

MINUTES OF THE PERMIT HEARING
AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
HELD: January 4, 2024

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ERATH

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Shane Tucker - Director
Joe Altebaumer – Director
Robert Payne – Director

Barbara Domel – Vice-President
Jerry Hinshaw - Director
Kenneth Bullington – Director
Frank Volleman – Director
W.B. Maples - Director

Board Members absent were Rodney Stephens and Butch Ronne. 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. All operating permit applications were presented as administratively complete except for the Steven and DeeAnn Poorman (5 Bar P Investments) application. Mr. Poorman contacted the MTGCD office after the posting of the permit agenda to change the location of the well more than 30 feet, so it will be moved to the February Permit Hearing Agenda.
4. Motion to adjourn permit hearing made by Fred Parker. Second by Robert Payne. 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 Joe Altebaumer.

4. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
5. Guest present was Paul Gaudette of the Dublin Citizen newspaper.
6. There were no public comments.
7. Frank Volleman made a motion to approve all operating permit applications (except for 5 Bar P Investments). Second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes to approve the operating permit applications except for the one for Steven and DeeAnn Poorman (5 Bar P Investments), which will be moved to the February Permit Hearing Agenda.
8. There was a review of the minutes of the December 7th, 2023 monthly Board Meeting. Barbara Domel moved to approve the minutes, second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes to approve the December 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.
9. Check Detail Report was reviewed for dates 12/1/2023 through 12/31/2023, for check numbers 12667 through 12734 (12720 voided), and including electronic checks 12152023 and 12312023. Motion was made by W.B. Maples, second by Shane Tucker, 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. W.B. Maples moved to table the BMV Audit Presentation to the February Board Meeting. Second by Robert Payne. All members present voted to table the Financial Audit Presentation from BMV until the February Board Meeting.
12. General Manager's Report given by Patrick Wagner.
13. Quarterly Drought Status Report given by Patrick Wagner.
14. Well Registration Report given by Debbie Montgomery. In addition to the permit applications listed on the permit agenda, there were 30 exempt registrations, which included 28 new registrations and 2 replacement wells.
15. District Field Tech Report given by Patrick Wagner. One well was plugged in the month of December, in Comanche County. Eleven water quality tests were completed, 6 in Erath County, 4 in Comanche County, and 1 in Coryell County. One Coryell well, 1 Erath County well, and 2 Comanche wells tested high in TDS and salinity. Bosque County wells were monitored in December, and Erath County wells will be monitored in January.
16. Education / Public Relations Report given by Stephanie Keith.
17. There was discussion on continuance of the investment policy for MTGCD. Robert Payne made a motion to continue the current policy, second by W.B. Maples. All members present voted yes to adopt the Resolution Confirming the Annual Review and Continuance of the Investment Policy for MTGCD.
18. There was discussion on MTGCD's sponsorship of the 4-H Water Ambassador Sponsorship. W.B. Maples made a motion to continue sponsorship at the Legacy Level of \$2,500. Second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes to continue MTGCD's 4-H Water Ambassador Sponsorship at the Legacy Level of \$2,500.
19. Stephanie Keith went over the Guest Policy for The Ditch Water Discovery Center. W.B. Maples made a motion to accept the guest policy, second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes to accept the Guest Policy for The Ditch Water Discovery Center.
20. The Board retired into Executive Session at 2:02 PM.
21. The Board reconvened at 3:01 PM. No action taken on any items discussed in executive session.
22. There was discussion on agenda items for the February Board Meeting.
23. Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Robert Payne. All members present voted yes to adjourn. Meeting adjourned by Charles Ferguson.

MINUTES approved this 1st day of February 2024.

Joe Altebaumer/Erath Co.



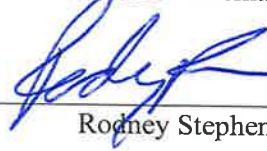
Fred Parker/Erath Co.



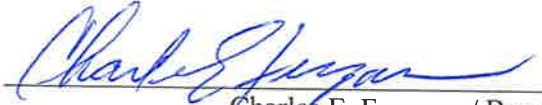
Jerry Hinshaw/ Erath Co.

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.

W.B Maples/Coryell Co.



Kenneth Bullington/Coryell Co.



Butch Ronne/ Coryell Co.

**RESOLUTION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**ADOPTING GUEST POLICIES FOR
THE DITCH WATER DISCOVERY CENTER**

WHEREAS, the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") is a political subdivision of the State of Texas organized and existing under and by virtue of Article XVI, § 59, of the Texas Constitution, and a groundwater conservation district acting under Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code and the District's enabling act, Chapter 8862 of the Texas Special District Local Laws Code;

WHEREAS, The Ditch Water Discovery Center is a space dedicated to conservation based educational opportunities in a natural environment.

