

PUBLIC HEARING/MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PLUM CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT
LOCKHART, TEXAS 78644
September 10th, 2025

Notices of this hearing/regular meeting were posted in the Caldwell and Hays County Courthouses at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Receipts of the notices are on file in the office of Plum Creek Conservation District.

Checks were reviewed and signed just prior to the call to order by Treasurer/Secretary, Mrs. Lucy Knight.

1:00 PM President Holt called the hearing to order.

1:00 PM President Holt opened the public hearing for the proposed tax rate of \$0.0137 per \$100.00 of valuation for the flood control division of Plum Creek Conservation District for 2025-2026 and for the proposed tax rate of \$0.017 per \$100.00 of valuation for the groundwater division of the Plum Creek Conservation District for 2025-2026. President Holt stated that there were no public attendees that wished to comment on the proposed tax rates, but five (5) Board members were present: James Holt (President), Peter Reinecke (Vice-President), Lucy Knight (Secretary-Treasurer), Tom Owen (Director), and Lee Rust (Director). Also present were Bob Wilson (Attorney), PCCD Staff Daniel Meyer, Alan Burklund, Tyler Farco, and Nora Lopez-Castillo.

1:10 PM President Holt closed the public hearings for the Plum Creek Conservation District's proposed tax rates for the flood control division and groundwater division 2025-2026 and stated that there were no public attendees that wished to comment on the proposed tax rates, and that the time was 1:10 PM.

1:10 PM President Holt then opened the public meeting.

1:10 PM President Holt asked if there was any unfinished business that required the Board of Directors' attention. Daniel Meyer stated that there was no unfinished business.

1:10 PM President Holt requested discussion of agenda item VII regarding a proposed change to the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership's (PCWP) wastewater treatment facility effluent limit recommendations. Daniel Meyer reminded the Board that PCCD was part of the PCWP. Mr. Meyer informed the Board that back in 2010, PCWP had put a plan together to try to improve the contaminants in Plum Creek since it was not meeting the State's standard. Mr. Meyer stated that the PCWP plan included recommendations regarding limits for various contaminant levels. Mr. Meyer stated the PCWP was recommending a change in the phosphorus level from 1 mg/L to 0.5 mg/L. Mr. Meyer stated that this recommended level, if approved by PCWP, would be required for new permits only. Mr. Bob Wilson informed the Board that entities that discharge are required to obtain a Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) permit from TCEQ. Mr. Bob Wilson stated that if this change was approved then PCWP would inform TCEQ that the recommended discharge effluent discharge for phosphorus had been reduced. Mr. Meyer stated he would be casting his vote on behalf of PCCD at the next PCWP meeting. Mrs. Knight made a motion to authorize Mr. Meyer to vote in favor of lowering the phosphorus level. Mr. Reinecke provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously.

1:18 PM President Holt requested discussion of agenda item VIII about landowner concerns regarding groundwater level fluctuations of a Leona well on Misty Lane.

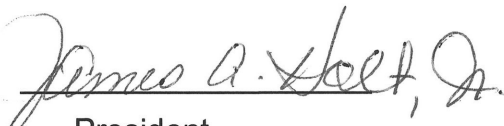
Each Board member had been given a handout that outlined the timeline of events regarding this agenda item. Mr. Meyer briefly discussed the timeline and indicated that late in August, he had received a call regarding an area off Misty Lane where construction of a wastewater treatment facility was occurring and that water was running down into a bar ditch. Mr. Meyer stated he had investigated the area and sent information to Bob Wilson for his feedback. Mr. Meyer stated he then received a call from a nearby landowner that was concerned about his well, so Mr. Meyer put a measuring device on the landowner's well and measured the water level. Mr. Meyer stated he had communicated with the landowners and County Line SUD as well as BVRT (owner of the wastewater treatment facility). Mr. Meyer informed the Board that there had been discussions between attorneys regarding what type of permit would be needed. Mr. Meyer stated that a PCCD dewatering application was needed and County Line SUD was currently working on submitting the application. Dan Connolly addressed the Board and stated he was the owner of the well near Misty Lane. Mr. Connolly stated this well was the only source of water for his cattle, the well was about 12 feet deep and had never gone dry. Mr. Connolly stated he had attended the meeting for two reasons: (1) to raise awareness of this type of situation and (2) to discuss the adoption of new policies and oversight given that he wished he had been able to use the water for his property instead of it flowing into the ditch. Mr. Connolly stated he had seen the water level drop in his well and wanted to know if this could be correlated to the pumping. Ms. Doris Steubing voiced her concerns about a portion of Clear Fork Creek that runs through her property that was now completely dry, development issues and the activities of wastewater treatment plans. Ms. Teresa Burrhus also voiced her concerns about development and wastewater construction activities and stated that the portion of Clear Fork Creek that runs through her property was now down to a trickle. Tim Auld informed the Board that he had witnessed the water flowing continuously at Misty Lane and had called PCCD to inform Daniel Meyer. Mr. Auld stated he was a concerned citizen and a landowner that wanted to advocate for proper management of groundwater. Mr. Bob Wilson introduced Mike Gershon, the lawyer that represented County Line SUD. Mr. Bob Wilson stated that County Line was in the process of starting excavation to install a pipeline that would bring water in from Alliance Regional Water Authority, to supplement their water supply. Mr. Bob Wilson stated that in Texas PCCD could only regulate non-exempt groundwater wells. Mr. Bob Wilson stated that PCCD's rules required a permit application for dewatering. Mr. Bob Wilson stated that if excavation was done and shallow ground water was encountered, the District needed to be informed so that the District could issue a permit of up to 60 days. Mr. Bob Wilson stated, however, that under Texas law there was no such requirement for a property owner who wanted to productively pump their own groundwater so the landowner could pump as much groundwater as they wanted. Mr. Bob Wilson stated that because of that law, groundwater districts could not do much about over pumping other than monitoring. Mr. Bob Wilson also described the Leona as a shallow, alluvial aquifer with a braided stream system with numerous outcrops and had a high contamination, particularly of phosphates. In addition, Mr. Bob Wilson stated it was unknown how the Leona aquifer recharged. Mr. Bob Wilson stated that due to the complex geology of the Leona aquifer, it would be difficult to determine if a particular well was impacted by a particular withdrawal. Mike Gershon stated that County Line was taking the matter seriously and over the

last 3 or 4 business days the contractor had been instructed to stop the de-watering and construction activities that involved moving water out of the construction site. Mike Gershon and Humberto Ramos both stated they would continue to work with local landowners and PCCD about this issue. Mr. Ramos stated they would be assessing the situation to see what could be done differently, but the project would need to be completed to provide services to its customers. Mr. Holt thanked everyone for bringing this matter to the Board's attention and stated it sounded like the issue was being worked out.

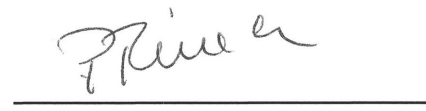
2:36 PM President Holt requested a report from PCCD's Attorney, Bob Wilson. Mr. Wilson stated he had no additional comments.

2:36 PM President Holt requested public comments. There were no further public comments.

2:38 PM Mr. Owen made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Reinecke provided the second and the motion to adjourn passed unanimously.



President



Vice-President