

Minutes
Annual Meeting
2024 Possum Kingdom Lake Association (PKLA)
Saturday June 8, 2024
Possum Kingdom Lake Chamber of Commerce

A breakfast was served at 8:30am, to PK residents that arrived early.

Welcome/Introductions – Approximately 125 were in attendance. PKLA Director Mike Carter introduced elected officials and others that serve the PK community on various boards.

State Representative Dr. Glenn Rogers, District 60, Topic: Water and TCEQ 101- Glenn reviewed Texas water ownership. There are three agencies that regulate water for the State.

- Texas Water Development Board. PK Lake is in Region G which is one of 16 regions in the State. There is no one on this board from Palo Pinto County.
- Public Utility commission regulates water rates.
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) This agency is led by three Commissioners that are appointed by the Governor. TCEQ regulates, inspects, and enforces environmental regulations. They regulate water function, air quality, and manage waste. TCEQ works with the EPA for implantation of federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

Rogers closing statements were about the water needs in District 60 particularly Palo Pinto County

BRA Upper Basin Manager - Mike McClendon, Topic: Lake Rangers and Water Quality- Mike introduced new PK Lake Manager Troy Weatherhead.

Mike explained how BRA contracted with Palo Pinto Sheriff's office for law enforcement, including enforcement of lake regulations. He reminded the crowd that they should call 911 for emergencies and the Sheriff office nonemergency phone number to report other violations. Mike explained that BRA is forming a Water Quality Committee that will have a broad membership including PKLA. Tiffany Malzahn, BRA Environmental & Compliance Officer, is in charge of writing the design for the environmental challenges for this committee will address. Mike pointed out that although there are currently water-quality monitors strategically located around PK Lake. The committee will study where additional monitoring could be beneficial in studying water quality and water currents. Currently water sampling that is managed by BRA includes taking routine water samples and turning the information over to the appropriate State agency. A modeling company will be hired to do modeling. Stake holder groups have been identified that will participate on the water quality committee. BRA Directors will be presented committee details possibly as soon their July, 2024 meeting.

PKLA Director Mert Fewell and PKLA Hydrologist Kirk Kennedy, Topic: TCEQ and City of Abilene Public Hearing, Tuesday June 18, 2024, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at the Possum Kingdom Lake Chamber of Commerce building.

Mert outlined the TCEQ application and the steps that PKLA has taken to date. Mert introduced Kirk Kennedy, PKLA hydrologist. Kirk explained that every five years recertification is required by TCEQ. The City of Abilene submitted Renewal Permit No. WQ0005213000 that was received by TCEQ on March 7, 2023. Normally, recertification includes data from the facility regarding operations. Abilene has not operated their water treatment plant, so no data is available. Kirk went on to describe the process that would be used for the Public Hearing. He suggested that questions be brought to the meeting in written form and presented orally. Attendees were encouraged to be gentle but firm as they approached the Public Hearing and have good questions ready to submit to TCEQ and the City.

Palo Pinto General Hospital CEO - Ross Korkmas, Topic: Updates Medical Services Palo Pinto County

Ross talked about his interest in the PK community. Ross outlined the facilities in the county and medical specialist available at Palo Pinto General Hospital. The PK Clinic and EMS facility was built by two government entities. The hospital districts and Emergency Service District # 1 worked together to build this facility. Ross outlined new state of art medical equipment that is now available. He pointed out the many new specialist and services that are now available. The Hospital building is currently undergoing remodeling, one area at a time.

Question & Answer- Attendees asked questions. Presenters stayed and visited with residents that had special questions.

Adjourn- The meeting adjourned by 11:30pm

PKLA Directors

Marsha Bettis
Mert Fewell
Hank Lattimore
Brent Nance
Stacy Urban

Mike Carter
Monte Land
Russell Madden
Jeff Young

Community Attendees

Air Evac - Rhonda Deen
Peyco Southwest - Cole Carter & Jim
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