

MINUTES OF THE  
PERMIT HEARING AND MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
HELD: November 7, 2019

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019 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  
Jerry Hinshaw – Director  
Frank Volleman – Director  
Gary Kafer – Director  
Robert Payne – Director  
W.B. Maples - Director

Fred Parker - Secretary  
Kenneth Bullington – Director  
Shane Tucker – Director  
Charles Ferguson – Director  
Joe Altebaumer – director

Member absent was Barbara Domel. 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 Frank Volleman and second by Kenneth Bullington 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.
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. Guest present were Jerry Lee, Chief Appraiser of Erath County Appraisal District, Paul Gaudette of the Dublin Citizen, and Chris Neal.
6. No public comments were received
7. There was a review of the Minutes of the October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 monthly Board Meeting. Kenneth Bullington made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Fred Parker. All members present voted yes to accept the minutes.
8. Check Detail Report reviewed for dates 10/1/2019 through 10/31/2019, for check numbers 10142 through 10179, and including electronic checks numbered 103119, 103120, 103121, 151019, and 151020. Motion was made by Robert Payne, second by Kenneth Bullington, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes.
9. Income/Expense Comparison was reviewed.
10. Office Manager Report was given by Crystal Eberhart and Debbie Montgomery. In addition to the permit applications, there were 18 exempt well registrations. The MTGCD office will be closed on Monday, November 11, 2019 in observance of Veterans Day, and Thursday and Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, for Thanksgiving.
11. Field Tech report was given by Johnny Wells. Two wells were plugged, both in Erath County. Twelve water quality tests were completed, 5 in Erath County, 6 in Comanche County, and 1 in Coryell County. One well in Comanche tested positive for bacteria. It was bleached and retested and was okay. Comanche County wells were monitored in October and Coryell County wells will be monitored in November.
12. Education/Public Relations Report was given by Stephanie Keith. She also went over updates and activities concerning the outdoor learning center.
13. Manager's Report was given by Joe Cooper.
14. The revised District Investment Policy was discussed. W.B. Maples made a motion to adopt the new investment policies, second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes.
15. The Board retired into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 and 551.074, to discuss potential tax litigation in Erath County and employee one-time salary adjustment.
16. On the potential tax litigation, Charles Ferguson made a motion, second by Kenneth Bullington, to take the thoughts of the district to support other entities. On the personnel matters, Jerry Hinshaw made a motion, second by Shane Tucker, to approve a \$1000 one-time salary adjustment for each MTGCD employee.
17. There was discussion on casting votes for the Comanche Central Appraisal District 2020-2021 Board of Directors. Frank Volleman made a motion, second by Shane Tucker, to cast 35 votes to Jason Pate. Rodney Stephens abstained from the vote.
18. Agenda items for the December Board Meeting were discussed, which include the naming, mission statement, and excavation of the outdoor learning center, Coryell CAD elections, and the swearing in of Board Members.
20. Motion to adjourn made by Fred Parker. Second by Shane Tucker. Meeting adjourned by Rodney Stephens.

**MINUTES approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019.**

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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.