

MINUTES OF THE
PERMIT HEARING AND MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
HELD: January 6, 2022

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 6th day of January 2022 the Board of Directors of the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District convened in a PERMIT HEARING at 930 N Wolfe Nursery Rd, Stephenville, Texas at 1:00 PM with the following members present:

Rodney Stephens – President
Jerry Hinshaw – Director
Charles Ferguson – Director
W.B. Maples – Director
Joe Altebaumer – Director

Fred Parker - Secretary
Shane Tucker – Director
Frank Volleman – Director
Robert Payne – Director
Gary Kafer - Director

Board Members absent were Barbara Domel and Kenneth Bullington. Also present were Patrick Wagner, Crystal Eberhart, Stephanie Keith, and Debbie Montgomery.

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. Permit applications are ready for review. Debbie Montgomery stated that all operating permits were administratively complete except.
4. Motion to adjourn permit hearing made by Fred Parker. Second by Charles Ferguson. All members present voted yes.
6. Rodney Stephens adjourned the permit hearing.

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1. Meeting called to order by Rodney Stephens.
2. Invocation was given by Joe Altebaumer.
3. Roll Call of Members was given by Debbie Montgomery.
4. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted
5. Guest present was Sadie Berry, 4-H Water Ambassador.
6. There were no public comments.
7. W.B. Maples made a motion to accept and approve all the permit applications reviewed at the permit hearing. Second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes to approve all permit applications. Frank Volleman abstained from voting on the Marcell Volleman permit application.
8. There was a review of the Minutes of the December 9th, 2021 monthly Board Meeting. Charles Ferguson moved to approve the minutes of the meeting, second by Fred Parker. All members present voted yes to accept the minutes.
9. Check Detail Report reviewed for dates 12/1/2021 through 12/31/2021, for check numbers 11366 through 11417, and including electronic checks 113021, 113022, 121621, 121622, 123021, and 123022. Motion was made by W.B. Maples, second by Robert Payne, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes.
10. Income/Expense Comparison was reviewed.
11. Manager's Report was given by Patrick Wagner.
12. Office Manager Report was given by Crystal Eberhart and Debbie Montgomery. In addition to the permit applications, there were 26 exempt new well registrations and 4 replacements.
13. Field Tech report was given by Patrick Wagner, in the absence of Johnny Wells. Two wells were plugged in December, both in Comanche County. Three water quality tests were completed: 2 in Erath County, and 1 in Comanche County. The Comanche well tested high in nitrates. Bosque County wells were monitored in December and Erath County wells will be monitored in January.
14. Education/PR Report/Outdoor Learning Center Update given by Stephanie Keith.
15. A plaque was presented to MTGCD by Sadie Berry, 4-H Water Ambassador, in appreciation for being a Legacy Sponsor in the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program.
16. Quarterly Investment Report was given by Patrick Wagner.
17. Quarterly Drought Report was given by Patrick Wagner.
18. Rodney Stephens gave some updates on the rules committee. There will be a rules committee meeting on January 19th at 1:00 PM.
19. There was discussion on MTGCD vehicle replacements. No fleet vehicles are available until August 2022, so LT models were ordered, with delivery to be in 10 – 12 weeks.
20. Charles Ferguson made a motion to approve the Resolution Confirming the Annual Review and Continuance of the Investment Policy for MTGCD. Second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes. Resolution passed.
21. The Board retired into Executive Session at 1:47 PM.
22. The Board reconvened at 2:22 PM.

Charles Ferguson made a motion to approve the offer of employment to Patrick Wagner as the new General Manager, second by Fred Parker. All members present voted yes.

Frank Volleman made a motion to give Patrick Wagner authorization with Interbank to view-only the I & S and M & O accounts and to be added as an authorized signature, along with Fred Parker and Jerry Hinshaw; authorization with TexPool for online access to view and print reports with TexPool and TexPool Prime, with access to transfer funds with a board member's approval; authorization with the Project to pay apps, approve change orders with a committee member's approval, and to approve city documents and contracts; authorization to spend up to \$5000 without board approval, as long as it is within the adopted budget; and to be added as a contact on all accounts. Second by Robert Payne. All members present voted yes.

Charles Ferguson made a motion to refer all communication relating to Joe Cooper's separation to Sheila Gladstone with Lloyd Gesselink Law Firm. Second by Robert Payne. All members present voted yes.

- 23. Agenda items for the February Board Meeting were discussed.
- 24. Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Charles Ferguson. Meeting adjourned by Rodney Stephens.

MINUTES approved this 3rd day of February 2022.

Joe Altebaumer/Erath Co.

Fred Parker/Erath Co.

Jerry Hinshaw/ Erath Co.

Shane Tucker /Comanche Co.

Frank Volleman/Comanche Co.

Rodney Stephens/Comanche Co.

Charles E. Ferguson/ Bosque Co.

Barbara Domel/Bosque Co.

Robert Payne/Bosque Co.

Gary Kafer/Coryell Co.

Kenneth Bullington/Coryell Co.

W.B. Maples/ Coryell Co.