Management District

Purpose of Use: Pond and Irrigation

Requested Annual System Production: 195,464,642 gallons

Capacity (GPM): Well 1- 260 Well 2- 260 Well 3- 260

Aquifer: Well 1- Paluxy Well 2- Paluxy Well 3- Paluxy

VP Cozart called for an introduction to Viridian MMD.

General Manager Jones requested that Viridian MMD be tabled for this meeting. The information was not received in time for presentation to the Board.

### Applicant: Burleson Golf Partners, LLC/ Southern Oaks Golf Course

Location of Well System: 13765 Southern Oaks Dr, Burleson, TX 76028

Purpose of Use: Pond and Irrigation

Requested Annual System Production: 20,000,000 gallons

Capacity (GPM): Well 1-55 Well 2-30 Well 3-100 Well 4-37 Well 5-65

Aquifer: Well 1- Paluxy Well 2- Paluxy Well 3- Twin Mountains Well 4- Paluxy Well 5- Paluxy

VP Cozart called for an introduction to Burleson Golf Partners.

GM Jones introduced the Burleson Golf Partners Well System, comprised of five (5) wells.

GM recommended 9,405,280 gpy as reported in 2018 reports.

GM reported that Burleson Golf Partners could request additional gallons with an Operating Permit.

V P Cozart called for additional discussion. There was none. VP called for a motion.

Secretary Merritt made a motion to accept the General Manager's recommendation of 9,405,280 gpy for the Burleson Golf Partners well system including Wells N-2018-0660; N-2018-0661; N-2018-0662; N-2018-0663; and N-2018-0664. Director Haster seconded the motion.

VP Cozart called for Board vote. Vote was unanimous to accept the motion.

Director Gladbach joined the meeting in person at 2:20 pm.

Applicant: Friendly Oaks Water Supply

Location of Well: 6005 Tranquility Dr, Ste A, Fort Worth, TX 76140

N-2016-1459 - Latitude: 32.591464° N Longitude: -97.227058° W

Purpose of Use: PWS

Requested Annual Production: 2,303,800 gallons

Capacity (GPM): 45 Aquifer: Paluxy

VP Cozart called for an introduction to Friendly Oaks Water Supply.

GM Jones introduced Friendly Oaks WS.

GM recommended 2,303,800 gpy as reported in the 2015 reports.

V P Cozart called for additional discussion. There was none. VP called for a motion.

Secretary Merritt made a motion to approve the request of 2,303,800 gpy for the Friendly Oaks Water System well N-2016-1459. Director Haster seconded the motion.

VP Cozart called for Board vote. Vote was unanimous to accept the motion.

Applicant: Silver Creek RV Resort, LLC

Location of Well: 10250 Western Oaks Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76108

N-2022-0197 - Latitude: 32.797465° N Longitude: -97.502874° W

Purpose of Use: PWS

Requested Annual Production: 3,000,000 gallons

Capacity (GPM): 40 Aquifer: Glen Rose

VP Cozart called for an introduction to Silver Creek RV Resort, LLC.

GM Jones introduced Silver Creek RV Resort, LLC

GM recommended Board discussion of the 3,000,000 gpy request. GM recommended 2024 reported usage of 2,761,625 gpy.

V P Cozart called for additional discussion. There was none. VP called for a motion.

Secretary Merritt made a motion to follow the GM recommendation to approve 2,761,625 gpy for Silver Creek RV Resort, LLC.well N-2022-0197. Director Haster seconded the motion.

VP Cozart called for Board vote. Vote was unanimous to accept the motion.

Applicant: WL Jones Realty- Martin Marietta Materials

Location of Well: 1315 Markum Gate Way, Fort Worth, TX 76126

Purpose of Use: Industrial

Requested Annual Production: 7,000,000 gallons

Capacity (GPM): 24
Aquifer: Paluxy

VP Cozart called for an introduction to WL Jones Realty- Martin Marietta Materials.

GM Jones introduced WL Jones Realty- Martin Marietta Materials.

GM recommended Board discussion of the 7,000,000 gpy request. GM recommended 2018 reported usage of 6,319,867 gpy.

V P Cozart called for additional discussion. There was none. VP called for a motion.

