

MINUTES OF THE
PERMIT HEARING AND MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
HELD: January 5, 2017

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this the 5th day of January 2017, the Board of Directors of the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District convened in a PERMIT HEARING at 930 Wolfe Nursery Rd Stephenville, Texas at 1:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Rodney Stephens- Chairman
Fred Parker- Director/Secretary
Barbara Domel- Vice Chairman
Shane Tucker- Director
Frank Volleman- Director
W.B. Maples- Director

Kenneth Bullington- Director
Gary Kafer- Director
Charles Ferguson- Director
Robert Payne- Director
Joe Altebaumer- Director
Jerry Hinshaw- Director

All Members were present. Also present were Sharon West, Crystal Eberhart, Johnny Wells, Troupe Brewer, and Joe Cooper.

Chairman 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. Roll Call of members was given by Sharon West. All present.
2. First item for review was Voluntary Metering Program application for Tommy Elliott. Discussion to show he is not planning to drill at this time, but would like to see what his actual usage is in order to plan for future wells.
3. Motion made by Jerry Hinshaw and second by Rodney Stephens to approve application for Voluntary Metering Program on 5 existing wells.
4. Permit applications are ready for review; Sharon West stated that all operating permits were administratively complete and ready to be heard.
3. After a brief discussion, motion was made by Jerry Hinshaw second by Kenneth Bullington 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. Chairman Stephens adjourned the permit hearing.

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On this the 5th day of January, 2017, the Board of Directors of the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District convened in a STATED SESSION at 930 Wolfe Nursery Rd Stephenville, Texas at 1:32 pm with the following members present:

Rodney Stephens- Chairman
Gary Kafer- Director
Barbara Domel- Vice Chairman
Charles Ferguson- Director
Frank Volleman- Director
W.B. Maples- Director

Kenneth Bullington- Director
Fred Parker- Director/Secretary
Shane Tucker- Director
Robert Payne- Director
Joe Altebaumer- Director
Jerry Hinshaw- Director

Members absent – All members were present

Also present were Sharon West, Crystal Eberhart, Johnny Wells, Joe Cooper, and Troupe Brewer

Chairman Stephens 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. Invocation was given by Jerry Hinshaw
2. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted
3. Board recognized Troupe Brewer and Paul Gaudette, and Ed Dittfurth as guests
4. After a review of the Minutes of the December 8, 2016 Board Meeting, Director Ferguson proposed a correcting addition to cite the agreement for District representation by Ty Embrey, of the Lloyd Gosselink Law Firm, during the 85th Texas Legislative Session. Motion was made by W.B. Maples, seconded by Joe Altebaumer, to accept the minutes with the recommended addition.
5. After reviewing the check detail report motion was made by Frank Volleman, second by Barbara Domel to ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes.
6. Board reviewed Income Expense Comparison
7. Office Manager Report was given by Sharon West
8. Field Tech report was given by Johnny Wells
9. Managers Report was given by Joe Cooper noting upcoming meetings with the Coryell County Commissioners Court, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts, and Groundwater Management Area 8. He asked Troupe Brewer, attorney at Lloyd, Gosselink Law Firm, to give a brief legislative update as a part of his report. Mr. Brewer informed the Board that Speaker Joe Straus had released the interim report for the House Natural Resources Committee with charges to enhance water markets and promote Aquifer Storage and Recovery as a means of water conservation. He also said that the Chairman of the House of Natural Resources Committee had not yet been named.
10. Joe Cooper gave Quarterly Investment report.
11. Joe Cooper gave quarterly drought report.
12. GMA 8 update given by Joe Cooper. Meeting to take place January 31, 2017 to adopt explanatory report for submission to TWDB.

13. MTGCD Annual Report was given by Joe Cooper regarding district's performance of its management plan objectives.
14. Action taken to approve resolution confirming the annual review and continuance of the investment policy, without amendment. Motion made by Jerry Hinshaw to approve resolution, seconded by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes.
15. Agenda topics for next month will include all regular agenda items, Legislative update and GMA8 update.
14. Rodney Stephens called the board into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 2:12 pm.
15. Rodney Stephens reconvened the board in open session and announced no action taken.
16. Chairman Stephens adjourned the meeting.

MINUTES approved this 2nd day of February 2017.

Rodney P. Stephens, Chairman
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Joe Altebaumer
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Fred Parker, Secretary-Treasurer
Erath Co.

Jerry Hinshaw, Director –
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Shane Tucker,
Comanche Co.

Frank Volleman-
Comanche Co.

Charles E. Ferguson
Bosque Co.

Barbara Domel- Vice Chairman
Bosque Co.

Robert Payne
Bosque Co.

W.B. Maples
Coryell Co.

Gary Kafer
Coryell Co.

Kenneth Bullington
Coryell Co.