

**MINUTES OF
November 17, 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, November 17, 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 Wayne Brown, Director

Staff and/or Consultants Present:

Mitchell Sodek, General Manager Paul Babb, Field Technician Donnita Coats, Admin. Assistant

Others Present:

1 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 asked for public comment. There were no public comments.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held October 20, 2017. Wayne Brown noted a minor wording error in the minutes.

Bill Luedecke moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held October 20, 2017 as corrected.

Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.

Vote on the motion carried.

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

Wayne Brown moved to:

Approve the Expenditures for October 2017.

Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Request for Qualifications for District Legal Counsel. General Manager Sodek presented a draft request for qualifications for legal counsel notice that he prepared following the request of the Board at the October 20, 2017 meeting to include it as an agenda item at the next meeting. The draft notice was discussed and suggested revisions were made to the draft.

Steve Henderson moved to:

Proceed with the revised Notice of Request for Qualifications for Legal Counsel-District Rule Review/Revisions.

Second was by Wayne Brown.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on a District Rules Committee. President Felps stated that no District Rules Committee would be created and that a work session to review responses to the Notice of Request for Qualifications for Legal Counsel-District Rule Review/Revisions would be tentatively scheduled for January, 2018.

President Felps then asked for discussion of Artificial Excavation Exposing Groundwater. General Manager Sodek presented a letter from the District's legal counsel to the City of Bertram from August 2015 that was in regards to water held in quarry pits. At the pervious board meeting, the board asked for further clarification on the definition of surface water vs. groundwater in regards to water held within excavated quarry pits. General Manager Sodek stated that the State has not defined the difference but the District's rules do address quarry's and based on the District's definition of a "well", the water in the pits was determined to be groundwater, as the August 2015 letter stated. No action was taken.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on determination of the Drought Stage. General Manager Sodek Reported that there has been little precipitation and that the Felps and Delaware Springs are dropping. A forecasted weak La Nina predicts a drier winter. There was discussion on ways to educate the public of the drought stage. 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.
- b. Clearwater District Water Symposium
General Manager Sodek and Field Technician Babb attended the symposium on November 15, 2017. The Symposium was well attended by 175 participants and covered information on aquifer storage recovery, groundwater issues, brackish/desal, and Clearwater District issues.
- c. TAGD Leadership Training
General Manager Sodek and Director Griffis-Bailey attended the training in Salado, Texas on November, 16, 2017. The training covered information on the Legislature, case law, water well measurement, aquifer storage recovery. Director Griffis-Bailey commented that the presenters were excellent, the attorneys were understandable and that TAGD Executive Director, Sarah Schlessinger managed the panel expertly. Various Legislators and commissioners were in attendance at the dinner. General Manager Sodek led a panel discussion and conducted a presentation at the training.
- d. District Water Quality Program
Field Technician Babb showed the Board the Mobile Water Quality Lab that was purchased by the District. He and General Manager Sodek discussed the procedures that would be used to test certain wells to build a water quality database for the District and requested that the Board refer any constituents requesting water quality testing to contact 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.
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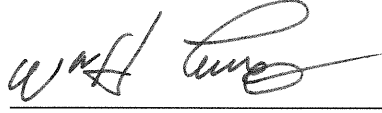
President Felps stated that Directors could contact the General Manager or Board President prior to the deadline for posting notice of the next meeting if they have a suggested agenda item.

President Felps then set the date for the next regular board meeting for, Friday, December 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

President Felps adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.



Bill Felps, President



Bill Luedecke, Secretary/Treasurer