

MINUTES OF THE PERMIT HEARING
AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
HELD: December 7, 2023

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ERATH

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Shane Tucker - Director
Charles Ferguson – Director
Robert Payne – Director

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Jerry Hinshaw - Director
Kenneth Bullington – Director
Frank Volleman – Director
Butch Ronne - Director

Board Members absent were Joe Altebaumer and W.B. Maples. Also present were Patrick Wagner, 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. 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.
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.

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2. Roll Call of Members was given by Debbie Montgomery.
3. Invocation was given by Charles Ferguson.
4. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

5. Many guests were present, including residents of the Selden community.
6. Public comments were given by several residents of the Selden community, voicing their concerns about the Selden Pit and its effect on their water wells. Comments were given by Norman Caja, Don Fulton, Allen Burgess, James Mayfield, Patricia Porter, Robert Gustavsen, Amy Jackson, Edward Drew, Carolyn Adams, Cameron McKenzie, John Nease, Ronald Jackson, Elizabeth Johnson, Pete Schouten, Michael Smith, Mike Heck, Mike Phinney, Lee Harkins, Betty Peterson, Roy Moore, and Tony Branquinho.
7. Kenneth Bullington made a motion to approve all operating permit applications. Second by Shane Tucker. All members present voted yes to approve the operating permit applications. Robert Payne abstained from voting on the Wagon Road Ranch LLC permit applications.
8. The Board retired into Executive Session at 1:40 PM.
9. The Board reconvened at 1:58 PM.
10. Ty Embrey discussed MTGCD's lack of legal authority concerning the Selden Pit.
11. General Manager's Report given by Patrick Wagner. He proposed the collection of data from water wells with known screen intervals within a quarter mile radius of the Selden Pit. Residents were asked to volunteer to have their wells monitored so that water level readings can be recorded. Monitoring equipment would be provided by MTGCD.
12. There was a review of the minutes of the November 9th, 2023 monthly Board Meeting. Frank Volleman moved to approve the minutes, second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes to approve the November 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.
13. Check Detail Report was reviewed for dates 11/1/2023 through 11/30/2023, for check numbers 12614 through 12666, and including electronic checks 11152023 and 11222023. Motion was made by Jerry Hinshaw, and second by Kenneth Bullington, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes to approve and ratify the payment of the bills.
14. Financial Report was given by Patrick Wagner.
15. Monthly Drought Status Report given by Patrick Wagner.
16. Monthly Investment Report given by Patrick Wagner.
17. Well Registration Update given by Debbie Montgomery. In addition to the 6 permit applications listed on the permit agenda, there were 18 exempt registrations, which included 15 new registrations and 3 replacement wells.
18. Field Tech Report given by Patrick Wagner. One well was plugged in the month of November, in Coryell County. Four water quality tests were completed, 2 in Comanche County and 2 in Bosque County. All wells tested good for water quality. Coryell County and Hamilton County wells were monitored in November and Bosque County wells will be monitored in December.
19. Education / Public Relations Report given by Stephanie Keith.
20. There was discussion on voting for Comanche CAD Board of Directors. Barbara Domel made a motion to cast all 24 MTGCD votes for Joel Luker. Second by Robert Payne. All members present voted yes to vote for Joel Luker.
21. There was discussion on voting for Coryell CAD Board of Directors. Charles Ferguson made a motion to cast all 21 MTGCD votes for Justin Carothers. Second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes to vote for Justin Carothers.
22. Patrick Wagner gave a rules committee update. MTGCD bylaws need to be updated.
23. Newly re-elected Directors Robert Payne and Butch Ronne were administered Oaths of Office prior to the Board Meeting. Director W.B. Maples was absent and will be administer Oath of Office prior to next month's Board Meeting.
24. Board Officers were elected. Shane Tucker made a motion to nominate Charles Ferguson for President. Second by Jerry Hinshaw. Kenneth Bullington moved to cease nominations, second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes to elect Charles Ferguson as Board President. Rodney Payne made a motion to re-elect Barbara Domel for Vice-Present. Second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes to re-elect Barbara Domel as Board Vice-President. Barbara Domel made a motion to re-elect Fred Parker for Secretary. Second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes to re-elect Fred Parker as Board Secretary.
25. There was discussion on agenda items for the January Board Meeting.
26. Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Rodney Payne. All members present voted yes to adjourn. Meeting adjourned by Charles Ferguson.

MINUTES approved this 4th day of January 2024.

Joe Altebaumer/Erath Co.

Fred B. Parker

Fred Parker/Erath Co.

Jerry Hinshaw/ Erath Co.

Shane Tucker

Shane Tucker /Comanche Co.

Frank Volleman/Comanche Co.

Rodney Stephens/Comanche Co.

Charles E. Ferguson

Charles E. Ferguson/ Bosque Co.

Barbara Domel/Bosque Co.

Robert Payne/Bosque Co.

W.B. Maples

W.B. Maples/Coryell Co.

Kenneth Bullington

Kenneth Bullington/Coryell Co.

Butch Ronne/ Coryell Co.

DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTIES OF COMANCHE, ERATH, BOSQUE, AND CORYELL

AFFIDAVIT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Before me, the undersigned notary, on this day, personally appeared, Robert Payne, a person whose identity is known to me. After I administered an oath to him, upon his oath, he said:

“My name is Robert Payne, I am of sound mind, 18 years of age or older, and competent to give this affidavit. The facts stated in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

I, Robert Payne, make the following disclosure pursuant to Section 171.004 of the Texas Local Government Code. I have substantial interest in a business entity or in real property that affects an agenda item, Application for Operating Permit, which are before the Board of Directors of the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District on 7 December 2023.

