

MINUTES OF THE  
PERMIT HEARING AND MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
HELD: April 6, 2023

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023 the Board of Directors of the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District convened in a PERMIT HEARING at 930 Wolfe Nursery Rd, Stephenville, Texas at 1:00 PM with the following members present:

Barbara Domel – Vice-President	Fred Parker - Secretary
Jerry Hinshaw - Director	Shane Tucker - Director
Gary Kafer - Director	Kenneth Bullington – Director
Charles Ferguson – Director	Robert Payne – Director
W.B. Maples – Director	Frank Volleman – Director
Joe Altebaumer - Director	

Board Member absent was Rodney Stephens. Also present were Patrick Wagner, Johnny Wells, Stephanie Keith, Debbie Montgomery, and Rachael Phillips.

Vice-President Barbara Domel 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 Barbara Domel.
2. Roll Call of members was given by Debbie Montgomery.
3. All operating permit applications were presented as administratively complete except for one of the Casey Raitz permit applications which did not meet spacing requirements.
4. Motion to adjourn permit hearing made by Fred Parker. Second by Charles Ferguson. All members voted yes to adjourn.
5. Barbara Domel adjourned the permit hearing.

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On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023, the Board of Directors of the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District convened in a STATED SESSION at 930 Wolfe Nursery Rd, Stephenville, Texas at 1:00 PM with the following members present:

Barbara Domel – Vice-President	Fred Parker - Secretary
Jerry Hinshaw - Director	Shane Tucker - Director
Gary Kafer - Director	Kenneth Bullington – Director
Charles Ferguson – Director	Robert Payne – Director
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Board Member absent was Rodney Stephens. Also present were Patrick Wagner, Johnny Wells, Stephanie Keith, Debbie Montgomery, and Rachael Phillips.

Vice-President Barbara Domel called the meeting to order, declared a quorum present and that the meeting was duly convened and ready to transact business.

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1. Meeting called to order by Barbara Domel.

2. Roll Call of Members was given by Debbie Montgomery.
3. Invocation was given by Joe Altebaumer.
4. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted
5. There were no guests present.
6. There were no public comments.
7. Frank Volleman made a motion to approve all operating permit applications on the permit hearing agenda except for one of the Casey Raitz permit applications that did not meet spacing requirements. Second by Jerry Hinshaw. Ten members present voted yes to approve all permit applications except for one of the Casey Raitz applications, one member opposed. Permit applications except for one of the Casey Raitz applications approved.
8. There was a review of the Minutes of the March 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2023 monthly Board Meeting. W.B. Maples moved to approve the minutes, second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes to approve the minutes.
9. Check Detail Report reviewed for dates 3/1/2023 through 3/31/2023, for check numbers 12181 through 12221, and including electronic checks 3152023, 3312023, 20230315, and 20230331. Motion was made by Jerry Hinshaw, second by Kenneth Bullington, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes.
10. Income/Expense Comparison was reviewed by Patrick Wagner. 21.9% of the 2023 budget has been spent.
11. Patrick Wagner reviewed the current tax rate and percent of revenue collected. 92.69 % has been collected.
12. Manager's Report was given by Patrick Wagner.
13. Office Administrator's Report was given by Debbie Montgomery. In addition to the permit applications, there were 37 new exempt well registrations and 2 replacements during the past month.
14. Field Tech report was given by Johnny Wells. Nine wells were plugged in the month of March, 5 in Comanche County and 4 in Erath County. Nine water quality tests were completed, 5 in Erath County, 2 in Comanche County, 1 in Bosque County, and 1 in Coryell County. All wells tested good. Coryell County wells were monitored in March and Bosque County wells will be monitored in April.
15. Education/PR Report/The Ditch Water Discovery Center Update was given by Stephanie Keith.
16. Quarterly Drought Report was given by Patrick Wagner.
17. Quarterly Investment Report was given by Patrick Wagner.
18. There was discussion on authorizing the District Representative to execute the Interlocal Agreement regarding GMA 8 funding and Texas Water Development Board participation for the Northern Trinity and Woodbine Aquifers Groundwater Availability Model Update. Jerry Hinshaw made a motion, second by Shane Tucker, to authorize the District Representative to execute the Interlocal Agreement Regarding Groundwater Management Area 8 funding and TWDB participation for the Northern Trinity and Woodbine Aquifers GAM Update, up to one-eight share of the total amount of \$591,100 (\$73.887.50). All members present voted yes.
19. There was discussion on possibly changing the accounting period for MTGCD from Calendar Year (1/1 – 12/31) to Fiscal Year (10/1 – 9/30). The accounting period would then be in sync with the tax year, which could make accounting and budgeting a little easier. Charles Ferguson moved to get the process started, with final approval to be at a later time. Second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes. MTGCD will move forward with changing the Calendar Year to match up with the Fiscal Year.
20. Patrick Wagner went over some drilling activities and possible violations regarding wells drilled and operated without District approval. After some discussion, Charles Ferguson made a motion to send a cease and desist order to any driller found to have drilled without District approval. Second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes.
21. Patrick Wagner went over some of the proposed changes to MTGCD rules. Another Rules Committee meeting will be set before the next Board Meeting. No action taken.
22. Patrick Wagner went over some of the groundwater legislation being discussed in the current legislative session.
23. Charles Ferguson moved to table the Executive Session. Second by Fred Parker. All members present voted yes. Executive Session tabled.
24. There was discussion on agenda items for the May Board Meeting.
23. Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Charles Ferguson. Meeting adjourned by Barbara Domel.

MINUTES approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

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Joe Altebaumer/Erath Co.

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Fred Parker/Erath Co.

*Jerry Hinshaw*

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Jerry Hinshaw/ Erath Co.

*Shane Tucker*

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Shane Tucker /Comanche Co.

*F. Volle*

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Frank Volleman/Comanche Co.

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Rodney Stephens/Comanche Co.

*Charles E. Ferguson*

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Charles E. Ferguson/ Bosque Co.

*Barbara Domel*

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Barbara Domel/Bosque Co.

*Robert Payne*

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Robert Payne/Bosque Co.

*Gary Kafer*

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Gary Kafer/Coryell Co.

*Kenneth Bullington*

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Kenneth Bullington/Coryell Co.

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W.B. Maples/ Coryell Co.