Secretary Merritt made a motion to follow the GM recommendation to approve 6,319,867 gpy for WL Jones Realty-Martin Marietta Materials well N-2018-0477. Director Haster seconded the motion.

VP Cozart called for Board vote. Vote was unanimous to accept the motion.

Applicant: WL Jones Realty- Martin Marietta Materials

Location of Well: 1309 Markum Gate Way, Fort Worth, TX 76126

N-2018-0518 - Latitude: 32.691472° N Longitude: -97.521972° W

Purpose of Use: Industrial

Requested Annual Production: 7,000,000 gallons

Capacity (GPM): 25 Aquifer: Paluxy

VP Cozart called for an introduction to WL Jones Realty- Martin Marietta Materials.

GM Jones introduced WL Jones Realty- Martin Marietta Materials.

GM recommended Board discussion of the 7,000,000 gpy request. GM recommended 2018 reported usage of 6,505,808 gpy.

V P Cozart called for additional discussion. There was none. VP called for a motion.

Secretary Merritt made a motion to follow the GM recommendation to approve 6,505,808 gpy for WL Jones Realty-Martin Marietta Materials well N-2018-0518. Director Haster seconded the motion.

VP Cozart called for Board vote. Vote was unanimous to accept the motion.

The Board of Directors heard the Crest Water (James Dyche) Grandfathered Use Permit Application out of Agenda order.

The last action on the Grandfathered Use Permit Agenda was the introduction of Crest Water (James Dyche), followed by Board discussion and action.

3. Public Comment on the Grandfathered Use Permit Application(s).

Public comment was taken during the presentation of each Grandfathered Use Permit Application.

 Consider and act upon the Grandfathered Use Permit Application(s), including the designation of parties and/or granting or denying the Grandfathered Use Permit Application(s) in whole or in part, as applicable.

Board action was taken during the presentation of each Grandfathered Use Permit Application.

5. Review the Operating Permit Application(s) of:

Applicant: Carroll ISD

Location of Well: 1800 E Kirkwood, Southlake, TX 76092

N-2016-0442 - Latitude: 32.953694° N Longitude: -97.122278° W

Purpose of Use: Irrigation

Requested Annual Production: 5,000,000 gallons

Capacity (GPM): 30 Aquifer: Paluxy

GM Jones introduced the Operating Permit Application for Carroll ISD for irrigation purposes only.

GM recommended approval of the Operating Permit Application request of 5,000,000 gpy.

VP Cozart called for any questions or discussion. There was none. VP Cozart called for a motion.

Secretary Merritt made the motion to approve the Carroll ISD Operating Permit Application for Well # N-2016-0442 for 5,000,000 gpy. Director Haster seconded the motion.

The Board vote was unanimous to approve the motion for the Carroll ISD Operating Permit.

6. Public Comment on the Operating Permit Application(s).

Public Comment was taken during the presentation of the Operating Permit Application.

 Consider and act upon the Operating Permit Application(s), including the designation of parties and/or granting or denying the Operating Permit Application(s) in whole or in part, as applicable.

Board action was taken during the presentation of the Operating Permit Application.

8. Adjourn or continue Permit hearing.

VP Cozart adjourned the Permit hearing at 2:38 PM.

## **Regular Board Meeting**

The Regular Board Meeting will begin upon the adjournment of the above-noticed Permit Hearing.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

The Board may consider, discuss, and take action, including expending funds, on any of the following agenda items:

### AGENDA:

1. Call to order, establish a quorum, and declare the meeting open to the public.

Vice President Cozart called to order the March 4, 2025, Open Meeting for the Regular Board Meeting at 2:38 P.M. A quorum was established, and the meeting was opened to the public.

