

MINUTES OF THE  
PERMIT HEARING AND MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
HELD: June 4, 2020

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 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

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

Director Shane Tucker was present by phone. 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.
4. Motion was made by Fred Parker and second by Charles Furgeson 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.
7. Rodney Stephens adjourned the permit hearing.

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On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 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:

Rodney Stephens – President  
Fred Parker – Secretary  
Kenneth Bullington – Director  
Robert Payne – Director  
Frank Volleman – Director

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

Director Shane Tucker was present by phone. Member absent at roll call was W.B. Maples, who arrived during agenda item #12. Also present were Joe Cooper, Johnny Wells, Crystal Eberhart, Debbie Montgomery, and Stephanie Keith.

President Rodney Stephens called the meeting 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. 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 Paul Gaudette of the Dublin Citizen Newspaper.
6. No public comments were received.
7. There was a review of the Minutes of the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 monthly Board Meeting. Jerry Hinshaw made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes to accept the minutes.
8. Check Detail Report reviewed for dates 5/1/2020 through 5/31/2020, for check numbers 10426 through 10430, 10455 through 10474 (10475 – 10476 dated 4/30/2020), 10477 through 10487, and including electronic checks 51520 and 51521. Motion was made by Barbara Domel, second by Jerry Hinshaw, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes.
9. Income/Expense Comparison was reviewed. 28.9 % of the budget has been expended.
10. There was discussion of the preliminary CAD estimates and review of the current tax rate with percent of revenue collected.
11. Office Manager Report was given by Debbie Montgomery. In addition to the 9 permit applications, there were 28 exempt well registrations, including 3 replacements. Office staff returned to working in the office on Monday, May 18, 2020.
12. Field Tech report was given by Johnny Wells. Three wells were plugged in the month of May. Nine water quality tests were completed, 7 in Erath County, 1 in Comanche County, and 1 in Bosque County. All wells tested negative for bacteria. The Bosque County well tested high in salinity. Erath County wells were monitored in May and Comanche County wells will be monitored in June.
13. Education/Public Relations Report was given by Stephanie Keith.
14. Manager's Report was given by Joe Cooper.
15. GMA 8 Update was given by Joe Cooper.
16. There was discussion on funding 2020 4H Water Ambassador Program Fees for Sehrsha Glover. Charles Ferguson made a motion to pay the \$250 program fees for Shersha Glover, second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes to pay the program fees.
17. There was a Zoom presentation by Lake Flato Archistect firm, discussing and showing examples of their projects and qualifications.
18. Updates on The Ditch were given by Stephanie Keith. Easement relocation was discussed, but action tabled until next meeting.
19. There was discussion on possible engagement with the Lake Plato Architect Firm. Gary Kafer made a motion to engage with the firm, second by Jerry Hinshaw. Six directors voted yes to engage, Five voted no.
20. There was discussion on the possible purchase of the adjacent property, which would allow more space for the proposed Learning Center at the Ditch. Barbara Domel made a motion to offer \$205,000 for the property, second by Robert Payne. All members present voted yes to offer \$205,000.
21. The Board retired into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, section 551.074, for Discussion of Salary Treatments.
22. The Board reconvened in Open Session for action on salary treatments. Kenneth Bullington made a motion to give a 1% cost of living increase, plus 4 % merit raise, to each MTGCD employee. Second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes.
23. There was discussion on agenda items for the July Board Meeting. Items to be discussed include potential property purchase, easement relocation, budget, and architect updates. Due to the first Thursday in July being right before a holiday weekend, the July Board Meeting will be held on the second Thursday, July 9, 2020.

24. Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Jerry Hinshaw. Meeting adjourned by Rodney Stephens.

**MINUTES approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 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.