

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING  
ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
TO DISTRICT RULES  
HELD: August 10, 2023

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023, the Board of Directors of the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District convened in a PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DISTRICT RULES at 930 Wolfe Nursery Rd, Stephenville, Texas at 1:00 PM with the following members present:

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

No Board Members were absent. Also present were Patrick Wagner, Johnny Wells, Stephanie Keith, Debbie Montgomery, and Rachael Phillips.


President Rodney Stephens 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. Meeting called to order by Rodney Stephens.
2. Roll Call of Members was given by Debbie Montgomery.
3. Patrick Wagner gave a summary presentation of the proposed amendments to the MTGCD District Rules, which included changes and additions to:
  - a. definition of acre-foot
  - b. permit exclusions and exemptions
  - c. contested case hearings conducted by the State Office of Administrative Hearings
  - d. permit hearing – continuance
  - e. permit hearing – board action
  - f. permit hearing – request for rehearing and appeal
  - g. petition to change rules
  - h. groundwater transport fee
3. There were no public comments.
4. Frank Volleman made a motion to accept the proposed amendments to the District Rules as presented. Second by Shane Tucker. All members present voted yes to accept the proposed amendments.
5. Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Charles Ferguson. All members present voted yes to adjourn. Meeting adjourned by Rodney Stephens.

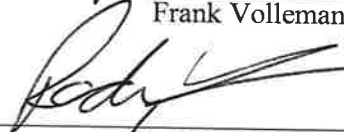
  
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MINUTES OF THE PERMIT HEARING  
AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
HELD: August 10, 2023

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 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:

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Rodney Stephens – President | Barbara Domel – Vice-President |
| Fred Parker - Secretary     | Jerry Hinshaw - Director       |
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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. All operating permit applications were presented as administratively complete. The Blue Sky Farms LLC well was previously approved, but is seeking approval for a change in location over 30 feet from the approved location. The Gerardo Herrera well is contingent upon plugging of an inactive grandfather-permitted well. The 3 proposed wells for Heath Haedge are contingent upon acceptance into the Voluntary Metering Program.
4. Motion to adjourn permit hearing made by Fred Parker. Second by Charles Ferguson. All members voted yes to adjourn.
5. Rodney Stephens adjourned the permit hearing.

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 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:

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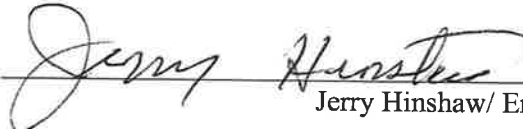
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1. Meeting called to order by Rodney Stephens.


2. Roll Call of Members was given by Debbie Montgomery.
3. Invocation was given by Joe Altebaumer.
4. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted
5. Guests present were permit applicants Ashley Moore and Paul Reidinger, Coryell County residents Tena and Mike Southwell, and Paul Gaudette of the Dublin Citizen.
6. There were no public comments.
7. Frank Volleman made a motion to approve all operating permit applications on the permit hearing agenda. Second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes to approve the permit applications. Permit applications approved.
8. There was a review of the Minutes of the July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 monthly Board Meeting. Jerry Hinshaw moved to approve the minutes, second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes to approve the minutes.
9. Check Detail Report reviewed for dates 7/1/2023 through 7/31/2023, for check numbers 12385 through 12436 (12418 voided), and including electronic checks 14072023 and 26072023. Motion was made by Barbara Domel, second by Jerry Hinshaw, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes.
10. Income/Expense Comparison was presented by Patrick Wagner.
11. Patrick Wagner went over the current tax rate and percent of revenue collected.
12. Patrick Wagner discussed the need for some new field technology and office computer equipment. Charles Ferguson made a motion to purchase a new field tech laptop and additional RAM for the office manager's computer. Second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes to purchase the additional equipment.
13. Patrick Wagner went over 2023 Budget Amendments. Charles Ferguson made a motion to approve the amendments as presented, second by Frank Volleman. All members present voted yes. 2023 Budget Amendments approved.
14. Patrick Wagner went over the second draft of the 2024 MTGCD Budget.
15. Charles Ferguson made a motion to propose the No New Revenue Rate for the 2023 Proposed Tax Rate. Second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes. No New Revenue Rate will be the 2023 Proposed Tax Rate for MTGCD.
16. Patrick Wagner went over the proposed Form to Petition to Adopt or Modify District Rules. Barbara Domel made a motion to accept the new form, second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes to accept the form. Form to Petition to Adopt or Modify District Rules approved and accepted.
17. Butch Ronne moved to order the Regular Election for Directors from Bosque and Coryell Counties to be held November 7, 2023. Second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes. Election ordered.
18. General Manager's Report given by Patrick Wagner.
19. Monthly Drought Status Report given by Patrick Wagner.
20. Monthly Investment Report given by Patrick Wagner.
21. Well Registration Update given by Debbie Montgomery. In addition to the 15 permit applications on the permit hearing agenda, there were 33 exempt registrations, which included 30 new wells and 3 replacement wells.
22. Field Tech report was given by Johnny Wells. Three wells were plugged in July, all in Erath County. Eight water quality tests were completed, 5 in Erath County, 1 in Comanche County, 1 in Bosque County, and 1 in Coryell County. The Comanche well tested positive for bacteria, also high in salinity and TDS. It has not been retested yet. The Coryell well tested high in salinity and TDS. Coryell and Hamilton County wells were monitored in July and Bosque County wells will be monitored in August.
23. Education/Public Relations Report was given by Stephanie Keith.
24. The Ditch Water Discovery Center Update was given by Stephanie Keith.
25. The Board retired into Executive Session at 2:50 PM.
26. The Board reconvened at 3:20 PM.
27. There was discussion on agenda items for the September Board Meeting, which will be held on September 7<sup>th</sup>.
28. Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Charles Ferguson. Meeting adjourned by Rodney Stephens.

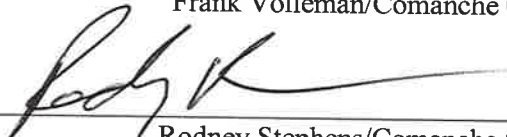
  
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