

MINUTES OF THE
PERMIT HEARING AND MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
HELD: September 10, 2020

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 10th day of September 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
Charles Ferguson – Director
W.B. Maples – Director
Gary Kafer - Director

Barbara Domel – Vice-President
Jerry Hinshaw – Director
Robert Payne – Director
Shane Tucker – Director
Joe Altebaumer – Director

Member absent was Frank Volleman. 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. Chris and Rachel Williams was determined to be an exempt well and not require a permit.
4. Motion was made by Kenneth Bullington and second by Jerry Hinshaw to approve all operating permits. All members present voted yes. All permits were approved, except for Chris and Rachel Williams, which does not require a permit. There was one application for the Volunteer Metering Program. Kenneth Bullington made a motion to to accept the application into the Volunteer Metering Program, second by Shane Tucker. All members present voted yes.
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 Joe Altebaumer.
3. Roll Call of Members was given by Debbie Montgomery.
4. Pledge of allegiance was conducted.
5. Guests present were Mitch Fast of the Coryell County Appraisal District and Tary Arterburn of Studio Outside.
6. No public comments were received.
7. There was a review of the Minutes of the August 6th, 2020 monthly Board Meeting. W.B. Maples made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes to accept the minutes.
8. Check Detail Report reviewed for dates 8/1/2020 through 8/31/2020, for check numbers 10579 through 10631, and including electronic checks 80120, 80220, 203108, 310820, 8172020, and 8172021, and voided check number 10622. Motion was made by Kenneth Bullington, second by Jerry Hinshaw, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes.
9. Income/Expense Comparison was reviewed. Printout shows that 83.4% of the budget has been expended, which includes purchase of the property. Budget will be corrected at the next board meeting.
10. Office Manager Report was given by Debbie Montgomery. In addition to the permit applications, there were 34 exempt new well registrations and 8 replacements.
11. Field Tech report was given by Johnny Wells. Seven wells were plugged in the month of August. Four water quality tests were completed, 2 in Erath County and 2 in Comanche County. One Comanche County well tested positive for bacteria. It is a new well in the Sidney area, bacteria most likely due to the storage of the casing. It has been bleached and will be retested.

12. Education/Public Relations Report was given by Stephanie Keith.
13. Manager's Report was given by Joe Cooper.
14. Mitch Fast, Chief Appraiser for the Coryell County Appraisal District, discussed the purchase and remodel of a facility for the Copperas Cove office of the Coryell Central Appraisal District. W.B. Maples made a motion to approve the purchase and remodel, second by Shane Tucker. All members present voted yes.
15. Lake Flato / Studio Outside presented and discussed their conceptual design for The Ditch.
16. Joe Cooper discussed the refund settlement of 2019 taxes for FMC Technologies and Technip FMC.
17. Crystal Eberhart read the Certification of Unopposed Candidates. Jerry Hinshaw made a motion to cancel the November 3, 2020 Regular Election for Directors from Comanche and Erath Counties. Second by W.B. Maples. All members present voted yes.
18. There was discussion of the Proposed 2021 Tax Rate. Charles Ferguson made a motion to propose 0.000092/\$100, second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes except for Barbara Domel and Robert Payne. There will be a special meeting to set the tax rate on Thursday, September 24th.
19. Crystal Eberhart reviewed the 2021 Budget.
20. Discussion on the purchase of aquifer monitoring equipment tabled to next Board Meeting.
21. Joe Cooper discussed a hydrological report that was received for a Coryell County subdivision. A review of the report is being requested by the Coryell County Attorney. Jerry Hinshaw made a motion to approve the peer review, second by Shane Tucker. All members present voted yes. Hydrogeologist James Beach will do the peer review.
22. There was discussion on agenda items for the October Board Meeting, which will be held on Thursday, October 8th. The 2021 Budget will be approved, along with budget amendments for 2020, and a follow-up presentation from Lake Flato. Also on the October agenda will be the Quarterly Financial Report and the Quarterly Drought Report. .
23. Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Charles Ferguson. Meeting adjourned by Rodney Stephens.

MINUTES approved this 8th day of October 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.