

MINUTES OF THE
PERMIT HEARING AND MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
HELD: April 2, 2020

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 2nd day of April 2020 the Board of Directors of the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District convened in a PERMIT HEARING by teleconference at 1:00 PM with the following members present by phone:

Rodney Stephens – President
Fred Parker - Secretary
Kenneth Bullington – Director
Gary Kafer – Director
Robert Payne – Director
W.B. Maples – Director

Barbara Domel – Vice-President
Jerry Hinshaw – Director
Shane Tucker – Director
Charles Ferguson – Director
Joe Altebaumer – Director
Frank Volleman - Director

Also present by phone were Joe Cooper, Johnny Wells, Crystal Eberhart, Debbie Montgomery, and Stephanie Keith.

President Rodney Stephens called the hearing to order declared a quorum present and that the hearing was duly convened and ready to transact business.

Notice of the hearing was given, stating the time, place and purpose, all as required by Chapter 551 of the Government Code.

1. Hearing called to order by Rodney Stephens.
2. Roll Call of members was given by Debbie Montgomery.
3. Permit applications are ready for review. Joe Cooper stated that all operating permits were administratively complete and ready to be heard.
4. Motion was made by Barbara Domel and second by Robert Payne to approve all operating permits. All members present voted yes. All permits were approved.
5. Motion to adjourn permit hearing made by Fred Parker. Second by Charles Ferguson. All members present voted yes.
7. Rodney Stephens adjourned the permit hearing.

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1. Meeting called to order by Rodney Stephens.
2. Invocation was given by Joe Altebaumer.
3. Roll Call of Members was given by Debbie Montgomery.
4. Pledge of allegiance was conducted.
5. No guests present were present by phone.
6. No public comments were received
7. There was a review of the Minutes of the March 12th, 2020 monthly Board Meeting. W.B. Maples made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes to accept the minutes.
8. Check Detail Report reviewed for dates 3/1/2020 through 3/31/2020, for check numbers 10371 through 10407, and including electronic checks numbered 31720, 31820, 33120, and 33121. Motion was made by W.B. Maples, second by Joe Altebaumer, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes.
9. Income/Expense Comparison was reviewed. 19.6 % of the budget has been expended.
10. Office Manager Report was given by Crystal Eberhart and Debbie Montgomery. In addition to the permit applications, there were 16 exempt well registrations, including 2 replacements. The MTGCD office has been closed since Monday, March 23rd, due to health conditions. Employees are working from home as needed to answer questions by phone and email and to process registrations. The mail and FAX is being checked at least every other day by, with only one person in the office at a time. Disinfection procedures are being followed. Water levels will continue to be monitored, with the exception of those that require human contact. Water quality requests and plugging requests are being accepted but will be performed at a later time.
11. Field Tech report was given by Johnny Wells. No wells were plugged in the month of March. Three water quality tests were completed, 1 in Erath County, and 2 in Comanche County. One Comanche County well tested high in salinity and TDS and it is located on Proctor Lake. Coryell County wells were monitored in March and Bosque County wells will be monitored in April.
12. Education/Public Relations Report was given by Stephanie Keith. Activities that were scheduled with schools have been cancelled through the end of April due to school campuses being closed.
13. Manager's Report was given by Joe Cooper.

14. Stephanie Keith discussed updates on The Ditch. The sewer and water tap has been installed. The internship has been postponed at least until summer due to the shelter-in-place order.
15. There was discussion on the Employee Insurance Re-rates. Vision, dental, and life premium rates remain the same but medical has a 9% increase. Joe Cooper recommended that the Board accept the re-rates with the current company and coverages. Joe Altebaumer made a motion to accept the re-rates, second by Frank Volleman. All members present voted yes.
16. The Quarterly Investment Report was not available as the report cannot be run until the 3 business days after the end of the quarter. Frank Volleman made a motion to table the Quarterly Investment Report until the next meeting. Second by Joe Altebaumer. The Quarterly Investment Report will be tabled until the May Board Meeting.
17. The Quarterly Drought Report was given by Joe Cooper. The Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI) shows “unusually moist” conditions. The Crop Moisture Index (CMI) shows “excessively wet.” The U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook on March 19, 2020 indicates that drought conditions are not probably in the MTGCD area though June 30, 2020.
18. There was discussion on possible agenda items for the May Board Meeting. Items to be placed on the agenda include the Quarterly Investment Report and GMA 8 Update.
19. Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Frank Volleman. Meeting adjourned by Rodney Stephens.

MINUTES approved this 7th day of May 2020.

Joe Altebaumer/Erath Co.

Fred Parker/Erath Co.

Jerry Hinshaw/ Erath Co.

Shane Tucker /Comanche Co.

Frank Volleman/Comanche Co.

Rodney Stephens/Comanche Co.

Charles E. Ferguson/ Bosque Co.

Barbara Domel/Bosque Co.

Robert Payne/Bosque Co.

Gary Kafer/Coryell Co.

Kenneth Bullington/Coryell Co.

W.B. Maples/ Coryell Co.