**Board Members present:** 

Vice President Cozart

Secretary Merritt Director Haster Director Gladbach

Board Member Absent:

President Laughlin

Staff Present:

Corey Jones, General Manager

Hi Newby

Laura Schumacher

Remote via telephone: Ty Embrey, Lloyd Gosselink - Attorney for the District

John Ellis, P.G., Intera Incorporated

2. Public Comment.

#### No public comment.

- 3. Consent Agenda: Each of these items is recommended by the Staff, and approval thereof will be strictly on the basis of the Staff's recommendations. Approval for the Consent Agenda authorizes the General Manager or his designee to implement each item in accordance with the Staff recommendations. The Consent Agenda will be approved as a block. Any Board member who has questions regarding any item on the Consent Agenda may have the item pulled and considered as a regular item on the agenda. Any items so pulled for separate discussion will be considered as the first items following approval of the Consent Agenda.
  - Approval of minutes from the Board meeting on August 14, 2024.
  - B. Approval of minutes from the Board meeting on December 11, 2024.
  - C. Approval of Current Budget Performance Operating and Investment account statements.
  - D. Payment of bills/invoices received.
  - E. Reimburse the General Manager, Field Tech, and/or Office Manager for invoices/bills paid on behalf of the District.

Consent Agenda Item 3.A. was pulled for presentation at the next meeting due to quorum composition.

Consent Agenda Items 3.B, 3.C, 3.D, & 3.E. were presented to the Board for consideration.

Vice President Cozart called for Board discussion on the Consent Agenda. No discussion.

VP Cozart called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Director Gladbach made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Secretary Merritt seconded the motion. Board vote was unanimous for approval of the Consent Agenda as presented.

4. Any items from the Consent Agenda that were pulled for further discussion.

Consent Agenda Item 3.A. was pulled for presentation at the next meeting due to quorum composition.

5. Receive Quarterly Investment Report.

General Manager Jones presented the Investment Report for the quarterly Investment Report ending December 31, 2024.

VP Cozart called for discussion. No discussion. He called for a motion.

Director Haster made a motion to accept the 2024.4<sup>th</sup> quarter Investment Report ending December 31, 2024. Director Gladbach seconded the motion. Board vote was unanimous for approval of the Consent Agenda as presented.

6. Discuss, Consider, and act upon potential violations of District Rules by the following:

General Manager Jones presented each Permit pumped in excess of the authorized amount. NOTE: GM recommendation and Board action for each violation.

The Hills Church- Permit 165
 Pumping in Excess of Authorized Amount
 GM Jones recommended a 1<sup>st</sup> Major Violation that is 3 times the fee rate for overproduction of 336,000 gallons.

The overpumping violation amount would be \$156.24. Additionally, GM recommended a 1st Violation Civil Penalty.

Bruce Painter was present at the meeting to represent The Hills Church.

The Board discussed the  $1^{st}$  violation for overpumping and the  $1^{st}$  violation Civil Penalty. An additional overpumping violation will result in a Civil Penalty of \$1,000.00 plus 10 times the overpumping amount.

Director Gladbach discussed operational controls with Mr. Painter.

VP Cozart called for a motion.

Director Haster made the motion to levy the 3 times overproduction fee of \$ 156.24 and a 1<sup>st</sup> violation Civil Penalty. The Civil Penalty of \$500.00 was waived for Permit 165. Director Gladbach seconded the motion. Board vote was unanimous.

The Gatehouse- Permit 149
 Pumping in Excess of Authorized Amount
 GM Jones recommended a 1<sup>st</sup> Major Violation that is 3 times the fee rate for overproduction of 892,492 gallons.

The overpumping violation amount would be \$ 373.16. Additionally, GM recommended a 1st Violation Civil Penalty.

Wade Parker was present at the meeting to represent The Gatehouse.

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VP Cozart called for discussion and a motion.

Director Haster made the motion to levy the 3 times overproduction fee of \$ 373.16 and a 1<sup>st</sup> violation Civil Penalty. The Civil Penalty of \$500.00 was waived for Permit 149 District registration # well N-2020-0205. Director Gladbach seconded the motion. Board vote was unanimous.

• Seville WSC- Permit 191 Pumping in Excess of Authorized Amount GM Jones recommended a 1<sup>st</sup> Major Violation that is 3 times the fee rate for overproduction of 838,457 gallons.

The overpumping violation amount would be \$ 389.88. Additionally, GM recommended a 1st Violation Civil Penalty.

Casey Trimble was present at the meeting to represent Seville Water Supply Corp.

VP Cozart called for discussion and a motion.

Director Haster made the motion to levy the 3 times overproduction fee of \$ 389.88 and a 1<sup>st</sup> violation Civil Penalty. The Civil Penalty of \$500.00 was waived for Permit 191 District registration #s N-2016-0947 and N-2016-1025. Director Gladbach seconded the motion.

