MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PLUM CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT
LOCKHART, TEXAS 78644
July 21st, 2026

Notices of this 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 Mrs. Lucy Knight, Treasurer/Secretary.

1:00 PM

The meeting/hearing was called to order by President of the Board, James A. Holt, Jr. The following Board members were present: Tom Owen (Vice President), Lucy Knight (Secretary/Treasurer), Fred Rothert (Director), Lee Rust (Director), and Jon Mitchell (Director). Jordan Furnans with Windward Water and Barry Baughier with Meeder Public Funds were present. Sue Ayers, Edmond McCarthy, and Feathergail Wilson attended the meeting via Zoom. PCCD staff members Nora Lopez-Castillo, Alan Burklund, and Tyler Farco were present. Nora Lopez-Castillo transcribed the minutes.

1:01 PM

President Holt requested public comments. Mrs. Lopez-Castillo stated there was one public comment. Mr. Holt announced that following the public comment and consideration of the minutes, the Board would move into Executive Session. Mr. Jordan Furnans introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Furnans stated he was a civil engineer, hydrogeologist, and a consultant working for a company called Windward Water. Mr. Furnans stated he was at the meeting on behalf of Legacy Water Supply Corporation, located in Webb County. Mr. Furnans stated he was talking on behalf of Legacy, the City of Laredo, and Webb County mainly related to GMA-13 and Plum Creek Conservation District's participation and voting record in GMA-13. Mr. Furnans explained that Webb County did not have a representative on GMA-13's Board and relied on public comments being provided to the GMA-13 Board, and the Board would then decide how much water should be pumped out of the Carrizo Aquifer within Webb County to meet the needs of both Webb County and the GMA. Mr. Furnans stated that decision had been debated over the last 5 years. Mr. Furnans stated that in March (2026), there was a meeting of the GMA, and it came out that they were going to have about 26,000-acre feet a year of water be approved for pumping in Webb County. Mr. Furnans stated the GMA Board decided to make sure that number was correct and had delegated to the Wintergarden GCD the sole responsibility for making that assessment. Mr. Furnans stated that at the Wintergarden GCD meeting in early April, Wintergarden affirmed it would issue the 26,000-acre feet. Mr. Furnans stated that the day after Wintergarden made the announcement, they rescinded the announcement, called a Special Board Meeting during which they dropped the pumping amount to zero. Mr. Furnans stated that result was taken to the next GMA meeting, where GMA-13 approved it. Mr. Furnans stated he was issuing a public comment on behalf of the 3 entities and was requesting that GMA-13 reconsider and reinstitute the 26,000-acre feet per year for Webb County pumping. Mr. Furnans stated that if that cooperation was not received from GMA-13 members, the City of Laredo, Webb County, and his client, Legacy Water Supply Corporation, were ready and able to file a lawsuit against GMA-13. Mr. Furnans stated he would be speaking to all the GMA-13 District Boards. Mr. Furnans stated they wanted to work with the GMA, did not want to sue and expend money unnecessarily. Mr. Holt asked which District they were in; Mr. Furnans stated there was no Groundwater District in Webb County. Mrs. Knight asked if there had been any thought given to creating a District. Mr. Furnans stated that 2 legislative sessions ago, they had filed a petition to get a District formed, but it was quashed and then during the recent legislative session, the same thing occurred. Mr. Furnans stated they were again in discussions with commissioners and landowners about the benefits of having a Groundwater District.

1:07 PM

President Holt requested motions or comments regarding the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on June 16th, 2026. Mrs. Knight made a motion that the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on June 16th, 2026, be accepted as mailed out.

Mr. Owen provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously.

1:07 PM President Holt asked if there was any unfinished business that required the Board of Directors' attention. Alan stated that there was no unfinished business.

1:07 PM President Holt moved the meeting into Executive session. No action was taken on items discussed during the Executive Session.

1:25 PM President Holt called the meeting back into Regular session.

1:25 PM President Holt requested discussion of agenda item V regarding considering action by Resolution to ratify the approved changes made to PCCD's Investment Policy on 06/16/2026. Mrs. Knight stated that the changes had been voted on and approved at the last meeting. Mr. Mitchell made the motion to ratify the approved changes made to PCCD's Investment Policy. Mrs. Knight provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously.

