

MINUTES OF THE  
PERMIT HEARING AND MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
HELD: July 9, 2020

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020 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  
Kenneth Bullington – Director  
Robert Payne – Director  
Frank Volleman – Director  
Shane Tucker - Director

Barbara Domel – Vice-President  
Jerry Hinshaw – Director  
Gary Kafer – Director  
Joe Altebaumer – Director  
Charles Ferguson – Director

Member absent was W.B. Maples. 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. Use for the Kreg Welch permit should be “Retail Public Utility” instead of “Multi-Family,” as shown on the agenda, because he charges for the water usage.
4. Motion was made by Jerry Hinshaw and second by Kenneth Bullington to approve all operating permits. All members present voted yes. All permits were approved.
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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On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020, the Board of Directors of the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District convened in a STATED SESSION at 930 N Wolfe Nursery Rd, Stephenville, Texas at 1:00 PM with the following members present:

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Robert Payne – Director  
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Member was W.B. Maples. Also present were Joe Cooper, Johnny Wells, Crystal Eberhart, Debbie Montgomery, and Stephanie Keith.

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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 was Sadie Berry, the new 4H Water Ambassador in Comanche County, and Ben Pate, of Dublin, Texas.
6. Ben Pate requested that the Board members consider adding an item to next month's agenda to discuss forgiving back taxes for the Veterans Memorial, which is located next to the Dublin Public Library. He was informed to go through Jennifer Carey, Erath County's Tax Assessor/Collector.
7. There was a review of the Minutes of the June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 monthly Board Meeting. Kenneth Bullington made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Gary Kafer. All members present voted yes to accept the minutes.
8. Check Detail Report reviewed for dates 6/1/2020 through 6/30/2020, for check numbers 10488 through 10516, 10519 through 10546, and including electronic checks 203006, 60220, 60221, 61620, 61621, and 63020. Motion was made by Joe Altebaumer, second by Jerry Hinshaw, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes.
9. Income/Expense Comparison was reviewed.
10. Office Manager Report was given by Debbie Montgomery. In addition to the 5 permit applications, there were 18 exempt well registrations.
11. Field Tech report was given by Johnny Wells.
12. Education/Public Relations Report was given by Stephanie Keith.
13. Manager's Report was given by Joe Cooper.

14. GMA 8 Update was given by Joe Cooper.
15. First Review of the 2021 Budget was given by Crystal Eberhart.
16. There was a review of the Current Tax Rate and Percent of Revenue Collected.
17. The Quarterly Financial Report was given by Joe Cooper. The average monthly interest rate on MTGCD's invested public funds for June 2020 is 0.2165% for TexPool and 0.5240% for TexPool Prime. MTGCD currently has a total of \$3,748,162.73 invested with TexPool.
18. The Quarterly Drought Report was given by Joe Cooper. The PDSI (Palmer Drought Severity Index) as of July 4, 2020 for the North Central Texas region is -1.38, which translates to "near normal" conditions. The CMI (Crop Moisture Index) as of July 4, 2020 for the North Central Texas region is -0.88, which translates to "near normal." The Climate Prediction Center of NOAA updated its U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook on June 18, 2020 with predictions valid through September 30, 2020, indicating that drought conditions are not probable in the MTGCD area.
19. Crystal Eberhart reviewed Candidate Filing. Board members up for re-election are Rodney Stephens and Shane Tucker of Comanche County, and Joe Altebaumer of Erath County. July 18<sup>th</sup> is the first day to file for a place on the general election.
20. There was discussion on the potential purchase of the property adjoining MTGCD. The owner has agreed to make a \$25,000 donation to The Ditch at Middle Trinity after sale of the property. Jerry Hinshaw made a motion to offer \$300,000. Second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes.
21. There was discussion on possible budget amendments for the property purchase. No budget amendments needed at this time. Charles Ferguson made a motion to use money from TexPool reserves to purchase the property, second by Frank Volleman. All members present voted yes.
22. There was discussion on agenda items for the August Board Meeting.
23. Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Charles Ferguson. Meeting adjourned by Rodney Stephens.

**MINUTES approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.**

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Joe Altebaumer/Erath Co.

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Fred Parker/Erath Co.

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Jerry Hinshaw/ Erath Co.

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Shane Tucker /Comanche Co.

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Frank Volleman/Comanche Co.

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Rodney Stephens/Comanche Co.

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Charles E. Ferguson/ Bosque Co.

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Barbara Domel/Bosque Co.

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Robert Payne/Bosque Co.

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Gary Kafer/Coryell Co.

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Kenneth Bullington/Coryell Co.

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W.B. Maples/ Coryell Co.