

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENTS
TO DISTRICT MANAGEMENT PLAN, PERMIT HEARING,
AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
HELD: July 6, 2023

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 6th day of July 2023, the Board of Directors of the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District convened in a PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO DISTRICT MANAGEMENT PLAN at 930 Wolfe Nursery Rd, Stephenville, Texas at 1:00 PM with the following members present:

Rodney Stephens – President	Barbara Domel – Vice-President
Fred Parker - Secretary	Jerry Hinshaw - Director
Shane Tucker - Director	Kenneth Bullington – Director
Charles Ferguson – Director	Frank Volleman – Director
Joe Altebaumer – Director	W.B. Maples – Director
Robert Payne - Director	

No Board Members were absent. Also present were Patrick Wagner, Johnny Wells, Stephanie Keith, Debbie Montgomery, and Rachael Phillips.

President Rodney Stephens 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. Meeting called to order by Rodney Stephens.
2. Roll Call of Members was given by Debbie Montgomery.
3. Patrick Wagner gave a summary presentation of the proposed amendments to the MTGCD Management Plan as required by Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code and Chapter 356 of the Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) rules contained in Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code.
4. There were no public comments.
5. Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Charles Ferguson. All members present voted yes to adjourn. Meeting adjourned by Rodney Stephens.

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On this 6th day of July 2023 the Board of Directors of the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District convened in a PERMIT HEARING at 930 Wolfe Nursery Rd, Stephenville, Texas at 1:00 PM with the following members present:

Rodney Stephens – President	Barbara Domel – Vice-President
Fred Parker - Secretary	Jerry Hinshaw - Director
Shane Tucker - Director	Kenneth Bullington – Director
Charles Ferguson – Director	Frank Volleman – Director
Joe Altebaumer – Director	W.B. Maples – Director
Robert Payne - Director	

No Board Members were absent. Also present were Patrick Wagner, Johnny Wells, Stephanie Keith, Debbie Montgomery, and Rachael Phillips.

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. All operating permit applications were presented as administratively complete.
4. Motion to adjourn permit hearing made by Fred Parker. Second by Charles Ferguson. All members voted yes to adjourn.
5. Rodney Stephens adjourned the permit hearing.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 6th day of July 2023, the Board of Directors of the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District convened in a STATED SESSION at 930 Wolfe Nursery Rd, Stephenville, Texas at 1:00 PM with the following members present:

Rodney Stephens – President
Fred Parker - Secretary
Shane Tucker - Director
Charles Ferguson – Director
Joe Altebaumer – Director
Robert Payne - Director

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

No Board Members were absent. Also present were Patrick Wagner, Johnny Wells, Stephanie Keith, Debbie Montgomery, and Rachael Phillips.

President Rodney Stephens 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. Meeting called to order by Rodney Stephens.
2. Roll Call of Members was given by Debbie Montgomery.
3. Invocation was given by Joe Altebaumer.
4. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted
5. Guests present were Vince Clause, Allan Standen, and Jordan Furnans of LRE Water, LLC, Ty Embrey of Lloyd Gosselink, and Paul Gaudette of the Dublin Citizen.
6. There were no public comments.
7. Kenneth Bullington made a motion to approve all operating permit applications on the permit hearing agenda. Second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes to approve the permit applications. Permit applications approved.
8. There was a review of the Minutes of the June 1st, 2023 monthly Board Meeting. Kenneth Bullington moved to approve the minutes, second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes to approve the minutes.
9. Check Detail Report reviewed for dates 6/1/2023 through 6/30/2023, for check numbers 12323 through 12384 (12347 voided), and including electronic checks 6152023 and 6302023. Motion was made by Barbara Domel, second by Robert Payne, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes.
10. Income/Expense Comparison was presented by Patrick Wagner.
11. Patrick Wagner went over the current tax rate and percent of revenue collected.
12. Jerry Hinshaw made a motion to adopt the Amended Middle Trinity GCD Management Plan. Second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes. Amended Management Plan adopted.
13. Patrick Wagner introduced Butch Ronne and recommended him to fulfill Gary Kafer's remaining term as a Director for Coryell County, which ends in November. Kenneth Bullington made a motion to appoint Butch Ronne to fulfill Gary Kafer's remaining term. Second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes. Butch Ronne appointed as Director for Coryell County.
14. Butch Ronne was administered Oath of Office.
15. Vince Clause of LRE Water, LLC presented the MTGCD Stratigraphic Model Update.