1:26 PM President Holt requested discussion of agenda item VI regarding the PCCD Quarterly Investment Report and update on Meeder Public Funds. Mrs. Knight stated that the Quarterly Report indicated that the District was in good shape. Mrs. Knight then introduced Barry Baughier with Meeder Public Funds and stated that he had helped PCCD revise the investment policy to open the door for PCCD to begin investing that was considered very safe and that public entities were allowed to do. Mr. Baughier stated Meeder worked exclusively with public funds. Mr. Baughier gave a presentation on the Investment Program Implementation that included an overview of Meeder, a list of current Texas clients, and Meeder's comprehensive approach to investing. Mr. Baughier explained that Meeder was an advisor, not a broker/dealer, and that Meeder worked with brokers/dealers to be able to offer PCCD the best possible investment options. Mr. Baughier discussed the services that Meeder would provide to PCCD as follows: (1) investment policy review, (2) cash flow analysis, (3) investment strategy, (4) execution of trades, (5) monthly reporting and review, (6) compliance monitoring, (7) credit research, and (8) banking and custody relationships. Mr. Baughier then discussed PCCD's current portfolio and stated he had looked at the last 4 years, which showed the balances were steady and consistently growing with an average monthly balance of $24.5 million. Mr. Baughier stated that $20 million of PCCD's current balance could be allocated to securities at 0-1 year, 1-2 years, and 2-3 years that could earn higher rates of interest. Mr. Baughier stated that this investment approach would also diversify PCCD's portfolio. Mr. Baughier discussed the reason for setting up a custodian bank. Mr. Baughier discussed Texas Connect Investment Pool, which would be an investment pool that could be used as an additional liquidity reserve option. Mr. Baughier stated that the next step would be to execute the initial trades. President Holt asked what Meeder charged. Mr. Baughier stated Meeder charged an Asset Under Management Fee (AUM), which was a fee that was based only on what PCCD held in securities, with a minimum fee of $15,000 per year and a first tier of up to $25 million at a fee of $25,000. A discussion was held regarding the new investment strategy and how it would ensure PCCD would have the funds available should the dams require significant repairs. Mr. Mitchell made the motion approving the investment committee to move forward with this type of investing. Mr. Rust provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously.

2:01PM President Holt requested discussion of agenda item VIII regarding an engagement letter from Montemayor Britton Bender Carey, PC for auditing services. Regarding Montemayor Britton Bender Carey, Alan stated that the proposal was $15,550 which was $550 over last year's cost (but correct amounts were $15,000 and $500). Alan stated that Mr. Meyer had wanted him to comment that since PCCD had received over $750,000 in federal and state grant funding, a single audit was required. Mrs. Knight made the motion that PCCD accept this engagement. Mr. Owen provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously.

President Holt requested discussion of agenda item IX regarding the professional services of McCarthy and McCarthy, LLP, Feathergail Wilson, James Jansen, and Deborah Hubert. Alan stated that last year these services were considered separately. Mrs. Knight made a motion to approve the engagement from McCarthy and McCarthy. Mr. Rust provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously. The Board then considered Feathergail Wilson's services. Mrs. Nora Lopez-Castillo informed the Board that Feathergail Wilson had verbally stated he would be willing to consult for the District for another year at the
2:03 PM same rate. Mr. Rust made the motion that PCCD approve the services of Mr. Feathergail Wilson for another year. Mrs. Knight provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously. The Board then considered the services of James Jansen. Mr. Owen made the motion that PCCD approve the cost of $600 for James Jansen's services. Mrs. Knight provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously. The Board then considered the services of Debi Hubert. Mrs. Knight made the motion to approve the payment of expenses for Ms. Hubert for document preparation for the auditors. Mr. Owen provided the second and the motion was approved unanimously.

President Holt requested discussion of agenda item X regarding a report from Ash & Associates
2:07 PM regarding surveying work for a proposed easement at Site 14. Alan informed the Board that items X and XI would be moved to the next Board and no new updates had been received.

President Holt requested discussion of agenda item XI regarding considering amending
2:07 PM Site 14's easement associated with the original easement landowner, Alex B. Kercheville (Volume 185 Page 140 of Hays County Deed of Records). Alan informed the Board that items X and XI would be moved to the next Board and no new updates had been received.

