

MINUTES OF THE
PERMIT HEARING AND MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
HELD: August 4, 2022

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 4th day of August 2022 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:

Barbara Domel – Vice-President
Jerry Hinshaw - Director
Robert Payne - Director
Frank Volleman – Director
Charles Ferguson – Director

Fred Parker - Secretary
Shane Tucker - Director
Gary Kafer - Director
Kenneth Bullington – Director
W.B. Maples - Director

Board Members absent were Rodney Stephens and Joe Altebaumer. Also present were Patrick Wagner, Johnny Wells, Stephanie Keith, Crystal Eberhart, 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 administratively complete. There were also 4 permit amendments, one for change in use and three for increase in pumpage.
4. Motion to adjourn permit hearing made by Fred Parker. Second by Charles Ferguson. All members present voted yes.
5. Barbara Domel adjourned the permit hearing.

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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 Jerry Hinshaw.
4. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted
5. Guests present were Justin Latham and Justin Mannix of Coryell County.
6. There were no public comments.
7. Jerry Hinshaw made a motion to approve all operating permit applications on the permit hearing agenda. Second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes to approve the permit applications.
8. There was a review of the Minutes of the July 7th, 2022 monthly Board Meeting. Gary Kafer moved to approve the minutes of the meeting, second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes to approve the minutes.
9. Check Detail Report reviewed for dates 7/5/2022 through 7/29/2022, for check numbers 11729 through 11786, and including electronic checks 71522, 71523, and 72622. Check numbers 11738, 11742, 11747, and 11778 – 11782 voided. Motion was made by Kenneth Bullington, second by Shane Tucker, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes.
10. Income/Expense Comparison was reviewed.
11. Rules Committee Update was given by Patrick Wagner. There will be a drillers meeting on August 11th to get drillers' input on some of the proposed rule revisions. Forty-two certified letters were mailed out to drillers.
12. Patrick Wagner went over the proposal from James Beach for a study analyzing draw-down as affected by well spacing and the impact of overlapping cones of depression. Charles Ferguson made a motion to accept the proposal and authorize the payment of \$8500 for the analysis and report. Second by Robert Payne. All members present voted yes.
13. Patrick Wagner discussed updates on the development of an Interlocal Agreement with each of the four counties that MTGCD serves. Justin Latham of Coryell County spoke on the advantages of having an interlocal agreement regarding wells and subdivisions.
14. Patrick Wagner went over proposed HALFF updates and their associated costs. Jerry Hinshaw made a motion to accept the first proposed change, to change permit expiration date, at a cost of \$1575. Second by Shane tucker. All members present voted yes.

15. Patrick Wagner went over the updated Drought Contingency Plan for MTGCD. Charles Ferguson made a motion to accept the updated plan, second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes.
16. Manager's Report was given by Patrick Wagner. New MTGCD employee Rachael Phillips was introduced, who is replacing Crystal Eberhart as the office administrator.
17. Office Manager Report was given by Debbie Montgomery. In addition to the permit applications, there were 37 exempt new well registrations and 3 replacements during the past month.
18. Field Tech report was given by Johnny Wells. No wells were plugged in the month of July. Ten water quality tests were completed, 1 in Coryell County, and 9 in Comanche County. All wells tested good. Coryell County wells were monitored in July and Bosque County wells will be monitored in August.
19. Education/PR Report/The Ditch Water Discovery Center Update given by Stephanie Keith.
20. Monthly Drought Report given by Patrick Wagner.
21. Monthly Investment Report given by Patrick Wagner.
22. There was a third look at the 2023 Budget.
23. There was discussion of the Tax Rate for the upcoming year.
24. Frank Volleman made a motion to Order the Regular Election for Directors from Erath and Comanche Counties to be held November 8, 2022. Second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes. Election ordered.
25. Kenneth Bullington made a motion to add Patrick Wagner as GMA8 Representative. Second by Frank Volleman. All members present voted yes.
26. There was no Executive Session.
27. There was discussion on agenda items for the September Board Meeting, to be held on September 8, 2022.
28. Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Charles Ferguson. Meeting adjourned by Barbara Domel.

MINUTES approved this 8th day of September 2022.

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.