

MINUTES OF THE  
PERMIT HEARING AND MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
HELD: September 5, 2019

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 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  
Fred Parker - Secretary  
Kenneth Bullington – Director  
Robert Payne – Director  
Shane Tucker - Director

Barbara Domel – Vice-President  
Jerry Hinshaw – Director  
Charles Ferguson – Director  
Frank Volleman – Director

Members absent were Joe Altebaumer, W.B. Maples, and Shane Tucker. Also present were 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. Crystal Eberhart stated that all operating permits were administratively complete and ready to be heard.
4. Motion was made by Jerry Hinshaw and second by Shane Tucker 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 Charles Ferguson.
3. Roll Call of Members was given by Debbie Montgomery.
4. Pledge of allegiance was conducted.
5. Guests present were Paul Gaudette of the Dublin Citizen and Chris Neal.
6. No public comments received
7. There was a review of the Minutes of the August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 monthly Board Meeting, the August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Special Called Meeting, the August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 Public Hearing, and the August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Public Hearing. Shane Tucker made a motion to accept the minutes. Second made by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes to accept.
8. Check Detail Report reviewed for dates 8/1/2019 through 8/31/2019, for check numbers 10010 through 10017, 10022 through 10091, and including electronic checks numbered 80119, 81519, and 81520. Check number 10032 is a voided check. Motion was made by Jerry Hinshaw, second by Shane Tucker, 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 Debbie Montgomery. In addition to the permit applications, there were 18 exempt well registrations, plus 6 replacements.
11. Field Tech report was given by Johnny Wells. Five wells were plugged, 1 in Comanche County and 4 in Erath County. Nine water quality tests were completed, all in Erath County. All wells tested negative for bacteria. Bosque County wells were monitored in August and Erath County wells are to be monitored in September.
12. Education/Public Relations Report was given by Stephanie Keith. Events attended were discussed, along with upcoming events.
13. Manager's Report was given by Johnny Wells. Events attended were discussed, along with upcoming events. For staff development, Johnny Wells was accepted into Leadership Stephenville and Stephanie Keith will be attending Master Gardener classes.
14. The proposal for professional services from River Glen Studio was discussed. Karen Richardson is a landscape architect and is proposing a scaled Master Site Plan for the outdoor classroom / water conservation garden planned for the property adjacent to the MTGCD office on Wolfe Nursery Rd in Stephenville. The plan will demonstrate water conservation and collection measure, water appropriate plant materials, adapted re-use of materials, stormwater treatment alternatives, accessible paths, and other programs goals determined by the Board of Directors. The fee for the preliminary plan for review is \$400. Motion to accept the proposal made by Frank Volleman and second by Shane Tucker. All members present voted yes.
15. There was discussion on excavation services to clean out the riparian area of the proposed outdoor learning center. Three bids were received, to be considered in discussion of next year's budget. No action taken, to be tabled until further notice, after the preliminary site plan is received.
16. Secretary Fred Parker presented the Certification of Unopposed Candidates. Motion made by Shane Tucker, second by Jerry Hinshaw, to adopt the Order of Cancellation of November 5, 2019 Regular Election for Directors from Bosque and Coryell Counties. All members present voted yes. Cancellation of the election in Bosque and Coryell Counties was ordered. W.M. Maples, Gary Kafer, and Robert Payne will continue another 4-year term as MTGCD Board Members.
17. There was review and discussion of the 2019 Tax Rate. Robert Payne voiced opposition to the current 0.000097 tax rate and suggested somewhere in the middle between the effective tax rate and the current tax rate. Jerry Hinshaw suggested tax rate of 0.000095. There will be a separate meeting immediately following this meeting to vote on the 2019 Tax Rate.
18. Crystal Eberhart presented the Proposed District Budget for 2020. After some discussion, Charles Ferguson made a motion to approve the budget of \$771, 210. Second by Kenneth Bullington.
19. There was discussion on the purchase of a new server. MTGCD's server crashed and a replacement one is needed. Two bids were received, one from Tech 323 and one from Nehring Technology. Motion made by Charles Ferguson, second by Shane Tucker, to approve the purchase of the new server through Tech 323, which was lower in cost, between \$1,000 and \$1,500.
20. Agenda items for the October Board Meeting were discussed, including date and location of the December Board Meeting.

22. Motion made by Fred Parker to adjourn. Second by Charles Ferguson. Meeting adjourned by Rodney Stephens.

**MINUTES approved this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 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.