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to maintain a healthy, safe environment for adults and children by adopting guest polices as described in Exhibit A.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District met in public meeting, noticed properly in accordance with applicable law, and considered adoption of the guest policies as described in Exhibit A and approval of this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The above recitals are true and correct.

The Board of Directors for the District hereby adopts the guest policies for The Ditch Water Discovery Center, as described in the attached Exhibit A.

The Board of Directors, its officers, and the District employees are further authorized to take any and all actions necessary to implement this resolution.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

Upon motion duly made by Director W. B. Maples, and seconded by Director Joe Altebaumer, and upon discussion, the Board voted 10 in favor and 0 opposed, 0 abstained, and 2 absent, and the motion thereby PASSED on this 4th day of January, 2024.

MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: 
Charles E. Ferguson
Board President

ATTEST:



Fred B. Parker
Board Secretary

EXHIBIT A

GUEST POLICIES FOR THE DITCH WATER DISCOVERY CENTER

The Ditch Water Discovery Center is a space dedicated to conservation based educational opportunities in a natural environment.

To maintain a healthy, safe environment we respectfully require guests to abide by the following guidelines:

- The Ditch Water Discovery Center is tobacco-free. The use of any tobacco product on the property by staff, volunteers, and guests is prohibited, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, and smokeless tobacco. It also prohibits innovations in smoke or tobacco products such as any non-FDA approved electronic nicotine delivery device, e-cigarette, or vape pen.
- No alcohol is allowed on the premises.
- Firearms are not allowed at The Ditch Water Discovery Center. Pursuant to section 30.05 Texas Penal Code, a person may not enter this property with a firearm.
- Pets are not allowed. Properly identified service animals trained and certified to aid a person with a disability are welcome.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
MIDDLE TRINITY GOUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
CONFIRMING THE ANNUAL REVIEW AND CONTINUANCE OF THE
INVESTMENT POLICY, WITHOUT AMENDMENT, FOR THE DISTRICT**

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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WHEREAS, the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District ("District") was created by the Texas Legislature, pursuant to the authority Article XVI, § 59 of the Texas Constitution, through Act of May 25, 2001, 77th Leg., R.S., ch. 1362, 2001 Tex. Gen. Laws 2271, as amended ("the Act"), codified as Chapter 8862 of the Texas Special District Local Laws Code as a groundwater conservation district operating under Chapter 36, Texas Water Code, and the Act:

WHEREAS, Section 8862.101 of the Act grants the District with the rights, powers, privileges, functions, and duties provided by the general law of Texas, including Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code;

WHEREAS, Section 36.061 of the Texas Water Code requires a groundwater conservation district to adopt a policy relating to District investments which the District has previously adopted;

WHEREAS, the Texas Public Funds Investment Act (Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code) requires the Board of Directors of the District to conduct an annual review of its investments policy and make any necessary changes to the said Policy;

WHEREAS, the Board now finds that such review has been conducted and no amendments were identified for the District's investment policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT THAT:


1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The Board of Directors of the District has hereby conducted its annual review of the Investment Policy and did not identify an amendment that needed to be made to the Investment Policy for the District.
3. The attached Investment Policy attached as Exhibit "A" shall continue in effect until modified by the Board of Directors.
4. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes and directs the District General Manager and legal counsel to take any and all action necessary to implement the terms of the Resolution.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on the 4th day of January 2024.

MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

ATTEST


Secretary

By 
President, Board of Directors

Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District

Board of Directors Meeting

January 4, 2024

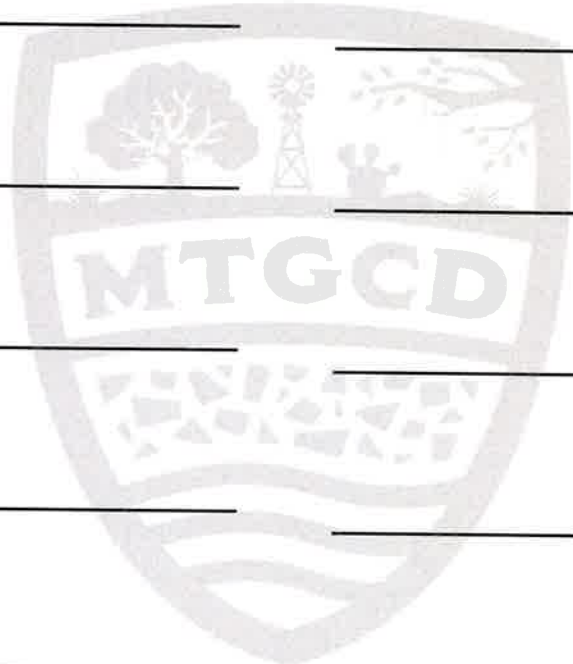
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