

MINUTES OF THE PERMIT HEARING  
AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
HELD: October 5, 2023

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 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	Kenneth Bullington – Director
Charles Ferguson – Director	Frank Volleman – Director
Robert Payne – Director	W.B. Maples – Director

Board Members absent were Joe Altebaumer and Butch Ronne. Also present were Patrick Wagner, Johnny Wells, Stephanie Keith, Debbie Montgomery, and Rachael Phillips.

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. Two permit applications are for existing wells, one that was not previously registered and one the use is being changed. One permit application is for a replacement well that is being drilled over 30 feet but less than 100 feet from the well it is replacing. Another permit application is contingent upon plugging of an existing well that is within 300 feet that is owned by the applicant.
4. Motion to adjourn permit hearing made by Fred Parker. Second by Charles Ferguson. All members voted yes to adjourn.
5. Rodney Stephens adjourned the permit hearing.

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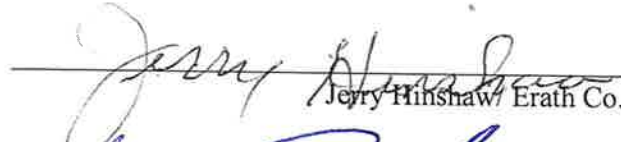
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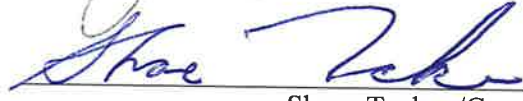
1. Meeting called to order by Rodney Stephens.
2. Roll Call of Members was given by Debbie Montgomery
3. Invocation was given by Charles Ferguson

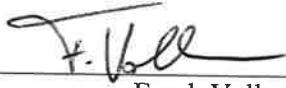
4. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
5. Guests present included Vince Clause of LRE Water, LLC, Tom Wuensche of Collier Consulting, Kris Stover of Schreiber Foods, Justin Latham of Coryell County, and citizens of the Selden area.
6. Public comments given by Rob Gustavsen and Mike Heck, voicing their concerns on the Selden Pit and its effect on their water wells.
7. Kenneth Bullington made a motion to approve all operating permit applications on the permit hearing agenda except for two for Sundance Dairy, LLC. Second by Shane Tucker. All members present voted yes to approve all operating permit applications except for Sundance Dairy, LLC. Barbara Domel made a motion to approve the two operating permit applications for Sundance Dairy, LLC, second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present except for Frank Volleman voted yes to approve the Sundance Dairy, LLC permit applications. Frank Volleman abstained from voting for the Sundance Dairy, LLC permit applications.
8. There was a review of the minutes of the September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 monthly Board Meeting. Kenneth Bullington moved to approve the minutes, second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes to approve the September Board Meeting Minutes.
9. Check Detail Report was reviewed for dates 9/1/2023 through 9/30/2023, for check numbers 12498 through 12558, and including electronic checks 9152023, 9202023, and 9292023. 12480, issued the previous month, was voided and reissued as 12538. Motion was made by Kenneth Bullington, and second by Jerry Hinshaw, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes to approve and ratify the payment of the bills.
10. Income/Expense Comparison was presented by Patrick Wagner.
11. Patrick Wagner went over the current tax rate and percent of revenue collected.
12. Vince Clause of LRE Water, LLC gave a summary report of the progress update of the stratigraphic model, which is 98% complete.
13. General Manager's Report was given by Patrick Wagner.
14. The Board retired into Executive Session at 2:13 PM.
15. The Board reconvened at 2:54 PM. No action taken on anything discussed during Executive Session.
16. Monthly Drought Status Report given by Patrick Wagner.
17. Monthly Investment Report given by Patrick Wagner.
18. Well Registration Update given by Debbie Montgomery. In addition to the 15 permit applications listed on the permit agenda, there were 31 exempt registrations, which included 27 new registrations and 4 replacement wells.
19. Field Tech Report given by Johnny Wells. Two wells were plugged, both in Erath County. Six water quality tests were completed, 4 in Erath County and 2 in Coryell County. One Erath well and 2 Coryell wells were high in salinity. Erath County wells were monitored in September and Comanche County wells will be monitored in October.
20. Education / Public Relations Report given by Stephanie Keith.
21. The Ditch Water Discover Center Update given by Stephanie Keith.
22. Patrick Wagner discussed the aquifer analysis of the Stephenville Well Field.
23. Patrick Wagner gave a Rules Committee update. A Rules Committee meeting will be scheduled before the next Board Meeting to discuss possible amendments to the District Rules.
24. There was discussion on proposing a groundwater transport fee. Charles Ferguson made a motion to propose a charge of 20 cents per 1,000 gallons transported out of the MTGCD area. Second by Frank Volleman. All members present voted yes. MTGCD will hold a public hearing before considering adopting a \$0.20/1000 gals transport rate by Board resolution.
25. There was discussion on agenda items for the November Board Meeting. Charles Ferguson made a motion to move the meeting date to November 9<sup>th</sup>. Second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes to move the meeting to the 9<sup>th</sup> of November.
26. Fred Parked moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Charles Ferguson. All members present voted yes to adjourn. Meeting adjourned by Rodney Stephens.

  
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W.B Maples/Coryell Co.

  
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Kenneth Bullington/Coryell Co.

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Butch Ronne/ Coryell Co.

DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTIES OF COMANCHE, ERATH, BOSQUE, AND CORYELL

Erath

AFFIDAVIT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

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

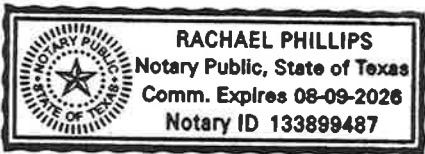
I, Frank Volleman, make the following disclosure pursuant to Section 171.004 of the Texas Local Government Code. I have substantial interest in a business entity or in real property that affects an agenda item, Application for Operating Permit, which are before the Board of Directors of the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District on 5 October, 2023. The nature and extent of the interest are as follows:


Well/Property Owner Relative

Signature of Affiant 

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME on 5 of October, 2023

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Notary Public in and for State of Texas