President Holt requested discussion of agenda item XII regarding Site 2 matters. Alan
2:07 PM stated that this would be moved to the next meeting as well and there was no new information at this time.

2:07 PM President Holt requested discussion of agenda item XIII regarding easements at Site 12. Alan stated this had been discussed earlier during the Executive Session.

2:08 PM President Holt requested discussion of agenda item XIV regarding the City of Kyle's Condemnation Suit regarding Site 5's easement. Alan stated this had been discussed earlier during the Executive Session.

President Holt requested discussion of agenda item XV regarding considering action by Resolution the submittal of rehabilitation applications to NRCS for Sites 3, 4, 7,17,18, 24, 26, 29, 31, and 34 in order to comply with 30 TAC Chapter 299, §299.15. Alan stated that the resolution would be ratification of the Board's approval from last month. Alan stated
2:08 PM that at the last month's Board meeting, Daniel stated he had contacted NRCS who had sent PCCD a packet of information to submit applications. Mr. Owen stated that the resolution stated that the District intends to submit rehabilitation applications to USDA-NRCS. Mrs. Knight made a motion to approve and sign the resolution. Mr. Rust provided the second. The resolution passed with a vote of 6 Ayes and 0 (zero) Nays. The resolution was signed.

President Holt requested a report from the PCCD Geologist, Mr. Feathergail Wilson. Mr. Wilson gave a presentation on the Wilcox aquifer. Mr. Wilson stated that the Wilcox had individual sands that had built up over time. Mr. Wilson stated that the Wilcox was referred to as one aquifer, but in reality, it had multiple aquifers that were stacked on top of each other, separated by shales. Mr. Wilson showed where the Wilcox was in relation to the outline of the Plum Creek Conservation District and stated that half of the District was cov-
2:10 PM ered by the Wilcox. Mr. Wilson stated that the Wilcox had become PCCD's primary aquifer. Mr. Wilson pointed out that the Yoakum Channel cut out most of the Wilcox, starting at Cedar Creek in the adjoining county and went all the way down to the deep water of the Gulf of Mexico. Mr. Wilson stated the location of the Yoakum Channel left only a very small area where wells could be drilled and find water in the Wilcox. Mr. Wilson showed a slide that depicted the shale-sand sequence throughout the Wilcox and stated that the sand occurred in the upper and middle portions of the Wilcox, not the lower Wilcox.

2:25 PM President Holt requested a report from the NRCS's District Conservationist. The NRCS's District Conservationist was not in attendance.

President Holt requested a report from the PCCD Executive Manager, Mr. Daniel Meyer. Alan asked Mr. McCarthy to discuss the public information request. Mr. McCarthy stated after the Board meeting, he had one question for Nora, and after that PCCD should be in position to forward responses/documents to Mr. Earle. Mr. McCarthy pointed out that the public information request was associated with the presentation that had been made by Dr. Furnans earlier during the public comments portion of the meeting. Alan informed the Board that the Site 27 project applications to repair the riser would be taken to the Caldwell -Travis Soil and Water Conservation District and Hays County SWCD next month to obtain
2:25 PM signatures. Alan gave an update regarding Site 14 and stated that a notice of a wastewater discharge permit by Walton Group had been received recently. Alan stated that Mr. Meyer had sent figures to the AECOM engineers who sent back calculations on the impact of the potential change of 420,000 gallons per day to 2 million gallons per day. Alan informed the Board that it had been determined that there would be a minimal increase during a 100-year flood event. Alan stated that Daniel and Nora had worked on a draft vehicle policy and that Daniel asked that the Directors review it. Alan gave an update on the mowing project and stated Sites 21, 34, and 38 had been mowed completely and the project should be completed by the end of the month if the weather was good. Alan reminded the Directors that the cybersecurity training deadline was August 31st.

2:30 PM President Holt requested a report from PCCD's Attorney, Edmond McCarthy. Mr. McCarthy stated he had covered, under the agenda items, all the matters he had to report on.

2:30 PM President Holt requested public comments. There were no public comments.

2:31 PM Mrs. Knight made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Owen provided the second and the motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

James A. Holt
President

Tom Owen
Vice-President