

MINUTES OF THE
PERMIT HEARING AND MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
HELD: March 2, 2023

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 2nd day of March 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	Gary Kafer - Director
Kenneth Bullington – Director	Charles Ferguson – Director
Robert Payne – Director	W.B. Maples - Director

Board Members absent were Frank Volleman and Joe Altebaumer. Also present were Johnny Wells, Stephanie Keith, Debbie Montgomery, and Rachael Phillips. Patrick Wagner attended via Zoom.

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 present voted yes.
5. Rodney Stephens adjourned the permit hearing.

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On this 2nd day of March 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:

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Fred Parker - Secretary	Jerry Hinshaw - Director
Shane Tucker - Director	Gary Kafer - Director
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Robert Payne – Director	W.B. Maples - Director

Board Members absent were Frank Volleman and Joe Altebaumer. Also present were Johnny Wells, Stephanie Keith, Debbie Montgomery, and Rachael Phillips. Patrick Wagner attended via Zoom.

President Rodney Stephens called the meeting to order, declared a quorum present and that the meeting was duly convened and ready to transact business.

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1. Meeting called to order by Rodney Stephens.

2. Roll Call of Members was given by Debbie Montgomery.
3. Invocation was given by Gary Kafer.
4. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted
5. There were no guests present.
6. There were no public comments.
7. W.B. Maples 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.
8. There was a review of the Minutes of the February 16th, 2022 monthly Board Meeting. W.B. Maples moved to approve the minutes, second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes to approve the minutes.
9. Check Detail Report reviewed for dates 2/1/2023 through 2/28/2023, for check numbers 12119 through 12180, and including electronic checks 2023228, 2152023, 2282023, 2822023, 15022023, and 2023215. Motion was made by Kenneth Bullington, second by Shane Tucker, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes.
10. Income/Expense Comparison was reviewed by Patrick Wagner. 17.6% of the 2023 budget has been spent.
11. There was a review of the current tax rate and percent of revenue collected. 88.82 % has been collected.
12. Manager's Report was given by Patrick Wagner.
13. Office Administrator's Report was given by Debbie Montgomery. In addition to the permit applications, there were 18 new exempt well registrations and 2 replacements during the past month.
14. Field Tech report was given by Johnny Wells. Two wells were plugged in the month of February, both in Comanche County. Three water quality tests were completed, 1 in Erath County and 2 in Comanche County. All wells tested good. Comanche County wells were monitored in February and Coryell County wells will be monitored in March.
15. Education/PR Report/The Ditch Water Discovery Center Update was given by Stephanie Keith.
16. Monthly Drought Report was given by Patrick Wagner.
17. Monthly Investment Report was given by Patrick Wagner.
18. Patrick Wagner went over a possible deteriorative well cost sharing program to assist well owners with the cost of plugging wells that have over 100 feet of standing water. No action taken.
19. Patrick Wagner discussed matters pertaining to GMA 8. A proposal from Intera, an environmental consulting firm, was discussed, along with an interlocal agreement regarding GMA 8 funding for update of groundwater availability model. Charles Ferguson moved to negotiate up to one-eighth of the total amount of \$591.100 (\$73.887.50), split over two years. Second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes.
20. Jerry Hinshaw moved to table Executive Session. Second by W.B. Maples. All members present voted yes. Executive Session tabled.
22. There was discussion on agenda items for the April Board Meeting.
23. Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Charles Ferguson. Meeting adjourned by Rodney Stephens.

MINUTES approved this 6th day of April 2023.


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.