

MINUTES OF THE  
PERMIT HEARING AND MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
HELD: August 5, 2021

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 5th day of August 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  
Kenneth Bullington – Director  
Gary Kafer – Director  
Frank Volleman – Director

Barbara Domel – Vice-President  
Jerry Hinshaw – Director  
W.B. Maples – Director  
Charles Ferguson – Director  
Joe Altebaumer - Director

Members absent were Robert Payne and Shane Tucker. Also present were Joe Cooper, Johnny Wells, Crystal Eberhart, Stephanie Keith, and Debbie Montgomery.

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. It was noted that the Patty Jackson permit application is for an existing well requesting an increase in pumpage.
4. Motion to adjourn permit hearing made by Fred Parker. Second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes.
6. Rodney Stephens adjourned the permit hearing.

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On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021, the Board of Directors of the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District convened in a STATED SESSION at 930 N Wolfe Nursery Rd, Stephenville, Texas at 1:00 PM with the following members present:

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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. Guests present included Jeremy Shell of Boucher, Morgan, and Young, Ty Embrey of Lloyd Gosselink Law Firm, and Brandon Belt, Coryell County Attorney.
6. No public comments were received.
7. Charles Ferguson made a motion to accept and approve all the permit applications reviewed at the permit hearing. Second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes to approve the permit applications.
8. Annual Audit presented by Jeremy Shell of Boucher, Morgan, and Young.
9. Coryell County Attorney Brandon Belt gave a presentation on karst invertebrates, their significance and impacts, and the establishment of Habitat Conservation Plans.
10. Stephanie Keith gave an overview of the Interpretive Design by fd2s for The Ditch Water Discovery Center.
11. There was a review of the Minutes of the July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 monthly Board Meeting. W.B. Maples moved to approve the minutes, second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes to accept the minutes.
12. Check Detail Report reviewed for dates 6/15/2021 through 7/31/2021, for check numbers 11097 through 11137, 11139 through 11153, and including electronic checks 63021, 63022, 73121, and 73122. Motion was made by Charles Ferguson, second by Joe Altebaumer, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes.
13. Income/Expense Comparison was reviewed. 44.4 % of the budget has been expended, and 23.7 % of The Ditch Project budget has been expended. 99.6 % of 2020 revenue has been collected.
14. Crystal Eberhart reviewed the current tax rate and percent of revenue collected.

15. Crystal Eberhart went over the first review of the budget for 2022.
16. Manager's Report was given by Joe Cooper.
17. Office Manager Report was given by Crystal Eberhart and Debbie Montgomery. In addition to the 7 permit applications, there were 38 exempt new well registrations and 2 replacements.
18. Field Tech report was given by Johnny Wells. There were 5 wells were plugged in July, 2 in Erath County and 3 in Comanche County. Eight water quality tests were completed, 4 in Erath County, 2 in Comanche County, and 2 in Coryell County. Both Coryell County wells tested high in TDS and salinity. All wells tested negative for bacteria. Coryell County wells were monitored in July and Bosque County wells will be monitored in August.
19. Education/Public Relations Report / Outdoor Learning Center Update was given by Stephanie Keith.
20. The Board retired into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of Texas Government Code – consultation concerning attorney client matters at 3:10 PM.
21. The Board reconvened at 5:15 PM. Quarterly Investment Report was given by Joe Cooper. The average monthly interest rate on MTGCD's invested public funds for June 2021 is 0.0131% for TexPool and 0.0708% for TexPool Prime. As of 6/30/2021, MTGCD has a total of \$3,653,895.53 invested with TexPool.
22. There was discussion on the selection of Boucher, Morgan, and Young, CPA for MTGCD's annual audit. Charles Ferguson made a motion to accept the contract with Boucher, Morgan, and Young for the annual audit. Second by W.B. Maples. All members present voted yes.
23. There was discussion on the contract between MTGCD and Waldrop Construction for Construction Management Services. Kenneth Bullington made a motion to approve the contract, second by Charles Ferguson. All members present voted yes.
24. Charles Ferguson moved to table the discussion/possible action to approve the construction of a groundwater well at The Ditch Water Discovery Center. Second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes.
25. Crystal Eberhart went over The Ditch Discovery Center Expenditure Policy.
26. Kenneth Bullington moved to order the Regular Election for Directors from Bosque and Coryell Counties to be held November 2, 2021. Second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes.
27. Barbara Domel made a motion to give a medical leave of absence to the General Manager effective until the day of the next Board Meeting, with medical being covered through 9/2/2021. He is to provide the Board with documentation about his medical condition by the next meeting, which is scheduled for September 2, 2021. Second by Charles Ferguson. All members present voted yes. Jerry Hinshaw and Fred Parker were appointed to authorize all financial-related matters.
28. Frank Volleman made a motion to table the Rules Committee Update to the September Board Meeting. Second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes.
29. There was discussion on the date of the September Board Meeting. Charles Ferguson moved to keep the meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes.
30. Agenda items for the September Board Meeting were discussed.
31. Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Charles Ferguson. Meeting adjourned by Rodney Stephens.

**MINUTES approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2021.**

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Joe Altebaumer/Erath Co.

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Fred Parker/Erath Co.

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Jerry Hinshaw/ Erath Co.

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Shane Tucker /Comanche Co.

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Frank Volleman/Comanche Co.

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Rodney Stephens/Comanche Co.

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Charles E. Ferguson/ Bosque Co.

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Barbara Domel/Bosque Co.

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Robert Payne/Bosque Co.

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Gary Kafer/Coryell Co.

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Kenneth Bullington/Coryell Co.

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W.B. Maples/ Coryell Co.