

**MINUTES OF  
September 24, 2018  
BOARD MEETING  
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District (“District”) will hold a Regular Board meeting and a Public Hearing on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the District office located at 225 S. Pierce Street, Suite 104, Burnet, Texas. The following items of business will be discussed, considered, and potentially acted upon by the Board of Directors: (see footnote 1)

**Members Present:**

Bill Felps, President     Steve Henderson, Vice President     Bill Luedecke, Secretary/Treasurer  
Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Director

**Members Absent:** Wayne Brown, Director

**Staff and/or Consultants Present:**

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

**Others Present:** 13 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 Thomas Ridge Community Wells. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that he had recently learned from the Thomas Ridge Homeowners Association of two unregistered and unpermitted private wells in the District that are providing water to nine homes in the Thomas Ridge Community. He has contacted the current property owner of the land that the wells are located on to request that the wells be registered and permitted according to District Rules. Several Thomas Ridge property owners that are currently using water from these wells were present and allowed to make public comment on their concerns associated with their continued use of these wells. President Felps instructed General Manager Sodek to continue to work with the owner of the wells to bring them into compliance with District Rules.

President Felps then announced to the Board and public that the Board would move to agenda Item Number 4 and conduct a Public Hearing at 9:26 a.m. on the proposed Rule Amendments to the District Rules. He called the hearing to order and stated that the hearing was being recorded, that notice of the hearing was posted under the Open Meetings Act and notice of the hearing was published in the Highlander and Burnet Bulletin, that staff and legal counsel would be heard from, public comment would be taken, and that at the close of the hearing, the Board posted action item to adopt the amended Rules may or may not be done depending on the nature of the comments received. A brief recess of the hearing was called at 10:09 a.m. and the hearing was resumed at 10:10 a.m. The hearing was closed at 10:15 a.m.

President Felps then moved to Agenda Item Number Five 5 to consider and/or act on Proposed Amendments to the District Rules. He noted that the Board may adopt the amended rules as is or could make any changes suggested during public comment. He stated for the record that he would prefer

that all five Board Members be present before a vote was taken on adoption of the revised District Rules. Legal counsel and members of the Board discussed the process for taking action on adoption of the rules following the public hearing.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Declare the comment period and Public Hearing on proposed amendments to District Rules closed and to postpone action on proposed amendments to the District Rules to the next meeting of the Board. Second was by Steve Henderson.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held August 24, 2018.

Bill Luedecke moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held August 24, 2018.

Second was by Steve Henderson.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Expenditures for August 2018; Budget Line Item Adjustments; and Review of 2017-2018 Budget. General Manager Sodek reported that the following line item adjustments were made within a budget category to the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget:

Moved \$1,500.00 From Expenses – Vehicle Expense – Vehicle Accessories  
To Expenses – Vehicle Expense – Fuel/Maintenance

Moved \$1402.72 From Expenses - Capital Purchase – Office And Field Equipment  
To Expenses - Capital Purchase – Monitor Wells Equipment

Moved \$571.31 From Expenses - Capital Purchase – Office And Field Equipment  
To Expenses - Capital Purchase – Flow Meters

Moved \$60.00  
From Expenses – Contract Services – Technical Consultant  
To Expenses – Contract Services – Appraisal Fees

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the Expenditures for August 2018

Second was by Steve Henderson.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the Election scheduled to be held November 6, 2018. As the authority responsible for having the official ballot prepared, Election Officer, Donnita Coats, certified that the following candidates were unopposed for election to office for the election scheduled to be held on November 6, 2018.

Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District  
Director Precinct 2 Ryan Rowney  
Director Precinct 4 Ricky Bindseil

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Cancellation of the November 6, 2018 Election.

Steve Henderson moved to:

Cancel the November 6, 2018 Election that was ordered for the purpose of Electing Director, Precinct 2 and Director, Precinct 4 for the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District.

Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on TML Multistate IEBP Insurance ReRates. General Manager Sodek presented the Plan Year 2018-2019 ReRate Sheets from TML Multistate IEBP. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that health insurance rates had not changed from the previous plan year.

Steve Henderson moved to:

Approve the TML Multistate IEBP Insurance ReRates for Plan Year 2018-2019 as presented.

Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on the Proposed FY 2018-2019 Budget. General Manager Sodek presented and reviewed a proposed FY 2018-2019 Budget that included increases to the Payroll Expenses line items and minor changes to balance the budget from the Proposed Budget that was presented at the previous Board Meeting.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Adopt the Proposed FY 2018-2019 Budget, as presented, as the FY 2018-2019 Budget of the District.

Second was by Steve Henderson.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on a 2018 Proposed Tax Rate. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that both the requirements for publishing tax notices and the requirement for holding two public hearings for a Large Taxing Entity before a tax rate is adopted have been met. The two public hearings on the tax rate increase were held on September 7, 2018 and September 14, 2018.

Bill Felps moved to:

Approve a Minute Order adopting a Tax Rate for the Year 2018. Pursuant to Chapter 8810, Texas Special District Local Laws Code, the District hereby adopts a 2018 Tax Rate of 0.0080/\$100 value. THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

Second was by Steve Henderson.

Vote on the motion carried as follows:

For: Bill Felps, Steve Henderson, Bill Luedecke, Kathy Griffis-Bailey

Against: None

Present and not voting: None

Absent: Wayne Brown

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP for District General Counsel.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Enter into an Engagement Agreement with Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP to serve as General Legal Counsel for the District.

Second was by Steve Henderson.

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 there had been a tremendous amount of rain in the county recently with some areas have a good deal more than others. Felps Springs and Turkey Feather Spring flows have risen but are still below average. He recommended staying at the current Drought Stage 2 – Moderate Drought at this time. No action was taken to change the current Drought Stage.

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

a. Well Registrations & Permitting

	Total as of September 20, 2018	Last 30 Days	Last 90 Days	Last 365 Days
Wells in Database	6658	24	83	291
Registered Wells	4556	27	71	192
Wells Pending Registration	134	23	69	113
Imported Unregistered Wells	1700	0	0	0
Canceled/Denied Wells	268	0	3	36
Permit Applications Received	163	0	3	5

Permits by Status	Received	Approved	Denied	Pending	Expired	Terminated
	163	147	1	6	0	9

Permits Approved by Use	Total
Commercial	13
Domestic, Livestock & Poultry	63
Industrial	11
Irrigation	32
Public Water Supply	41
Total	163

Permits Approved by Precinct	Permits	Wells
Precinct 1	69	136
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. Water Availability Committee

General Manager Sodek will present a, White Paper on Groundwater Availability Requirements for Subdivisions in Burnet County, to the Burnet County Commissioners Court on Tuesday, September 25, 2018. He will request that the County form a committee to join the District's Water Availability Committee consisting of Director, Kathy Griffis-Bailey and Director, Wayne Brown.

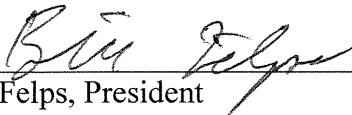
President Felps then called for Director Comments. There were no Director comments.

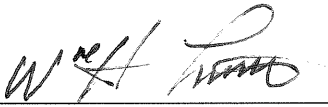
President Felps then called for agenda items for the next Regular Board Meeting  
District Rules Revisions  
Report from Water Availability Committee  
Update on Thomas Ridge Community Well

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, Monday, October 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

President Felps adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

  
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Bill Felps, President

  
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Bill Luedecke, Secretary/Treasurer