

**MINUTES OF
October 20, 2017
BOARD MEETING
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District met in regular session on Friday, October 20, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the District office located at 225 S. Pierce Street, Suite 104, Burnet, Texas.

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, Field Technician Donnita Coats, Admin. Assistant

Others Present:

34 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 9:02 a.m.

President Felps asked for public comment. General Manager Sodek reported on calls and emails that he had received from citizens with concerns on the TCEQ Air Quality Permit No 146397L001 for Collier Materials, Inc. at 4601 FM Road 1980 Marble Falls, TX. The citizens had concerns that water quality and the quantity of water used by the quarry was having an effect on their groundwater wells. General Manager Sodek and President Felps stated that at the time the quarry has not applied for a groundwater use permit and that the District has no jurisdiction over the quarries in the state of Texas other than District rule requirements for a permit for use of groundwater in Burnet County or the right to inspect a site if proof is given that the groundwater has been contaminated. General Manager Sodek informed the citizens present that the quarry they are concerned with is required by the Lower Colorado River Authority to have regular testing done for chemicals at a well onsite and that he would send the results of the test that he had obtained a copy of to anyone that provided an email address to the District. The tests available are from 2012 on and have shown no detection of chemicals.

President Felps then asked for a presentation by the United States Geological Survey on the preliminary geophysical study of the Granite Gravel aquifer in Burnet County, Texas. Scott Ikard and Jennifer Wilson were present for the presentation. Scott Ikard gave the presentation on the pilot study of the aquifer mapping and explained in detail the electromagnetic field testing and seismic surveying to depict the contact surface of the decomposed granite and granite bedrock. General Manager Sodek stated that the technique had worked to accomplish the goals of the study and that the technique could be economically feasible for use by the District in the future over a larger area.

President Felps then asked for discussion on the City of Bertram Operating Permit. Michael A. Guevara, Attorney at Law, representing the City of Bertram discussed the lack of science at this time to request a management zone for the City of Bertram permit. The City would like for the Board to consider adopting rule changes that would increase the ½ acre-foot per contiguous controlled acre to 1 acre-foot per contiguous controlled acre and give public water supplies credit for acreage owned or serviced by a PWS even if the acreage is not contiguous.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held September 15, 2017.

Bill Felps moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held September 15, 2017.

Second was by Steve Henderson.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Expenditures for September, 2017; Review of 2016-2017 Budget; Budget Line Item Adjustments, Review of 2017-2018 Budget; and Quarterly Report on Investments.

General Manager Sodek reported that the following budget line item adjustments were made on September 30, 2017 within a budget category to the FY 2016-2017 Budget:

Moved \$3,500.00 From Expenses – Payroll Expenses – Intern and/or FTE
To Expenses – Payroll Expenses – Salary & Wages

Moved \$4,000.00
From Expenses - Capital Purchase – Flow Meters
To Expenses - Capital Purchase – Monitor Wells Equipment

Moved \$5,000.00
From Expenses - Capital Purchase – Office and Field Equipment
To Expenses - Capital Purchase – Monitor Wells Equipment

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the Expenditures for September 2017.

Second was by Bill Luedecke.

Vote on the motion carried.

Public Funds Investment Officer, Donnita Coats, gave the Board a Quarterly Report on the Investment Position of the District for the quarter ending September 30, 2017 in accordance with Section IV of the Public Funds Investment Policy of the District.

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.

Steve Henderson 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 Bill Luedecke.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on nominations to the Board of Trustees of the Public Employee Benefits Alliance. No Action was taken.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on the District Alternate Representative to GMA 8. General Manager Sodek stated that he was the main representative and that he recommended appointing Field Technician, Paul Babb as alternate representative.

Steve Henderson moved to:
Appoint Field Technician, Paul Babb as the District's alternate representative to GMA 8
Second was by Bill Luedecke.
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 water levels remain high and that a forecasted La Nina predicts a dryer winter. He recommended staying at the current Drought Stage 1 - Near Normal 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
Reports are expected to be ready in the new database for the next meeting. There has been an increase in the drilling of exempt wells.
- b. Quarry Concerns
There is citizen concerns regarding the Asphalt Inc. Quarry south of Marble Falls at Highway 281 and Highway 71. There have been no talks or negotiations with the District for water use.
- c. EPA Burnet Groundwater Plume
A 40 foot monitor well was drilled last week by the EPA behind the dry cleaners located on the Burnet County Square. Five monitor wells have been drilled by the EPA. Seventy private water wells are being tested for water quality. We are waiting for the testing results.
- d. BOPATE Event
The BOPATE event held on October 14, 2017 was a success and General Manager Sodek volunteered to work the event.

President Felps then called for Director Comments. There were no Director comments. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that he and Director Kathy Griffis-Bailey would be attending the TAGD Mobile Leadership Training on November 16, 2017.


President Felps then called for agenda items for the next Regular Board Meeting.

Attorney RFQ's
Definition of Surface Water and Groundwater

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, November 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

President Felps adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.



Bill Felps, President



Bill Luedecke, Secretary/Treasurer