MINUTES OF THE PERMIT HEARING AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD: July 1, 2021

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 1st day of July 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 Robert Payne – Director Kenneth Bullington – Director Gary Kafer – Director Frank Volleman – Director Barbara Domel – Vice-President Jerry Hinshaw – Director Shane Tucker – Director W.B. Maples – Director Charles Ferguson – Director Joe Altebaumer - Director

Also present were Joe Cooper, Johnny Wells, 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. Joe Cooper stated that all operating permits were administratively complete and ready to be heard. It was noted that the Gatesville Country Club permit application is for an existing well to increase pumpage.
- 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. Guests present included John Truitt and Kevin Biasiolli of Waldrop Construction.
- 6. No public comments were received.
- 7. Frank Volleman made a motion to accept and approve all the permit applications reviewed at the permit hearing. Second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes to approve the permit applications.
- 8. Annual Audit not able to be presented. W.B. Maples moved to table the audit presentation until next month's meeting, second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes.
- 9. There was discussion on the Budget Review and Guaranteed Maximum Price for the outdoor learning center construction per Waldrop Construction. Jerry Hinshaw made a motion to approve the Budget Review and Guaranteed Maximum Price. Second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes.
- 10. There was discussion on the Construction Contract between MTGCD and Waldrop Construction. Approval of the contract will be tabled to the August meeting as the contract is being reviewed by legal team.
- 11. There was discussion on providing Notice to Proceed to procure construction materials, suchs as steel and FSC lumber, due to inflation and availability. Jerry Hinshaw made a motion to provide Notice to Proceed to Waldrop Construction, second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes.
- 12. There was a review of the Minutes of the June 3rd, 2021 monthly Board Meeting. W.B. Maples moved to approve the minutes, second by Shane Tucker. All members present voted yes to accept the minutes.
- 13. Check Detail Report reviewed for dates 6/1/2021 through 6/30/2021, for check numbers 11076 through 11096 (11087 was voided), and including electronic checks 6152021 and 6152022. Motion was made by Kenneth Bullington, second by Joe Altebaumer, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes.
- 14. Income/Expense Comparison was reviewed. 37.4 % of the budget has been expended, and 23.6 % of The Ditch Project budget has been expended. 98.5 % of 2020 revenue has been collected.
- 15. Manager's Report was given by Joe Cooper
- 16. Office Manager Report was given by Crystal Eberhart and Debbie Montgomery. In addition to the 8 permit applications, there were 29 exempt new well registrations and 1 replacement.
- 17. Field Tech report was given by Johnny Wells. There were 3 wells were plugged in June, 1 in Erath County, 1 in Comanche County, and 1 in Bosque County. Five water quality tests were completed, 3 in Erath County, 1 in Comanche County, and 1 in Bosque County. The Bosque County well tested positive for bacteria. It was a new well and was disinfected and rechecked. Comanche County wells were monitored in June and Coryell County wells will be monitored in July.
- 18. Education/Public Relations Report / Outdoor Learning Center Update was given by Stephanie Keith.
- 19. There was discussion on renaming the outdoor learning center. Joe Altebaumer made a motion to rename it as "The Ditch Water Discovery Center." Second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes.
- 20. Quarterly Investment Report not able to be run until 3rd business day of the month. W.B. Maples moved to table the report until next meeting, second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes. Quarterly Investment Report will be presented at the August meeting.
- 21. Quarterly Drought Report given by Joe Cooper.
- 22. Rules Committee update given by Rodney Stephens. The legal team is reviewing suggestions, updates, and clarifications and more details will be discussed at next month's meeting.
- 23. Agenda items for the August Board Meeting were discussed. Possible items include the annual audit report, quarterly investment report, rules committee update, first look at budget, possible drilling of a water well, and contract with Waldrop Construction.
- 24. Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Charles Ferguson. Meeting adjourned by Rodney Stephens.

MINUTES approved this 5th day of August 2021.

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.