

MINUTES OF THE PERMIT HEARING
AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
HELD: February 1, 2024

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 1st day of February 2024, 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:

Charles Ferguson – President	Barbara Domel – Vice-President
Fred Parker - Secretary	Jerry Hinshaw - Director
Kenneth Bullington – Director	Robert Payne – Director
Rodney Stephens – Director	Butch Ronne - Director

Board Members absent were Shane Tucker, Joe Altebaumer, Frank Volleman, and W.B. Maples. Also present were Patrick Wagner, Johnny Wells, Stephanie Keith, Debbie Montgomery, and Rachael Phillips.

President Charles Ferguson 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 Charles Ferguson.
2. Roll Call of Members was given by Debbie Montgomery.
3. There was discussion on the 12 operating permit applications listed on the agenda. Four of the permit applications are for Domestic use on under 10 acres, 5 permit applications are for Irrigation wells, 2 permit applications are for Commercial use, and 1 permit application was moved from the January agenda due to a change in location. One of the Commercial permit applications is subject to the Voluntary Metering Program due to the acreage size. Questions were asked about the type of Commercial usage and the GPMs necessary.
4. Motion to adjourn permit hearing made by Fred Parker. Second by Rodney Stephens. All members voted yes to adjourn.
5. Charles Ferguson 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. Guest present was Jeremy Shell of Boucher, Morgan, and Young.
6. There were no public comments.
7. Rodney Stephens made a motion to approve all operating permit applications except for Hwy 67 Properties LLC, which will be put on administrative hold to gather more information about the number of units and storage capacity. Second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes to approve the operating permit applications except for Hwy 67 Properties LLC, which will be moved to the March Permit Hearing Agenda.
8. There was a review of the minutes of the January 4th, 2024 monthly Board Meeting. Kenneth Bullington moved to approve the minutes, second by Robert Payne. All members present voted yes to approve the January 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.
9. Check Detail Report was reviewed for dates 1/1/2024 through 1/31/2024, for check numbers 12735 through 12789, and including electronic checks 1152024 and 1312024. Motion was made by Kenneth Bullington, second by Butch Ronne, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes to approve and ratify the payment of the bills.
10. Financial Report was given by Patrick Wagner.
11. Patrick Wagner went over proposed amendments to the District Budget. Barbara Domel made a motion to approve the amendments as presented. Second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes to approve the budget amendments.
12. Financial audit presentation was given by Jeremy Shell of Boucher, Morgan, and Young.
13. Annual review of Management Plan 2023 was given by Patrick Wagner.
14. Patrick Wagner went over some well driller/landowner District Rules violations. Kenneth Bullington moved to have the driller attend a Show Cause Hearing before the Board, second by Butch Ronne. All members present voted yes to have the driller come before the Board for a Show Cause Hearing.
15. General Manager's Report given by Patrick Wagner.
16. Quarterly Drought Status Report given by Patrick Wagner.
17. Well Registration Report given by Debbie Montgomery. In addition to the 12 permit applications listed on the permit agenda, there were 5 new exempt registrations.
18. District Field Tech Report given by Johnny Wells. Two wells were plugged in the month of January, both in Erath County. Thirteen water quality tests were completed, 8 in Erath County, 2 in Coryell County, 1 in Bosque County, and 2 in Comanche County. One Comanche County well and 1 Coryell County well tested high in Salinity. Erath County wells were monitored in January, and Comanche County wells will be monitored in February.
19. Education / Public Relations Report given by Stephanie Keith.
20. There was discussion on equipping District monitoring wells. Rodney Stephens made a motion to spend up to \$5000 to equip a well with a sounding tube and geophysical logging to be able to continuously monitor the well. Second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes to equip the well for continuous monitoring.
21. There was discussion on geophysical logging and downhole camera equipment. MTGCD will check on costs of downhole camera and contracting with companies for geophysical logging of wells.
22. There was no Executive Session.
23. There was discussion on agenda items for the March Board Meeting.
24. Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Rodney Stephens. All members present voted yes to adjourn. Meeting adjourned by Charles Ferguson.

Joe Altebaumer/Erath Co.

Fred Parker

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Jerry Hinshaw

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Shane Tucker

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F. Volle

Frank Volleman/Comanche Co.

Rodney Stephens/Comanche Co.

Charles E. Ferguson

Charles E. Ferguson/ Bosque Co.

Barbara Domel

Barbara Domel/Bosque Co.

Robert Payne

Robert Payne/Bosque Co.

W.B Maples/Coryell Co.

Kenneth Bullington

Kenneth Bullington/Coryell Co.

B. Ronne

Butch Ronne/ Coryell Co.