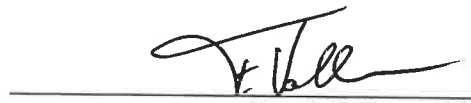
16. Ty Embrey of Lloyd Gosselink gave a legislative update and went over potential rule change considerations.
17. Patrick Wagner went over the first draft of the 2023/2024 Budget.
18. General Manager's Report given by Patrick Wagner.
19. Quarterly Drought Status Report given by Patrick Wagner.
20. Quarterly Investment Report given by Patrick Wagner.
21. Well Registration Update given by Debbe Montgomery. In addition to the 15 permit applications on the permit hearing agenda, there were 25 exempt registrations, which included 21 new wells and 4 replacement wells.
22. Field Tech report was given by Johnny Wells. One well was plugged in June, in Coryell County. One well was capped, in Comanche County. Six water quality tests were completed, 5 in Erath County and 1 in Comanche County. All wells tested good. Comanche County wells were monitored in June and Coryell County wells will be monitored in July.
23. Education/Public Relations Report was given by Stephanie Keith.
24. The Ditch Water Discovery Center Update was given by Stephanie Keith.
25. The Board retired into Executive Session at 2:40 PM.
26. The Board reconvened at 3:25 PM. Charles Ferguson moved for General Manager to go forward with legal counsel on taking action on driller. Second by Shane Tucker. All members present voted yes to proceed.
27. There was discussion on agenda items for the August Board Meeting. It was decided to move the August meeting from August 3rd to August 10th to allow time to receive certified totals from counties.
28. Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Charles Ferguson. Meeting adjourned by Rodney Stephens.

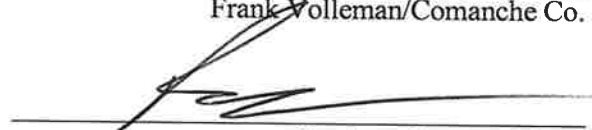

Joe Altebaumer/Erath Co.



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 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDDLE TRINITY
GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ADOPTING DISTRICT GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (“District”) was created by the Texas Legislature, pursuant to the authority of Article XVI, § 59 of the Texas Constitution, through Act of May 25, 2001, 77th Leg., R.S., ch. 1362, 2001 Tex. Gen. Laws 3371, as amended (“the Act”), as a groundwater conservation district operating under Chapter 36, Texas Water Code, Section 59, Article XVI of the Texas Constitution, and the Act;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District (“Board”) originally adopted its Management Plan in accordance with Sections 36.1071 and 36.1072 of the Texas Water Code and 31 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 356, on April 29, 2004, which was approved by the Texas Water Development Board (“TWDB”) on July 1, 2004, and thereafter revised and readopted its Management Plan within five years as required by Section 36.1072(e) of the Texas Water Code on April 2, 2009, which was then approved by TWDB on June 5, 2009;

WHEREAS, as Bosque and Coryell counties were added to the District’s territory in May and November of 2009 through the annexation process provided under Subchapter J, Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, the District found it necessary to add technical information for Bosque and Coryell Counties into the District’s Management Plan, and thus the District added this technical information and other certain updates to the District’s Management Plan by resolution on March 5, 2012, which was then approved by TWDB on May 14, 2012.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 36.1072 of the Texas Water Code and 31 Texas Administrative Code Section 356.51, the District is required to re-adopt its Management Plan, with or without revisions, at least once every five years and must thereafter re-submit the revised plan for TWDB approval pursuant to 31 Texas Administrative Code Sections 356.52 and 356.53;

WHEREAS, the District made timely revisions to its Management Plan for re-adoption by the Board prior to the expiration of the five-year period and re-adopted its Management Plan on June 2, 2022, which was subsequently approved by the TWDB on July 27, 2022;

WHEREAS, the District has made revisions to its Management Plan to incorporate the latest technical data, modeled available groundwater, and Desired Future Conditions for Groundwater Management Area 8;

WHEREAS, as part of the process of readopting its Management Plan, the District requested and received technical assistance from TWDB and also worked with TWDB staff to obtain the staff’s recommendations and comments on the revisions to its Management Plan;

WHEREAS, the Board and the District's staff, legal counsel, and geoscientist have reviewed and analyzed the District's revised Management Plan and the technical information received from TWDB related to the revised Management Plan;

WHEREAS, the District issued notice in the manner required by state law and held a public hearing on July 6, 2023, to receive public and written comments on the Management Plan at the District's office located at 930 N Wolfe Nursery Rd, Stephenville, Texas;

WHEREAS, the District will coordinate with the appropriate surface water management entities after the public hearing and readoption of its Management Plan to afford surface water management entities within the boundaries of the District the opportunity to review and provide comments to the District on its Management Plan;

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the revised Management Plan meets all of the requirements of Chapter 36, Texas Water Code, and 31 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 356;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors met in a public meeting on July 6, 2023, properly noticed in accordance with appropriate law, after holding a public hearing on the attached revised Management Plan, considered the re-adoption of the Management Plan, and considered approval of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED 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 hereby readopts its revised Management Plan as the Management Plan of the District, including any revisions made based on comments received from the public at the public hearing or Board meeting, or based on recommendations from the District Board, staff, legal counsel, geoscientist, or TWDB;
3. The Board of Directors, District staff, and the District's legal counsel and geoscientist are further authorized to take all steps necessary to implement this resolution and submit the revised Management Plan to the TWDB for its approval; and
4. The Board of Directors, the District staff, and the District's legal counsel and geoscientist are further authorized to take any and all action necessary to coordinate with the TWDB as may be required in furtherance of TWDB's approval pursuant to the provisions of Section 36.1072 of the Texas Water Code.

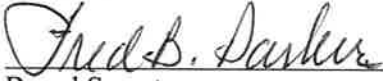
AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 6 day of July, 2023.

MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: 
Board President

ATTEST:


Board Secretary