

**MINUTES OF THE PERMIT HEARING OF THE
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
HELD: April 4, 2024**

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ERATH

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Charles Ferguson – President
Fred Parker - Secretary
Kenneth Bullington – Director
Shane Tucker – Director
W.B. Maples - Director

Barbara Domel – Vice-President
Jerry Hinshaw - Director
Robert Payne – Director
Rodney Stephens - Director

Absent:

Frank Volleman - Director
Joe Altebaumer - Director
Butch Ronne - Director

Staff:

Patrick Wagner – General Manager
Stephanie Keith – Education Coordinator
Johnny Wells – Field Technician
Debbie Montgomery – Permit Coordinator
Rachael Phillips – Administrative Coordinator

Guests:

Paul Gaudette – Dublin Citizen
Michael Stevens
Julie Thomes
Stephanie Cundall
Sondra Payne
Shannon & Ariane Reagor

President Charles Ferguson called the meeting to order, declared a quorum present and that the meeting 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. Call to Order

Hearing called to order by Charles Ferguson.

2. Roll Call

Roll call of members was conducted by Debbie Montgomery.

3. Operating Permit Applications to be Heard:

See agenda.

4. Discussion on Operating Permit Applications

There was discussion on the 17 operating permit applications listed on the agenda. Seven of the permit applications are for Domestic use on land 10 acres in size or less, 1 permit applications is for an existing well that is being transferred from Rig Supply use to Domestic and Livestock Watering, 4 permit applications are for Domestic and/or Livestock Watering use on over 10 acres (one of which was previously approved to drill on 5/5/2022 and the permit expired), and 5 permit applications are for Irrigation use.

5. Adjourn Permit Hearing

Motion to adjourn permit hearing made by Fred Parker. Second by Rodney Stephens.

Motion carried 9-0.

Charles Ferguson adjourned the permit hearing.

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3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Charles Ferguson. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

4. Recognize Guests

Charles Ferguson thanked the guest for attending the Board Meeting.

5. Public Comments

There were none.

6. Take Action on Operating Permit Applications

Kenneth Bullington made a motion to approve all operating permit applications, second by Shane Tucker.

Motion carried 9-0.

7. Approve / Ratify Minutes

There was a review of the minutes of the March 7th, 2024, monthly Board Meeting. Kenneth Bullington moved to approve the minutes, second by Robert Payne.

Motion carried 9-0.

8. Approve / Ratify Payment of Bills

Check Detail Report was reviewed for dates 3/1/2024 through 3/31/2024, for check numbers 12837 through 12883 (12854 and 12866 voided) and including electronic checks 3152024 and 3292024. Motion was made by Kenneth Bullington, second by Jerry Hinshaw, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills.

Motion carried 9-0.

9. Financial Report

Financial Report was given by Patrick Wagner.

10. Discussion / Consider / Possible Action on Well Drillers/Landowner District Rules Violations.

Patrick went over some District Rules violations by well drillers and landowners, which included drilling without prior MTGCD approval and annular seal issues. A letter will be mailed to GAP Drilling Services (Mr. Montana Mize) to request his attendance at a Show Cause Hearing next month.

11. Discussion on District Rules

Patrick Wagner went over the proposed District Rules changes. Rodney Stephens made a motion, second by Shane Tucker, to add a sentence "Any changes in the identity of a driller on any well registration or permit-related registration must be communicated and approved by the General Manager". A public rules hearing will be held May 9th, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

12. Discussion / Consider / Possible Action on Scheduling Public Hearing on Proposed Rule Changes for May 2024, Board Meeting.

Fred Parker moved to change the May Board Meeting from May 2nd to May 9th for the Public Hearing on Proposed Rule Changes. Second by Jerry Hinshaw.

Motion carried 9-0.

13. Discussion / Consider / Possible Action on Scheduling Public Hearing on Proposed Rules Changes to District Compliance Policy for May 2024, Board Meeting.

Shane Tucker made a motion, second by Kenneth Bullington, to schedule the Rules Hearing for May 9th, 2024. All members present voted yes to schedule the hearing for May 9th, 2024.

14. General Manager's Report given by Patrick Wagner

15. Receive Monthly Staff Reports

- a) Monthly Drought Status Report given by Patrick Wagner.
- b) Monthly Investment Report given by Patrick Wagner
- c) Well Registration Report given by Debbie Montgomery. In addition to the 17 permit applications listed on the permit agenda, there were 37 exempt registrations, 35 new registrations and 2 replacements.
- d) District Field Tech Report given by Johnny Wells. One well was plugged in the month of March, in Erath County. Nine water quality tests were completed, 1 in Comanche County 1 in Bosque County, and 7 in Erath County. All tested with good water quality. Coryell and Hamilton County wells were monitored in March, and Bosque County wells will be monitored in April.
- e) Education / Public Relations Report given by Stephanie Keith.

16. Executive Session pursuant to Sections 551.071 and/or 551.074 of Texas Government Code to discuss Legal Matters and/or Personnel Matters

None.

17. Discussion / Possible Action on any Matter discussed in Executive Session under Agenda Item No. 16

None.

18. Discuss Agenda Items for May Board Meeting

The Board discussed a rules hearing, show cause hearing, permit hearing, and regular board meeting.

19. Adjourn

Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Jerry Hinshaw.

Motion carried 9-0.

Meeting adjourned by Charles Ferguson.

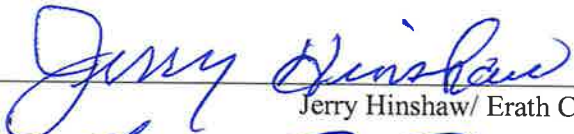
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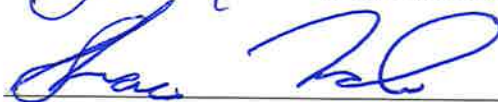
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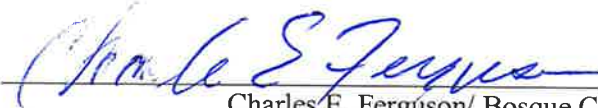


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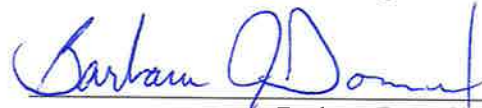


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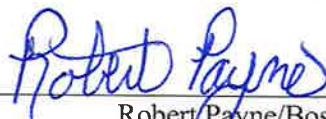
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