

MINUTES OF THE
PERMIT HEARING AND MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
HELD: April 1, 2021

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 1st day of April 2021 the Board of Directors of the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District convened in a PERMIT HEARING at 930 N Wolfe Nursery Rd, Stephenville, Texas at 1:00 PM with the following members present:

Rodney Stephens – President
Fred Parker - Secretary
Robert Payne – Director
Kenneth Bullington – Director

Barbara Domel – Vice-President
Jerry Hinshaw – Director
Shane Tucker – Director
Joe Altebaumer - Director

Members absent were Charles Ferguson, Frank Volleman, W.B. Maples, and Gary Kafer. Also present 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 Jerry Hinshaw and second by Shane Tucker to approve all operating permits. All members present voted yes.
5. Motion to adjourn permit hearing made by Fred Parker. Second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes.
6. 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 were present.
6. No public comments were received.
7. There was a review of the Minutes of the March 4th, 2021 monthly Board Meeting. Shane Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes to accept the minutes.
8. Check Detail Report reviewed for dates 3/1/2021 through 3/31/2021, for check numbers 10912 through 10956, and including electronic checks 30121, 30122, 31521, 31522, 213103, and 3312021. Motion was made by Kenneth Bullington, second by Shane Tucker, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes.
9. Income/Expense Comparison was reviewed. As of the end of March, 19.0 % of the budget has been expended, and 9.0 % of The Ditch Project budget has been expended. 93.7 % of 2020 revenue has been collected.
10. Office Manager Report was given by Debbie Montgomery. In addition to the permit applications, there were 24 exempt new well registrations and 6 replacements. The MTGCD office will be closed Friday, April 2nd, for Good Friday.
11. Field Tech report was given by Johnny Wells. Four wells were plugged in March, 1 in Erath County and 3 in Comanche County. Seven water quality tests were completed, 3 in Erath County, 1 in Comanche County, and 3 in Coryell County. One Coryell well tested positive for bacteria, most likely due to the sampling port at the horse trough. One Coryell well was high in salinity. 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.
13. Manager's Report was given by Joe Cooper.
14. Quarterly Investment Report was not able to be run due to the meeting being on the first business day of the month. Shane Tucker made a motion to table the report to next month, second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes. Quarterly Investment Report will be added to the May 2021 Board Meeting agenda.
15. Quarterly Drought Report was given by Joe Cooper. The PDSI (Palmer Drought Severity Index) as of March 27, 2021 for the North Central Texas region is -0.46, which translates to "near normal" conditions. The CMI (Crop Moisture Index) as of March 27, 2021 for the North Central Texas region is 0.00, which translates to "slightly dry / favorably moist." The Climate Prediction Center of NOAA U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook on March 18, 2021, with predictions valid through June 30, 2021, indicates that drought development is likely in MTGCD.
16. Legislative Update was given by Joe Cooper.
17. Outdoor Learning Center update was given by Stephanie Keith.
18. The Rules Committee has not met yet so there was no update to give.
19. Jerry Hinshaw made a motion to table the Review / Discussion / Possible Approval of Preliminary Signage/Exhibits Theme Design to May. Second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes. This agenda item will be added to the May Board Meeting agenda.
20. Joe Altebaumer made a motion to table Discussion / Action to Address Expenditure Policy and Processes Regarding the Project. Second by Shane Tucker. All members present voted yes. This agenda item tabled.
21. Stephanie Keith went over criteria for the MTGCD essay contest for senior high school students. First place winners will receive a \$1000 scholarship and second place winners will received a \$875 scholarship, with two winners from each county. Scholarships will be paid directly to the university/college upon confirmation of enrollment in classes. The essay topic for 2021 is "Valuing Water." Barbara Domel made a motion to approved the Scholarship Program Criteria. Second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes.
22. There was discussion on changing MTGCD's telephone/internet provider service. A different provider service can provide better service for a lower monthly cost. Jerry Hinshaw made a motion to change providers, second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes.
23. Agenda items for the May Board Meeting were discussed. Items will include Quarterly Investment Report, project update, and participation and nomination for CAD board members.
23. Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Joe Altebaumer. Meeting adjourned by Rodney Stephens.

MINUTES approved this 6th day of May 2021.

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.