

MINUTES OF THE  
PERMIT HEARING AND MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
HELD: December 8, 2022

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022 the Board of Directors of the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District convened in a PERMIT HEARING at 122 N Austin St, Comanche, Texas at 6:00 PM with the following members present:

Rodney Stephens – President  
Fred Parker - Secretary  
Shane Tucker - Director  
Kenneth Bullington – Director  
Robert Payne – Director  
Joe Altebaumer - Director

Barbara Domel – Vice-President  
Jerry Hinshaw - Director  
Gary Kafer - Director  
Charles Ferguson – Director  
Frank Volleman – Director

Board Member absent was W.B. Maples. Also present were Patrick Wagner, Johnny Wells, Debbie Montgomery, and Rachael Phillips.

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. All operating permit applications were presented as administratively complete. Clemens Kuiper is also applying for the Voluntary Metering Program.
4. Motion to adjourn permit hearing made by Fred Parker. Second by Charles Ferguson. All members present voted yes.
5. Rodney Stephens adjourned the permit hearing.

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On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022, the Board of Directors of the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District convened in a STATED SESSION at 122 N Austin St, Comanche, Texas at 6:00 PM with the following members present:

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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 James Beach of Advanced Groundwater Solutions, LLC and Ty Embrey, James Muela, Audrey Cooper, and Madison Huerta of Lloyd Gosselink Law Firm.
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 Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes to approve the permit applications.
8. There was a review of the Minutes of the November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 monthly Board Meeting. Charles Ferguson moved to approve the minutes, second by Robert Payne. All members present voted yes to approve the minutes.
9. Check Detail Report reviewed for dates 11/2/2022 through 11/30/2022, for check numbers 11965 through 12016, and including electronic checks 11152022, 11302022, 20221115, and 20221130. Motion was made by Kenneth Bullington, second by Joe Altebaumer, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes.
10. Income/Expense Comparison was reviewed. 72.7 % of the MTGCD budget has been used.
11. Manager's Report was given by Patrick Wagner.
12. Office Administrator's Report was given by Debbie Montgomery. In addition to the permit applications, there were 19 exempt new well registrations and 5 replacements during the past month.
13. Field Tech report was given by Johnny Wells. Two wells were plugged in the month of November, 1 in Bosque County and 1 in Erath County. Seven water quality tests were completed, 4 in Erath County, 1 in Comanche County, and 2 in Coryell County. All wells tested good except one Coryell well tested high in salinity and TDS. Coryell County wells were monitored in November and Bosque County wells will be monitored in December.
14. Education/PR Report/The Ditch Water Discovery Center Update given by Patrick Wagner.

15. Monthly Drought Report given by Patrick Wagner.
16. Monthly Investment Report given by Patrick Wagner.
17. Recently re-elected directors Fred Parker, Frank Volleman, and Jerry Hinshaw were administered the Oath of Office.
18. Charles Ferguson made a motion to re-elect the current Board Officers for another year. Second by Robert Payne. All members present voted yes. Rodney Stephens to remain as Board President, Barbara Domel as Vice-President, and Fred Parker as Secretary.
19. James Beach of Advanced Groundwater Solutions gave a presentation on his review of the Groundwater Availability Certification for Cavern Lake Ranch in Coryell County.
20. There was discussion on the Interlocal Agreement with Bosque County. Robert Payne made a motion to approved the Interlocal Agreement, second by Barbara Domel. All members present voted yes to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Bosque County.
21. The Interlocal Agreement with Comanche County was discussed. Jerry Hinshaw moved to accept the Interlocal Agreement, second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Comanche County.
22. Executive Session tabled.
23. There was discussion on agenda items for the January Board Meeting.
24. Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Charles Ferguson. Meeting adjourned by Rodney Stephens.

**MINUTES approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.**

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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.