

MINUTES OF THE
PERMIT HEARING AND MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
HELD: January 7, 2021

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 7th day of January 2021 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
Fred Parker - Secretary
Joe Altebaumer – Director
Charles Ferguson – Director
W.B. Maples – Director
Gary Kafer - Director

Barbara Domel – Vice-President
Jerry Hinshaw – Director
Robert Payne – Director
Frank Volleman – Director
Shane Tucker – Director

Member absent was Kenneth Bullington. Also present were Joe Cooper, Johnny Wells, Crystal Eberhart, Debbie Montgomery, and Stephanie Keith.

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. Joe Cooper stated that all operating permits were administratively complete and ready to be heard except for Chiraz Mansouri and Kevin Northcutt. Chiraz Mansouri did not provide all required information and Kevin Northcutt was not able to meet spacing requirements.
4. Motion was made by Joe Altebaumer and second by Fred Parker to approve all operating permits except for Chiraz Mansouri and Kevin Northcutt. All members present voted yes. All permits were approved, except for Chiraz Mansouri and Kevin Northcutt.
5. 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. Guests present were Sehrsha Glover and Sadie Berry, 4-H Water Ambassadors.
6. No public comments were received.
7. There was a review of the Minutes of the December 3rd, 2020 monthly Board Meeting. Robert Payne made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Fred Parker. All members present voted yes to accept the minutes.
8. Check Detail Report reviewed for dates 12/1/2020 through 12/31/2020, for check numbers 10774 through 10819, 10821 through 10824, and including electronic checks 123120, 123121, 123122, 202012, 202013, 202014, 20201215, and 20201216, and including voided transaction 11111. Check number 10775 was voided and paid online. Motion was made by W.B. Maples, second by Joe Altebaumer, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes.
9. Income/Expense Comparison was reviewed. 97.6 % of the budget has been expended.
10. There was a plaque presentation to MTGCD from Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Sehrsha Glover and Sadie Berry in appreciation for 4-H Water Ambassador Sponsorship.
11. Office Manager Report was given by Debbie Montgomery and Crystal Eberhart. In addition to the permit applications, there were 26 exempt new well registrations and 2 replacements. W-2 forms for 2020 will be sent out this month to employees.
12. Field Tech report was given by Johnny Wells. One Erath County well was plugged in the month of December, and 8 water quality tests were completed, 4 in Erath County, 2 in Comanche County, 1 in Bosque County, and 1 in Coryell County. All tested negative for bacteria. Bosque County wells were monitored in December and Erath County wells will be monitored in January.
13. Education/Public Relations Report was given by Stephanie Keith.
14. Manager's Report was given by Joe Cooper.
15. Quarterly Investment Report was given by Joe Cooper. The average monthly interest rate on MTGCD's invested public funds for December 2020 is 0.0909 % for TexPool and 0.1431 % for TexPool Prime. MTGCD currently has a total of \$3,452,453.17 invested at TexPool.
16. Quarterly Drought Report was given by Joe Cooper. The PDSI (Palmer Drought Severity Index) as of January, 2, 2021 for the North Central Texas region is 0.71, which translates to "near normal" conditions. The CMI (Crop Moisture Index) as of January 2, 2021 for the North Central Texas region is 0.47, which translates to "abnormally moist." The U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook, according to the Climate Prediction Center of NOAA, as of December 17, 2020, with predictions valid through March 31, 2021, indicates that drought persists or is likely in MTGCD.
17. There was discussion on readopting the Public Funds Investment Policy. No changes were recommended. W.B. Maples made a motion to readopt the Public Funds Investment Policy. Second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes.
18. There was discussion on amending the existing RFQP terms to request services of a Pre-Construction Manager and Construction Manager at Risk. Barbara Domel made a motion to amend the existing terms to "At Risk." Second by Robert Payne. All members present voted yes.
19. There was discussion to identify the full scope of work of the Outdoor Learning Center Project to ensure accurate RFQ-P bidding and complete design documents. W.B. Maples made a motion to accept the full scope of work, not to exceed \$2.2 million. Second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes.

20. Jerry Hinshaw made a motion to table the Board retiring into Executive Session. Second by W.B. Maples. All members present voted yes.
21. The Board did not retire into Executive Session so therefore did not reconvene.
22. There was discussion on agenda items for the February Board Meeting. The Annual Management Plan report will be given, and contracts submitted by potential contractors will be reviewed. W.B. Maples suggested that there be a discussion on requiring well drillers to have bentonite or concrete all the way down to the top of the aquifer being screened.
23. Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Charles Ferguson. Meeting adjourned by Rodney Stephens.

MINUTES approved this 4th day of February 2021.

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.