

MINUTES OF THE
PERMIT HEARING AND MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
HELD: March 4, 2021

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 4th day of March 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
Shane Tucker – Director
Kenneth Bullington – Director

Barbara Domel – Vice-President
Jerry Hinshaw – Director
Charles Ferguson – Director
Gary Kafer – Director
W.B. Maples - Director

Members absent were Frank Volleman and Joe Altebaumer. 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 except for Chiraz Mansouri. Chiraz Mansouri has not provided all required information so it is not administratively complete.
4. Motion was made by Shane Tucker and second by W.B. Maples to approve all operating permits except for Chiraz Mansouri and Kevin Northcutt. All members present voted yes. All permits were approved, except for Chiraz Mansouri. Rodney Stephens abstained from voting.
5. Motion to adjourn permit hearing made by Fred Parker. Second by Robert Payne. 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 Charles Ferguson.
3. Roll Call of Members was given by Debbie Montgomery.
4. Pledge of allegiance was conducted.
5. No guests were present.
6. No public comments were received.
7. There was a review of the Minutes of the February 4th, 2021 monthly Board Meeting. W.B. Maples made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes to accept the minutes.
8. Check Detail Report reviewed for dates 2/1/2021 through 2/28/2021, for check numbers 10876 through 10911, and including electronic checks 21521 and 21522. Motion was made by W.B. Maples, second by Kenneth Bullington, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes.
9. Income/Expense Comparison was reviewed. As of the end of February, 14.3 % of the budget has been expended, and 1.0 % of The Ditch Project budget has been expended.
10. Office Manager Report was given by Debbie Montgomery and Crystal Eberhart. In addition to the permit applications, there were 24 exempt new well registrations. It was noted that the pump capacity for the Roberts well was left blank. This was a registration for a test hole which is not to be equipped at this time.
11. Field Tech report was given by Johnny Wells. One well was plugged in February, in Erath County. Three water quality tests were completed, 2 in Erath County and 1 in Comanche County. All tested negative for bacteria. Comanche County wells were monitored in February and Bosque County wells will be monitored in March. The

report shows “Metering – Erath” but it should say “Comanche” instead of “Erath.” Director Joe Altebaumer arrived during this report.

12. Education/Public Relations Report was given by Stephanie Keith.
13. Manager’s Report was given by Joe Cooper.
14. James Beach was present via Zoom to give information about his new company, Advanced Groundwater Solutions, and to discuss and answer any questions about his proposal for hydrology consulting with MTGCD. Gary Kafer made a motion, second by Joe Altebaumer, to terminate the contract with WSP and accept the contract with Advanced Groundwater Solutions for hydrology consulting services. All members present voted yes.
15. There was discussion on the TML Insurance annual re-rates. Shane Tucker made a motion, second by Gary Kafer, to accept Option 1 on the Medical and Option B on the Vision. All members present voted yes.
16. Stephanie Keith gave an update on the outdoor learning center.
17. Interviews for Pre-Construction Management Services were held earlier in the day. The Project Committee recommended Waldrop Construction. There was a vote by ballot and Waldrop was selected.
18. W.B. Maples made a motion to table the Review / Discussion / Possible Approval of Preliminary Signage/Exhibits Theme Design. Second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes. This agenda item tabled to next board meeting.
19. There was discussion on expenditure policy and processes regarding the Project. It was mentioned that donations should be kept separate and that there should be one point of contact. No action taken at this time.
20. After discussion on possible names, Jerry Hinshaw of the Project Committee recommended that the name of “The Ditch” be changed to “Wolfe Creek Water Discovery Center.” Gary Kafer moved to accept the name, second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes.
21. There was discussion on forming a committee to consider restrictions on well completion and other rule changes/clarifications. Jerry Hinshaw moved to form the committee, second by W.B. Maples. President Rodney Stephens asked if there were any volunteers. It was suggested that there be one member from each county, plus one at-large. Volunteers to serve on the committee included Rodney Stephens, W.B. Maples, Robert Payne, Jerry Hinshaw, and Shane Tucker.
22. Agenda items for the April Board Meeting were discussed. Items will include legislative update, quarterly reports, signage/exhibits theme design, and ditch expenditure.
23. Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Charles Ferguson. Meeting adjourned by Rodney Stephens.

MINUTES approved this 1st day of April 2021.

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.

Gary Kafer/Coryell Co.

Kenneth Bullington/Coryell Co.

W.B. Maples/ Coryell Co.