Board discussed the plan for compliance with the Seville WSC representative and the number of homes being supplied.

VP Cozart called for a Board vote. Board vote was unanimous.

Fort Worth Boat Club- Permit 181 Pumping in Excess of Authorized Amount
 GM Jones recommended a 1<sup>st</sup> Major Violation that is 3 times the fee rate for overproduction of 58,208 gallons.

The overpumping violation amount would be \$ 27.07. Additionally, GM recommended a 1st Violation Civil Penalty.

Casey Trimble was present at the meeting to represent Fort Worth Boat Club.

Director Haster made the motion to levy the 3 times overproduction fee of \$ 27.07 and a 1<sup>st</sup> violation Civil Penalty. The Civil Penalty of \$500.00 was waived for Permit 181. Director Gladbach seconded the motion.

VP Cozart called for further discussion. There was none.

VP Cozart called for a Board vote. Board vote was unanimous.

Covenant Christian Academy- Permit 164
 Pumping in Excess of Authorized Amount
 GM Jones recommended a 1<sup>st</sup> Major Violation that is 3 times the fee rate for overproduction of 10,298,747 gallons.

The overpumping violation amount would be \$ 4,788.92. Additionally, GM recommended a 1st Violation Civil Penalty.

No representative present at the meeting to represent Covenant Christian Academy due to a security event at the school.

Director Haster made the motion to levy the 3 times overproduction fee of \$ 4,788.92 and a 1<sup>st</sup> violation Civil Penalty. The Civil Penalty of \$500.00 was waived for Permit 164 . Director Gladbach seconded the motion.

VP Cozart called for further discussion. There was none.

VP Cozart called for a Board vote. Board vote was unanimous.

City of Kennedale- Permit 162
 Pumping in Excess of Authorized Amount
 GM Jones recommended a 1<sup>st</sup> Major Violation that is 3 times the fee rate for overproduction of 31,503,749 gallons.

The overpumping violation amount would be \$ 14,649.24. Additionally, GM recommended a 1st Violation Civil Penalty.

Kristian Sugrim is present at the meeting to represent the City of Kennedale.

Director Haster made the motion to levy the 3 times overproduction fee of \$ 14,649.24 and a 1<sup>st</sup> violation Civil Penalty. The Civil Penalty of \$500.00 was waived for Permit 162 . Director Gladbach seconded the motion.

VP Cozart called for further discussion. There was none.

VP Cozart called for a Board vote. Board vote was unanimous.

7. Discuss, consider, and possible action on matters pertaining to Work Plan for Monitoring Program Expansion, including but not limited to funding and authorizing the District Staff to execute the proposed Agreement.

Vice President Cozart requested that GM Jones present the Work Plan for Monitoring Program Expansion from Intera.

GM introduced the Work Plan and Intera representative, John Ellis. (remote via telephone).

GM informed the Board that the 2025 Budget could fund the Intera Services Agreement not to exceed \$50,000.00. The Work Plan would ensure the District had an efficient monitoring well program.

The District currently monitors 30 wells. Not all wells have quality water level data for modeling information.

The General Manager asked John Ellis from Intera for additional input. The Work Plan reviews the Management Plan and monitoring plan to ensure they are in agreement.

Board discussed the overall monitoring plan for the District as it is currently.

GM recommended completing as much as possible. Task 5 could possibly be delayed until 2026. GM requested the Board approve the not-to-exceed contract for \$50,000.00.

Director Haster asked if the deliverables would include a GIS map and if the recommendation phase from Task 5 would include a timeline to complete the recommendations. Director Haster would like these two items included in the Scope of Work.

Director Haster made the motion to move forward with a not-to-exceed contract with Intera for \$50,000.00, subject to the addition being added to the Scope of Work as part of the assessment and analysis phase, a GIS map is deliverable, and Task 5 monitoring recommendation plan includes Phase costs for District budgeting which would consist of future monitoring options. Director Gladbach seconded the motion.

VP Cozart called for discussion. Director Gladbach restated that the motion includes "not to exceed" \$50,000.00 for the contract.

VP Cozart called for a Board vote. Board vote was unanimous.

8. Discuss, consider, and possible action on a potential Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County related to Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 230.

