MINUTES OF June 21, 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, June 21, 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

Others Present: One Member 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 then asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held May 17, 2019.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held May 17, 2019.

Second was by Bill Luedecke.

Vote on the motion carried.

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

Bill Luedecke moved to:

Approve the Expenditures for May 2019.

Second was by Ryan Rowney.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for discussion and presentation on USGS Krause Springs Project. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that a representative with the USGS would be doing a presentation but that he had not arrived yet. President Felps moved to agenda item number six and stated that he would return to agenda item number five when the USGS representative arrived.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Resolutions Providing for the Sale of Property Acquired by the Burnet Central Appraisal District at Delinquent Tax Sale.

Bill Felps moved to:

Approve the Resolutions Providing for the Sale of Property Acquired by the Burnet Central Appraisal District at Delinquent Tax Sale.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Non-Compliant Permits for Production Reports. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that, at the time of the annual May 1st deadline for operating permit holders to provide production reports to the District, there were over twenty that had not complied. After sending letters of non-compliance and requesting that reports be turned in by June 14, 2017 all but two permit holders met the request. Of the two has since turned in their reports on June 20th and the other has yet to respond. General Manager Sodek reviewed the civil penalties for this major violation of the District Rules. The Board directed him to have District Legal Counsel send the permit holder in violation a certified letter stating the violation and amount of civil penalties that would be assessed until the matter was settled in civil court if the reports are not submitted by a date set by the General Manager. If the permit holder does not respond and submit the reports as requested, the Board will consider enforcement actions against the permittee.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on determination of the Drought Stage. General Manager Sodek reported that due to rainfall amounts the soil moisture and water levels are high and spring flow is doing well. 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 A few operating permits are in the works but none that are ready for review.

	Total as of	T 4 20 D	Last 90 Days	Last 365 Days	
	June 19, 2019	Last 30 Days	Last 70 Days	Lust 505 Days	
Wells in Database	6867	25	71	291	
Registered Wells	4761	24	64	280	
Wells Pending Registration	92	24	53	90	
Imported Unregistered Wells	1700	0	1	3	
Canceled/Denied/Not Completed Wells	314	0	1	31	
Non-Exempt - By Rule	110	15	39	106	
Permit Applications Received	165	0	0	5	

Permits by Status	Received A	pproved	Denied	Pending	Incomplete	Expired	Terminated
	165	147	1	6	2	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	141
Precinct 2	33	72
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	297

b. Legislation

General Manager Sodek reviewed legislation regarding Chapter 36 and Political Subdivisions and will have District Legal Counsel prepare and present a detailed update and review for a future meeting.

c. Water Quality Testing

Groundwater Resource Specialist Babb informed the Board that he is working with the Texas Water Development Board through cooperative funding to monitor the water quality of certain Ellenburger wells and springs and the Sycamore at Krause Springs.

Director Rowney asked if there were any updates on the EPA superfund site in Burnet County. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that there has been a change in management at the EPA and that we have not received an update at this time. Director Griffis-Bailey requested that the District ask the EPA for a status report.

President Felps then called for a Budget Work Session to review, discuss and develop a proposed FY 2019-2020 District Budget. The work session was called to order at 9:44 a.m. There was Board and Staff discussion on budgeting for constructing a building or purchasing a building to house the District Office. General Manager Sodek discussed some of the requirements that Legal Counsel Dugat related to him that are necessary for a Public Works Entities to build, purchase or purchase and renovate a building. He also discussed issues involved with sharing interest in an office complex with another Public Works Entity. The Board suggested that a budget item to research the cost of building or acquiring a building that meets public entity requirements be added to the proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget. The Budget Work Session was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

President Felps called a brief recess and the regular meeting resumed at 10:15 a.m.

President Felps then returned to agenda item number five and asked for discussion and a presentation on the USGS Krause Springs Project. Scott Ikard with the USGS gave a presentation on The Source of Groundwater to Krause Springs Investigated with Electrical and Electromagnetic Geophysics. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that he would like to continue to further refine data related to the project. Director Rowney asked if water quality testing had been done at the site. Groundwater Resource Specialist Babb responded that water quality testing and testing of isotopes is being done in the area.

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. Budget Work Legislation

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, July 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

President Felps adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Bill Felps, President

Kathleen Suffix Bailey Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer