

MINUTES OF THE  
PERMIT HEARING AND MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
HELD: February 1, 2018

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2018 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:

Fred Parker- Director-Secretary  
Gary Kafer- Director  
Barbara Domel–Vice President  
Frank Volleman- Director  
Robert Payne- Director

Jerry Hinshaw - Director  
Shane Tucker- Director  
Charles Ferguson- Director  
Kenneth Bullington - Director

Members absent were Rodney Stephens, Joe Altebaumer, and W.B. Maples. Also present were Johnny Wells, Joe Cooper, Crystal Eberhart, Stephanie Keith, and Debbie Montgomery.

In the absence of the President, 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. Roll Call of members was given by Debbie Montgomery.
2. Permit applications are ready for review; Joe Cooper stated that all operating permits were administratively complete and ready to be heard.
3. Three of the four permit applications were for domestic use on small acreage, one of which was for a change in location for a permit application approved at the January board meeting. The other permit application was for domestic and livestock use, with GPM of over 17. Motion was made by Robert Payne and second by Frank Volleman to approve all operating permits. All members present voted yes. Permits were approved.
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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On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2018, 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:

Fred Parker- Director-Secretary  
Gary Kafer- Director  
Barbara Domel– Vice President  
Frank Volleman- Director  
Robert Payne- Director

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Members absent were Rodney Stephens, Joe Altebaumer, and W.B. Maples. Also present were Johnny Wells, Joe Cooper, Crystal Eberhart, Stephanie Keith, and Debbie Montgomery.

Barbara Domel called the meeting to order declared a quorum present and that the hearing was duly convened and ready to transact business.

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1. Meeting called to order by Barbara Domel
2. Invocation was given by Jerry Hinshaw
3. Roll call of members given by Debbie Montgomery
4. Pledge of allegiance was conducted
5. Board recognized Paul Gaudette as guest present.
6. No public comments received
7. There was a review of the Minutes of the January 11<sup>th</sup> ,2018 Board Meeting. Director Charles Ferguson made a motion to accept the minutes. Second motion made by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes to accept.
8. After reviewing the check detail report, motion was made by Charles Ferguson, second by Shane Tucker to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes.
9. Board reviewed Income/Expense Comparison

10. Office Manager Report given by Crystal Eberhart. In addition to the four permit applications, there were eleven non-permit well registrations received since the January Board meeting. The MTGCD office will be closed in observance of President's Day on Monday, 2/19/2018.
11. Field Tech report was given by Johnny Wells. Two wells were plugged, both in Comanche County. Four water quality tests were completed, three in Comanche County and one in Erath, all four negative for bacteria and E-coli. Erath County wells have been monitored, and Comanche County wells are to be monitored in the month of February. He also reported that MTGCD has a downhole video camera on loan available for use.
12. Education Report was given by Stephanie Keith. She described events attended and presentations given in January, along with upcoming events, including the Three-Way Aquaponics Project, Groundwater Educational Outreach Collaborative Meeting, and the Collaborative Field Day Event in Stephenville on April 17<sup>th</sup>.
13. Manager's Report was given by Joe Cooper. The annual report has been completed and sent to TCEQ. TAG meeting was attended, dues to increase. The annual BMY audit will begin on 2/26/2018.
14. There was discussion of the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program. A presentation was previously given at the January Board Meeting by the Texas 4-H2O Program Coordinator David Smith. A sponsorship donation would go toward travel, the 8-day summer tour, and to help fund activities throughout the year for the program. Director Frank Volleman made a motion to grant a \$1500 sponsorship for the current year, second by Shane Tucker. All members present voted yes. This money will be taken from the Education budget. There was discussion of possibly raising the amount to \$2000 next year and having it added as a line item to the budget, especially if a youth from one of the four counties in MTGCD is selected for the program.
15. There was an update on the covered parking for the District Office. There was discussion of the four-car covered parking being increased to six-car parking and having three sides enclosed. Lighting was also discussed. Further cost details will be obtained so that it can be discussed/approved at the next board meeting.
16. There was an update on the Halff database. A new Microsoft feature will add two to three more weeks to when it will be available for use, around the end of February.
17. Agenda items were discussed for the March Board Meeting. The following items were mentioned: insurance re-rates, update and possible action on the new carport, and HALFF update. The meeting will be held at 930 Wolfe Nursery Rd in Stephenville at 1:00 PM on Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
18. Motion to adjourn was made by Fred Parker and second by Charles Ferguson. Meeting adjourned.

**MINUTES approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2018.**

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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.