VP Cozart requested that the GM introduce Agenda Item 8.

GM explained to the Board that the Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County complies with a bill introduced by Texas Senator Charles Perry during the last legislative session in 2023. The bill is related to the groundwater availability certification for new subdivisions relying on groundwater, either expansion or existing systems for individual wells for individual houses.

Most platting entities are unfamiliar with the hydrogeological studies submitted with the plats, so most platting agencies have entered into ILAs with local GCDs for their expertise to review the water availability studies and potentially make recommendations to assure the studies are as accurate as possible. Most GCDs rely on their consultants to perform and review the submitted hydrogeological studies. NTGCD would rely on Intera for the reviews.

NTGCD would not have the authority to approve or deny a plat, but it is an opportunity to review proposed development.

GM recommended a fee schedule for the groundwater availability study. Intera will charge for the review based on the plat size.

VP Cozart called for a motion.

Director Gladbach made a motion to approve the redline version of the Interlocal Agreement from Tarrant County. Director Haster seconded the motion.

VP Cozart called for discussion. No additional discussion.

VP Cozart called for a Board vote. Board vote was unanimous.

 Discussion and possible action related to establishing a fee for reviews of Groundwater Availability Certifications.

The General Manager led the discussion on setting a fee schedule for reviewing the Groundwater Availability Certifications. The GM recommended an administrative fee for the review.

Chapter 230 is a checklist for submittals. The checklist would have to be completed before submittal to Intera.

GM recommended \$1,000.00 for the GAC review process.

VP called for a motion.

Secretary Merritt made a motion to establish a fee of \$2,000.00 for review of Groundwater Availability Certifications. Director Haster seconded the motion.

VP Cozart called for discussion. No additional discussion.

VP Cozart called for a Board vote. Board vote was unanimous.

10. Discussion and possible action on matters related to District vehicle.

GM discussed the potential purchase of an extended warranty for the District vehicle.

Ford service is limited in exploring the cause of the vehicle transmission incident. The vehicle is close to its original warranty mileage expiration.

GM recommended an extended warranty for the District vehicle.

Board discussed purchasing an extended warranty.

No Board action.

11. Legislative update related to the 89th Texas Legislative Session- Ty Embrey

Attorney Embrey discussed the number of bills submitted, and the deadline to submit a bill is March 14, 2025.

Twelve to fifteen bills were submitted that could amend Chapter 16, Water Code. One bill required Districts to add an Explanatory Report to their Management Plan to address their progress toward achieving their DFCs.

The most negative bill concerns attorneys' fees. We are monitoring the situation to determine the best way to deal with them.

The State is considering taking 2.5 million from the surplus to fund water supply projects, brackish water treatment, and trying to get water from other states. The voters would have to approve a constitutional amendment.

Charles Perry is looking to create a governmental entity, a special district to move water around the state via a pipeline system similar to an electrical grid, but on a water level- a water grid to move water from areas that have water to areas that need water. Also, Senator Perry is working towards getting a dedicated revenue system for water projects instead of just taking surplus money.

#### 12. G M Report

RDFTV Texas Agriculture Matters- Water Conservation

GM Jones appeared in an RDFTV session with Sid Miller.

NTCOG webinar- From the Ground Up: The Whys and Hows of Groundwater Protection

Participated in a webinar with the North Texas Council of Governments.

Management Plan Readoption

Working with John and Intera staff to update the Management Plan for readoption by May  $5^{th}$  at the next Board meeting.

2024 Audit

Kim, with BMY, is working on the 2024 Audit

2024 Annual Report

The 2024 Annual Report is being updated.

GM spoke to the Board about replacing the printed Board Books with iPads. A printed copy will be available, but each director will have an iPad for the meeting.

GM informed the Board of a contamination situation in Johnson County involving elevated levels of PFAS. Johnson County has declared a State of Emergency to seek funds for cleanup.

13. Board Reports

No action was taken.

14. Other Business / Setting of next meeting

GM will send out dates for the next meeting. The Management Plan will be on the Agenda for readoption.

15. Adjourn.

Vice President Cozart adjourned the meeting at 4:27 PM.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS this

29th day of <u>April</u> 2025.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary of NTGCD Board.

250324.NTGCD Minutes