

MINUTES OF THE
PERMIT HEARING AND MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
HELD: October 7, 2021

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 7th day of October 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
Shane Tucker – Director
Gary Kafer – Director
Frank Volleman – Director
Robert Payne – Director

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

Board member absent at roll call was Joe Altebaumer, but he arrived during the Permit Hearing. Also present were Johnny Wells, Crystal Eberhart, Stephanie Keith, and Debbie Montgomery.

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. Debbie Montgomery stated that all operating permits were administratively complete except for Andrew Kinser.
4. 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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On this 7th day of October 2021, the Board of Directors of the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District convened in a STATED SESSION at 930 N Wolfe Nursery Rd, Stephenville, Texas at 1:00 PM with the following members present:

Rodney Stephens – Director
Fred Parker – Secretary
Shane Tucker – Director
Gary Kafer – Director
Frank Volleman – Director
Robert Payne – Director

Barbara Domel – Vice-President
Jerry Hinshaw - Director
Kenneth Bullington – Director
Charles Ferguson – Director
W.B. Maples – Director
Joe Altebaumer - Director

No board members were absent. Also present were Johnny Wells, Crystal Eberhart, Stephanie Keith, and Debbie Montgomery.

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 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. Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kinser, Vince Daddio, and Paul Gaudette.
6. Andrew Kinser spoke to the board members to request an exception to the current spacing rules.
7. Frank Volleman made a motion to accept and approve all the permit applications reviewed at the permit hearing except for Andrew Kinser. Second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes to approve all except for Andrew Kinser.
8. At 1:33 PM, the Board retired into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of Texas Government Code – consultation concerning attorney client matters.
9. The Board reconvened at 3:02 PM.
10. There was a review of the Minutes of the September 2nd, 2021 monthly Board Meeting, the September 2nd, 2021 Tax Rate Hearing, and the September 14th, 2021 Special Called Meeting. Jerry Hinshaw moved to approve the minutes of all three meetings, second by Gary Kafer. All members present voted yes to accept the minutes.
11. Check Detail Report reviewed for dates 8/31/2021 through 9/30/2021, for check numbers 11201 through 11267 (11254 voided), and including electronic checks 9921, 83121, 83122, 83123, 93021, 93022, and 9092021. Motion was made by Fred Parker, second by Jerry Hinshaw, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes.
12. Income/Expense Comparison was reviewed. 59.7 % of the budget has been expended, and 13.7 % of the project budget has been expended.
13. Manager's Report was unavailable.
14. Office Manager Report was given by Crystal Eberhart and Debbie Montgomery. In addition to the permit applications, there were 30 exempt new well registrations and 1 replacement.
15. Field Tech report was given by Johnny Wells. One well was plugged in September, in Comanche County. Five water quality tests were completed: 3 in Erath County and 2 in Comanche County. All tested negative for bacteria. Erath County wells were monitored in September and Comanche County wells will be monitored in October.
16. Quarterly Investment Report was given by Jerry Hinshaw.
17. Quarterly Drought Report was given by Johnny Wells.
18. Education/PR Report/Outdoor Learning Center Update given by Stephanie Keith.
19. There was discussion on the construction of a groundwater well at The Ditch Water Discover Center. Charles Ferguson made a motion to not approve the construction of a well, second by W.B. Maples. All members present voted to not approve the construction of a groundwater well.
20. Frank Volleman moved to table the action on participation with establishment of a Habitat Conservation Plan for Karst Invertebrates until the November meeting. Second by Shane Tucker. All members present voted to table the discussion until more information is received.
21. Rodney Stephens went over the proposed rules revisions. Joe Altebaumer made a motion to schedule a Rules Change Public Hearing for next month, second by Frank Volleman. All members present voted yes. A public hearing will be set for November 4th, before the regular monthly Board Meeting.

22. Crystal Eberhart went over the TML Insurance renewal date being changed to January, when the new provider becomes effective. Jerry Hinshaw made a motion to approve the renewal date being changed from July to January, second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes.
23. Charles Ferguson made a motion to have the Board President contact the General Manager to request a letter of retirement from the General Manager. Second by Shane Tucker. All members present voted yes.
24. Barbara Domel made a motion to appoint Johnny Wells as the acting General Manager and to appoint Stephanie Keith as the acting Project Manager, with all financials to be approved by Fred Parker and Jerry Hinshaw. Second by Robert Payne. Nine members voted yes, two voted no, and one abstained from voting.
25. Agenda items for the November Board Meeting were discussed.
26. Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Charles Ferguson. Meeting adjourned by Rodney Stephens.

MINUTES approved this 4th day of November 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.
