

**MINUTES OF  
January 18, 2019  
BOARD MEETING  
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District met in regular session on Friday, January 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the District office located at 225 S. Pierce Street, Suite 104, Burnet, Texas.

**Members Present:**

Bill Felps, President    Bill Luedecke, Vice President    Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer  
Ryan Rowney, Director    Ricky Bindseil, Director

**Staff and/or Consultants Present:**

Mitchell Sodek, General Manager    Paul Babb, Groundwater Resource Specialist  
Donnita Coats, Office Manager    William Dugat, District Legal Counsel

**Others Present:** Six Members of the Public

President Felps established a quorum through a roll call of Directors; declared a quorum present; and called the Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

President Felps asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on the Annual District Audit for FY 2017-2018. Charity Taber, District Auditor with Taber and Burnett PC, reviewed the audit and reported a strong financial position, a clean opinion and that there were no Non-Compliance Issues and no Control Weaknesses.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District FY2017-2018 Annual Audit as presented.

Second was by Bill Luedecke.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held December 17, 2018.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held December 17, 2018.

Second was by Ryan Rowney.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Expenditures for December 2018; Budget Line Item Adjustments; Review of the 2018-2019 Budget and Quarterly Report on Investments.

Ryan Rowney moved to:

Approve the Expenditures for December 2018.

Second was by Bill Luedecke.

Vote on the motion carried.

Public Funds Investment Officers, Mitchell Sodek and Donnita Coats, gave the Board a Quarterly Report on the Investment Position of the District for the quarter ending December 31, 2018 in accordance with Section IV of the Public Funds Investment Policy of the District.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on a request to recognize Texas Water Code Ch 36.116(c) availability and applicability to City of Bertram and Felps, LLC. General Manager Sodek stated that Robert Felps with Felps, LLC had requested that this item be put on the agenda. The subject matter is not currently addressed in the District Rules so General Manager asked Mr. Felps if he was requesting a rule change regarding the matter. Mr. Felps clarified that he was not seeking a District Rule change, but a special production regulation for the City of Bertram. After discussion, District Legal Counsel Dugat and General Manager Sodek stated that at previous Rule workshops and hearings, the Board gave indication that they did not want to pursue using retail service areas as described by 36.116(c). The City of Bertram has an Operating Permit for the maximum amount of water allowed by the District Rules and that they would need to petition and have a Board approved management zone that allows more production or provide additional contiguous water rights to permit additional water use. Ryan Rowney stated that he would like to see the City of Bertram provide documents and figures pertaining to water usage and population growth. No action was taken.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Annual Report. General Manager Sodek presented the annual report and asked if the Board had questions on the report.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:

Adopt the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Annual Report as presented.

Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on determination of the Drought Stage. General Manager Sodek reported that the area is very wet and to the point that it is hard to access sites for field work. There are some Granite Gravel wells that the water is only five feet below ground level which can have a negative effect on wells in relation to septic systems. There was no need to change the current Drought Stage 1 – Near Normal.

President Felps then called on the General Manager for the General Manager and/or Staff Report.

a. Well Registrations & Permitting

	Total as of January 16, 2019	Last 30 Days	Last 90 Days	Last 365 Days
Wells in Database	6755	28	75	312
Registered Wells	4653	14	66	244
Wells Pending Registration	109	28	62	97
Imported Unregistered Wells	1700	0	1	1
Canceled/Denied/Not Completed Wells	293	0	2	36
Non-Exempt - By Rule	44	17	35	44
Permit Applications Received	165	0	2	6

Permits by Status	Received	Approved	Denied	Pending	Expired	Terminated
	165	147	1	6	0	9

Permits Approved by Use	Total
Commercial	13
Domestic, Livestock & Poultry	66
Industrial	11
Irrigation	32
Public Water Supply	41
Total	163

Permits Approved by Precinct	Permits	Wells
Precinct 1	69	138
Precinct 2	33	66
Precinct 3	19	31
Precinct 4	23	35
Precinct 1,2,3	1	13
Precinct 1,3	1	2
Precinct 1,4	1	3
Totals	147	288

- b. Thomas Ridge Ranch Update  
General Manager Sodek reported that he had contacted the applicant and their attorney several weeks ago and is still waiting on word from them for an amended amount of water requested or if negotiations for additional groundwater rights with a neighboring landowner have been successful. Kathy Griffis-Bailey requested that General Manager Sodek and District Legal Counsel Dugat send a letter stating a date certain for a response from them.
- c. USGS Krause Springs Update  
The USGS was unable to do the work they had intended to do this week due to the Government Shutdown.
- d. District Vehicle  
The District Truck has been repaired and returned to the District.
- e. Burnet County Water Availability Requirements  
General Manager Sodek and Director, Burnet County Development Services, Herb Darling are working on draft Burnet County subdivision regulations regarding water availability requirements. General Manager Sodek and Director Griffis-Bailey will contact previous Board Director Wayne Brown to see if he will continue to serve on the water availability requirements committee.
- f. 4-H Water Ambassadors Program  
Burnet County Student Hayden Holder, a participant in the 2018 program, will give a presentation to the Board at the February meeting. He plans to also attend other meetings to gain service hours towards the program. Information on sponsoring the 2019 program will be presented to the Board when it is received by the District.

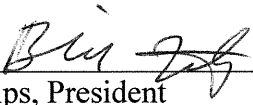
President Felps then called for Director Comments. There were no Director comments.

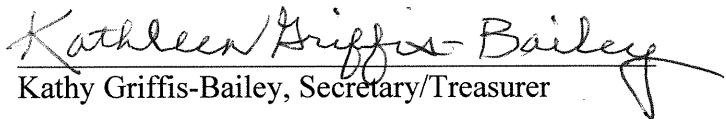
President Felps then called for agenda items for the next Regular Board Meeting  
Update and Readopt Management Plan  
4-H Water Ambassadors Presentation

President Felps stated that Directors could contact the General Manager or Board President prior to the deadline for posting notice of the next meeting if they have a suggested agenda item.

President Felps then set the date for the next regular board meeting for, Friday, February 15, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

President Felps adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

  
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Bill Felps, President

  
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Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer