

MINUTES OF THE PERMIT HEARING  
AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
HELD: November 9, 2023

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 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:

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

Jerry Hinshaw - Director  
Kenneth Bullington – Director  
Frank Volleman – Director  
W.B. Maples – Director

Board Members absent were Rodney Stephens, Barbara Domel, and Butch Ronne. Also present were Patrick Wagner, Johnny Wells, Stephanie Keith, Debbie Montgomery, and Rachael Phillips.

Secretary Fred Parker 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 Fred Parker.
2. Roll Call of members was given by Rachael Phillips.
3. All operating permit applications were presented as administratively complete. One permit application is for a well that was previously approved to drill in May but they are increasing the GPM from 25 to 60. Another permit applicant is seeking an exception to the spacing rule due to screening across a different aquifer.
4. Motion to adjourn permit hearing made by Charles Ferguson. Second by Shane Tucker. All members voted yes to adjourn.
5. Fred Parker adjourned the permit hearing.

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COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 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:

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

Jerry Hinshaw - Director  
Kenneth Bullington – Director  
Frank Volleman – Director  
W.B. Maples – Director

Board Members absent were Rodney Stephens, Barbara Domel, and Butch Ronne. 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 Fred Parker.
2. Roll Call of Members was given by Rachael Phillips.
3. Invocation was given by Joe Altebaumer.
4. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

5. Guests present included permit applicants and residents of the Selden community.
6. Public comments given by Mike Moncrief, Rob Gustavsen, and M.L. Phinney, residents of the Selden community, voicing their concerns about the Selden Pit and its effect on their water wells.
7. W.B. Maples made a motion to approve all operating permit applications. Second by Shane Tucker. All members present voted yes to approve the operating permit applications. Robert Payne abstained from voting on the Wagon Road South LLC permit application.
8. The Board retired into Executive Session at 1:20 PM.
9. The Board reconvened at 2:16 PM. No action taken on anything discussed during Executive Session.
10. There was a review of the minutes of the October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 monthly Board Meeting. Charles Ferguson moved to approve the minutes, second by Shane Tucker. All members present voted yes to approve the October 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.
11. Check Detail Report was reviewed for dates 10/1/2023 through 10/31/2023, for check numbers 12559 through 12613, and including electronic checks 10132023 and 10312023. Motion was made by W.B. Maples, and second by Joe Altebaumer, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes to approve and ratify the payment of the bills.
12. Financial Report was given by Patrick Wagner.
13. General Manager's Report was given by Patrick Wagner.
14. Monthly Drought Status Report given by Patrick Wagner.
15. Monthly Investment Report given by Patrick Wagner.
16. Well Registration Update given by Debbie Montgomery. In addition to the 13 permit applications listed on the permit agenda, there were 32 exempt registrations, which included 30 new registrations and 2 replacement wells.
17. Field Tech Report given by Johnny Wells. Seven wells were plugged in the month of October, 2 in Coryell County, 2 in Comanche County, 1 in Bosque County, and 2 in Erath County. Four water quality tests were completed, 1 in Coryell County and 3 in Comanche County. One Comanche well, in the Sipe Springs area, tested high in salinity. Comanche County wells were monitored in October and Coryell County wells will be monitored in November.
18. Education / Public Relations Report given by Stephanie Keith.
19. The Ditch Water Discover Center Update was given by Stephanie Keith.
20. There was discussion on the purchase of security equipment for the District Office and the Ditch Water Discovery Center. Frank Volleman made a motion to go forward with the estimates from Access Voice and Data, Inc, second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes to go with Access Voice and Data, Inc.
21. Motion made by W.B. Maples and second by Jerry Hinshaw to discuss the perimeter fence for the Ditch Water Discovery Center at a later date. All members present voted yes to discuss at a later date.
22. Patrick Wagner went over proposed amendments to the FY 2024 Budget. Charles Ferguson moved to accept the amendments as proposed, second by Robert Payne. All members present voted yes to accept the amendments.
23. Charles Ferguson moved to table action on guest policy for the Ditch Water Discovery Center. Second by W.B. Maples. All members present voted yes to table action on the guest policy.
24. There was discussion on transferring Comanche TexPool and TexPool Prime accounts to Erath TexPool and TexPool Prime accounts and closing the Comanche accounts. The accounts were opened when MTGCD formed almost 20 years ago. Frank Volleman made a motion to close the Comanche accounts and transfer the funds to the Erath accounts, and rename them MTGCD accounts, with no county designation. Second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes to close the Comanche accounts and consolidate into the MTGCD TexPool and TexPool Prime accounts.
25. W.B. Maples moved to table the Resolution on Vote for Comanche CAD Board of Directors, second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes to table the resolution.
26. W.B. Maples moved to table the Resolution on Vote for Coryell CAD Board of Directors, second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes to table the resolution.
27. Patrick Wagner went over the list of the 2024 proposed Board Meeting dates. W.B. Maples made a motion to approve the dates, second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present votes yes to approve the meeting dates.

28. Patrick Wagner went over the proposed 2024 District Holiday Schedule. W.B. Maples made a motion to approve the holidays, second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes to approve the holiday schedule.
29. Patrick Wagner gave a rules committee update. He will be sending out agenda items of topics to be discussed to the committee members.
30. There was discussion on agenda items for the December Board Meeting.
31. Charles Ferguson moved to adjourn the meeting, second by W.B. Maples. All members present voted yes to adjourn. Meeting adjourned by Fred Parker.

MINUTES approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.

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Joe Altebaumer/Erath Co.

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*Jerry Hinshaw*

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Jerry Hinshaw/ Erath Co.

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Shane Tucker /Comanche Co.

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Frank Volleman/Comanche Co.

*Rodney Stephens*

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Rodney Stephens/Comanche Co.

*Charles E. Ferguson*

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Charles E. Ferguson/ Bosque Co.

*Barbara Domel*

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Barbara Domel/Bosque Co.

*Robert Payne*

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Robert Payne/Bosque Co.

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W.B Maples/Coryell Co.

*Kenneth Bullington*

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Kenneth Bullington/Coryell Co.

*Butch Ronne*

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Butch Ronne/ Coryell Co.

DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTIES OF COMANCHE, ERATH, BOSQUE, AND CORYELL

AFFIDAVIT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Before me, the undersigned notary, on this day, personally appeared, Robert Payne, a person whose identity is known to me. After I administered an oath to him, upon his oath, he said:

“My name Robert Payne, I am capable of making this affidavit. The facts stated in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

I, Robert Payne, make the following disclosure pursuant to Section 171.004 of the Texas Local Government Code. I have substantial interest in a business entity or in real property that affects an agenda item, Application for Operating Permit, which are before the Board of Directors of the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District on 9 November 2023.

The nature and extent of the interest are as follows:

Business Partner

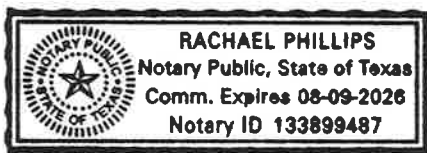
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Signature of Affiant



SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME on 9 November 2023

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Notary Public in and for State of Texas