The nature and extent of the interest are as follows:

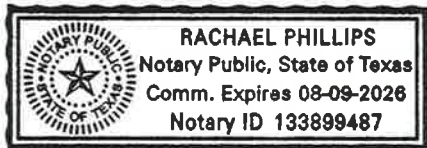
Business Partner

Signature of Affiant

Robert Payne

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME on 7 December 2023

Seal



Rachael Phillips

Notary Public in and for State of Texas



CORYELL CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT
705 E. MAIN STREET
GATESVILLE, TX 76528



**RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF MIDDLE TRINITY GWC
 TO VOTE ON CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 OF THE CORYELL CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 6 of the *Texas Property Tax Code*, Middle Trinity GWC is authorized to nominate and vote on the appointment of a member or members to the Board of Directors of the Coryell Central Appraisal District ("Coryell CAD"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 6.03 of the *Texas Property Tax Code*, Middle Trinity GWC may cast its votes for one or more of the candidates who have been nominated for appointment to the board of directors; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Appraiser has delivered a written ballot listing the candidates whose names were submitted for appointment to the Board of Directors to the Coryell CAD; and

WHEREAS, Middle Trinity GWC has determined that it would be in the public interest to cast its votes for the following candidates for appointment to the board of directors of the Coryell CAD,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE Middle Trinity GWC:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct.
2. That this Governmental Unit hereby casts the following votes for the candidate(s) for appointment to the board of directors of the Coryell CAD:

Candidate	Number of Votes
Justin Carothers	21

3. That it is officially found and determined that this meeting was open to the public as required by law, and that notice of the time, place and subject matter of this meeting has been posted in the manner required by law.

Middle Trinity GWC
 By: 
 (Presiding Officer Signature)

ATTEST:
 By: 
 (Secretary Signature)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Comanche Central Appraisal District
2024 – 2025**

Directions: Please enter the number of votes cast in the blank opposite the name of the candidate(s) of your choice. You may cast all of your votes for one candidate or split your votes among several.

CANDIDATES NOMINATED
(Alphabetically)

Candidate	# Votes
Kenneth Braim	
Clint Davis	
Grace Everhart	
Brandi Jones	
Joel Luker	24

Candidate	# Votes
Chance Singleton	

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, THE Texas Property Tax Code, Section 6.03 requires that each taxing unit entitled to vote, cast their vote by resolution and submit it to the Chief Appraiser of the Comanche Central Appraisal District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT submits the above official ballot, as issued by the Chief Appraiser, stating our vote for candidate(s) for the election of the Board of Directors for the Comanche Central Appraisal District for the term of office 2024-2025.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7 day of December, 2023

in SESSION OF THE MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, Comanche County



PRESIDING OFFICER



ATTEST

Public Comment (Rules Hearing) Sign-Up Sheet

Please sign below if you wish to address the Committee during the Public Comment portion of the meeting or during the discussion of a posted agenda item.

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Name: NORMAN CASA Agenda Item # _____
(Please Print)

Address: 1075 FM 913 STUC TX 76401

Telephone No. 254-965-2265

Name: Don Fulton Agenda Item # _____
(Please Print)

Address: 1145 CR 226
Stephenville

Telephone No. 254-965-3041

Name: Allen + Cindy Burgess Agenda Item # _____
(Please Print)

Address: 1904 FM 913
Stephenville Tx

Telephone No. 254-977-4917

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Name: JAMES MAYFIELD Agenda Item # _____
(Please Print)

Address: 267 CR 227
STEPHENVILLE TX 76401

Telephone No. 254 968 8659

Name: Linda Flowers Agenda Item # _____
(Please Print)

Address: 35852 FM 2481
Hico TX 76457

Telephone No. _____

Didn't speak

Name: Patricia Parker Agenda Item # _____
(Please Print) ///

Address: 5497 Fm 913
Stephonville

Telephone No. 951 537 7125

Public Comment (Regular Meeting)

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Name: Robert Gustavson 112 Agenda Item #
(Please Print)

Address: Tennyson Drive

Telephone No. 817-846-5974

Name: Amy Jackson 117 Agenda Item #
(Please Print)

Address: 1367 Tennyson 76401

Telephone No. 281-703-1994

Name: EDWARD DREW & MARY DREW 118 Agenda Item #
(Please Print)

Address: 3547 CR 194

STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS 76401

Telephone No. 254-965-2794

Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District

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Name: Betty Peterson 132 Agenda Item #
(Please Print)
Address: 28809 N. State Hwy 108
Stv 76401
Telephone No. 254-485-1786

Name: Ray Moore 134 Agenda Item #
(Please Print)
Address: 1364 Tennyson Dr
Stephenville Tx
Telephone No. 254-768-4022

Name: Tony BRAUNWITZ 136 Agenda Item #
(Please Print)
Address: 5497 FF 913
Stephenville TX 76401
Telephone No. 805-680-2241

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Name: Carolyn Adams 119 Agenda Item #
(Please Print)
Address: 0560 CR 246
Hico, TX
Telephone No. 817-262-0494

Name: Cameron McKenzie 120 Agenda Item #
(Please Print)
Address: 930 Tennyson Dr.
Stephenville, TX
Telephone No. 254-434-7410

Name: John Nense Agenda Item #
(Please Print)
Address: 1720 CR 227
Telephone No. 254-977-4579

Ronald Jackson
1367 Tennyson Dr
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Stephenville, TX
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Elizabeth Johnson
1368 Tennyson Dr.
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Pete Schauten
3728 CR 229
Hico

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254-465-5555

Michael A. Smith

128

614 PR 1704

254-465-1999

Mike Heck

129

1196 Tennyson Dr

806 886 6554

Mike & Paula Phinney
CR 226

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Lee Harkins

830 PR 1704
Stephenville

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