

MINUTES OF THE
PERMIT HEARING AND MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
HELD: October 8, 2020

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 8th day of October 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
Shane Tucker – Director
Gary Kafer - Director

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

Members absent were Frank Volleman, Robert Payne, 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. Crystal Eberhart stated that Andrew Grimm pulled his permit application after the posting of the agenda so it is not to be considered at this time.
4. Motion was made by Barbara Domel and second by Gary Kafer to approve all operating permits. All members present voted yes. All permits were approved, except for Andrew Grimm, which was withdrawn.
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 Gary Kafer.
3. Roll Call of Members was given by Debbie Montgomery.
4. Pledge of allegiance was conducted.
5. Guests present were Karen Blanchard and Christine Littlefield, from Coryell County, and Tary Arterburn of Studio Outside.
6. No public comments were received.
7. There was a review of the Minutes of the September 10th, 2020 monthly Board Meeting and the September 24th, 2020 Tax Meeting. Jerry Hinshaw made a motion to approve both sets of minutes, second by Gary Kafer. All members present voted yes to accept the minutes.
8. Check Detail Report reviewed for dates 9/1/2020 through 9/30/2020, for check numbers 10634 through 10688, and including electronic checks 201509 and 201510. Motion was made by Jerry Hinshaw, second by Kenneth Bullington, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes.
9. Income/Expense Comparison was reviewed. Printout shows that 90.8% of the budget has been expended, which includes the recent property purchase. Budget will be adjusted to reflect expenses paid more accurately by next board meeting.
10. Office Manager Report was given by Debbie Montgomery. In addition to the permit applications, there were 19 exempt new well registrations and 1 replacement. The MTGCD office will be closed on Monday, October 12th, for Columbus Day.
11. Field Tech report was given by Johnny Wells. Four wells were plugged in the month of September. Five water quality tests were completed, all in Erath County. All tested negative for bacteria.

12. Education/Public Relations Report was given by Stephanie Keith.
13. Manager's Report was given by Joe Cooper.
14. The Quarterly Investment Report was given by Joe Cooper.
15. The Quarterly Drought Report was given by Joe Cooper.
16. Lake Flato / Studio Outside presented and discussed their Master Plan Options for The Ditch.
17. There was discussion on the Ditch Master Plan and Budget Timeline. Charles Ferguson moved to approve the master plan and timeline as presented but not amounts. Second by Jerry Hinshaw.
18. Kenneth Bullington moved to table the Approval to Proceed with Contract Negotiations for Schematic Design and Constructin Documents for The Ditch until the November Board Meeting. Second by Fred Parker. All members present voted yes.
19. James Beach and Bill Stein gave a presentation of their Peer Review of the Hydrological Report for the Hill Creek Ranch Subdivision.
20. There was discussion to approve the sale of property by Erath County Tax Assessor / Collector. The property has been held in trust for nonpayment of taxes. Jerry Hinshaw made a motion to approve the sale of the property, second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes.
21. Joe Cooper and Crystal Eberhart discussed possible budget amendments to the 2020 Budget. Motion made by Charles Ferguson, second by Jerry Hinshaw, to approve the 2020 Expense Budget Amendments with increase and line item amendments. All members present voted yes.
22. There was discussion on the 2021 Budget. Charles Ferguson made a motion to adopt the 2021 Expense Budget, with \$862,130 for Operations and Maintenance and a \$1,200,000 placeholder for The Ditch project. Second by Barbara Domel. All members present voted yes.
23. There was discussion on the date for the December Board Meeting. The December Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 3rd, 2020.
24. There was discussion on agenda items for the November Board Meeting. Possible agenda items include 1-time salary treatment and adjourn into executive session.
25. Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Charles Ferguson. Meeting adjourned by Rodney Stephens.

MINUTES approved this 5th day of November 2020.

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.