

MINUTES OF THE PERMIT HEARING
AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
HELD: September 7, 2023

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ERATH

On this 7th day of September 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
Fred Parker - Secretary
Shane Tucker - Director
Charles Ferguson – Director
Joe Altebaumer – Director

Barbara Domel – Vice-President
Jerry Hinshaw - Director
Kenneth Bullington – Director
Frank Volleman – Director
Butch Ronne – Director

Board Members absent were Robert Payne and W.B. Maples. 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.
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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1. Meeting called to order by Rodney Stephens.
2. Roll Call of Members was given by Debbie Montgomery.
3. Invocation was given by Joe Altebaumer.

4. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted
5. There were no guests were present.
6. There were no public comments.
7. Kenneth Bullington made a motion to approve all operating permit applications on the permit hearing agenda. Second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes to approve the permit applications. Permit applications approved.
8. There was a review of the Minutes of the Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to District Rules held August 10, 2023. Kenneth Bullington moved to approve the minutes, second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes to approve the rules hearing minutes. There was also a review of the minutes of the August 10th, 2023 monthly Board Meeting. Kenneth Bullington moved to approve the minutes, second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes to approve the board meeting minutes.
9. Check Detail Report reviewed for dates 8/1/2023 through 8/31/2023, for check numbers 12437 through 12497, and including electronic checks 8312023 and 15082023. Motion was made by Kenneth Bullington, second by Jerry Hinshaw, to approve and ratify the payment of the bills. All members present voted yes.
10. Income/Expense Comparison was presented by Patrick Wagner.
11. Patrick Wagner went over the current tax rate and percent of revenue collected.
12. Presentation of Stratigraphic Model from LRE Water, LLC was tabled until the October board meeting.
13. General Manager's Report was given by Patrick Wagner.
14. Monthly Staff Reports
 - a. Monthly Drought Status Report was given by Patrick Wagner.
 - b. Monthly Investment Report was given by Patrick Wagner.
 - c. Well Registration Update was given by Debbie Montgomery. In addition to the 7 permit applications on the permit hearing agenda, there were 37 exempt registrations, which included 28 new wells and 9 replacement wells.
 - d. Field Tech Report was given by Johnny Wells. One well was plugged in August, in Bosque County. Six water quality tests were completed, 3 in Erath County, 2 in Comanche County, and 1 in Bosque County. One of the Comanche County wells was retested after testing positive for bacteria. All wells tested good. Bosque County wells were monitored in August and Erath County wells will be monitored in September.
 - e. Education/Public Relations Report was given by Stephanie Keith.
 - f. The Ditch Water Discovery Center Update was given by Stephanie Keith.
15. Patrick Wagner went over information related to the development of the BELCOR RHCP.
16. There was discussion on the windmill needing some repair. Charles Ferguson made a motion to move forward to fixing the issue if the amount is reasonable, second by Butch Ronne (Barbara Domel). All members present voted yes to approve the windmill repair.
17. There was discussion on the need for a fence for The Ditch. Stephanie Keith went over an estimate that was provided. Butch Ronne made a motion to table action until more bids are received. Second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes to table action on the fence.
18. There was discussion on a security system for The Ditch and added cameras for the District Office. Barbara Domel made a motion to move forward on getting bids for a security system, second by Charles Ferguson. All members present voted yes to get bids for a security system.
19. Patrick Wagner went over proposed amendments to the 2023 Budget. Joe Altebaumer moved to accept the amendments as presented, second by Kenneth Bullington. All members present voted yes to accept the budget amendments.
20. Patrick Wagner discussed the increase in cost for health insurance. Jerry Hinshaw moved to table action on health insurance until next month to obtain more bids. Second by Butch Ronne. All members present voted yes. Action on health insurance is tabled until October.
21. Public Hearing was held on the Proposed Tax Rate for Tax Year 2023. There were no public comments.

22. Charles Ferguson made a motion to adopt the No-New-Revenue (NNR) Tax Rate of \$0.006463 per \$100 for the 2023 Tax Rate. Second by Jerry Hinshaw. All members present voted yes. NNR Tax Rate of \$0.006463 per \$100 adopted.
23. Patrick Wagner discussed the options for the 2024 District Budget which included a 3% cost of living adjustment for every employee. Barbara made a notion to accept the No-New-Revenue 3 (NNR 3) option, seconded by Shane Tucker. All members present voted yes. Budget NNR 3 2024 selected.
24. Jerry Hinshaw made a motion to cancel the regular election for Directors from Bosque and Coryell Counties to be held November 7, 2023. Second by Joe Altebaumer. All members present voted yes. Election cancelled.
25. The Board retired into Executive Session at 2:26 PM.
26. The Board reconvened at 2:45 PM. No action taken on any matters discussed in Executive Session.
27. There was discussion on agenda items for the October Board Meeting to be held on October 5th.
28. Fred Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Charles Ferguson. All members present voted yes to adjourn. Meeting adjourned by Rodney Stephens.

MINUTES approved this 5th day of October 2023.

Joe Altebaumer/Erath Co.

Fred Parker

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Jerry Hinshaw

Jerry Hinshaw/ Erath Co.

Shane Tucker

Shane Tucker /Comanche Co.

F. Volle

Frank Volleman/Comanche Co.

Rodney Stephens

Rodney Stephens/Comanche Co.

Charles E. Ferguson

Charles E. Ferguson/ Bosque Co.

Barbara Domel

Barbara Domel/Bosque Co.

Robert Payne

Robert Payne/Bosque Co.

W.B. Maples

W.B Maples/Coryell Co.

Kenneth Bullington

Kenneth Bullington/Coryell Co.

Butch Ronne/ Coryell Co.