

**MINUTES OF  
May 19, 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, May 19, 2017 immediately following a 9:00 a.m. Permit Hearing in the District office located at 225 S. Pierce Street, Suite 104, Burnet, Texas.

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:** Steve Henderson, Vice President    Wayne Brown, Director

**Staff and/or Consultants Present:**

Charles Shell, General Manager    Mitchell Sodek, Asst. General Manager/Hydrologist

Donnita Coats, Admin. Assistant    Timothy Brown, Legal Counsel

**Others Present:**

Eight 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 10:16 a.m.

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

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on a requested agenda item from the City of Bertram: "The necessity of and possible amendment to the water use restrictions in the District Rules."

Michael A. Guevara, Attorney at Law, representing the City of Bertram requested that the Board hold a work session to review and discuss changing District Rules related to maximum annual production allowed under an Operating Permit. President Felps stated that a work session of the Board would be held on June 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office.

President Felps then stated that he would move to Agenda Item Number 7(b) and introduced Donna Klaeger with Hill County Strategies for an update on Legislation in the Texas 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session that are of interest to the District. She gave an update on Senate and House Bills that were considered dead or pending and will give another update in June following the end of regular session.

President Felps then went back to Agenda Item Number 4 and asked for consideration and/or action on the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held April 21, 2017.

Bill Felps moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held April 21, 2017.

Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Expenditures for April 2017; Review of 2016-2017 Budget; and Budget Line Item Adjustments.

Bill Luedecke moved to:

Approve the Expenditures for April 2017.

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. Assistant General Manager/Hydrologist Sodek stated that even though it has been rather dry the monitor well levels are remaining high and 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. Monthly Report of Well Registrations & Permitting Activity

	Total as of April 20, 2017	Total as of May 18, 2017
Well Registrations	4168	4169
Well Drilling Authorizations	1251	1266
Permit Applications Received	154	154

<u>Permit Applications by Use</u>		<u>Issued</u>	<u>Denied</u>	<u>Pending</u>	<u>Expired</u>
Commercial	16	14	0	1	1
Domestic, Livestock & Poultry	55	56	0	0	0
Industrial	11	9	0	2	0
Irrigation	28	24	0	3	0
<u>Public Water Supply</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	154	145	1	7	1

<u>Permit Applications by Precinct</u>	
Precinct 1	69
Precinct 2	34
Precinct 3	26
Precinct 4	23
Precincts 1,3	1
<u>Precincts 1,2,&amp;3</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	154

b. Update on Legislation in the Texas 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session  
Discussed before Agenda Item Number 4.

c. Update on District Database

Asst. General Manager Sodek/Hydrologist informed the Board that we had received the Preliminary Design and would be receiving an updated design next week. He stated that the new database design will be a good foundation to move forward with mapping and reports.

d. Update on USGS Projects

Asst. General Manager/Hydrologist Sodek informed the Board that the Granite Gravel Geophysics project data collection began this week and was proceeding as conditions allowed; the Turkey Feather spring monitoring equipment has been received and will be installed soon; and the Hamilton Creek Project has not begun at this time.

President Felps then announced that General Manager, Charles Shell, would be retiring and that he had turned in his resignation from the District effective May, 31, 2017. The Board expressed their appreciation to Charles for his service to the District and the Citizens of Burnet County and wished him well in his retirement.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Accept with regrets the resignation of General Manager, Charles Shell, effective May 31, 2017 and to appoint Assistant General Manager/Hydrologist, Mitchell Sodek, as Interim General Manager effective June 1, 2017.

Second was by Bill Luedecke.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then stated that the Board was appointing Interim General Manager Sodek, who is currently the alternate District Representative to GMA 8, as District Representative to GMA 8. He asked the staff to inform GMA 8 of the appointment and to request that an agenda item to replace General Manager Shell with Mitchell Sodek as Region K Representative be placed on the next GMA 8 meeting agenda.

President Felps then called for Director Comments.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey suggested holding the previously discussed field trip for the Directors to observe several USGS projects and district monitor wells at some time in June. Assistant Manager/Hydrologist Sodek will plan the field trip and prepare a notice of quorum that states no decisions by the Board of Directors will be acted on.

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


Personnel Matters

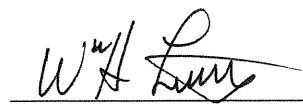
Legislative Update.

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, June 16, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. or immediately following a 9:00 a.m. Permit Hearing if one is held, at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas. He also stated that a work session would be held on Monday, June 12, 2017.

President Felps adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

  
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Bill Felps, President

  
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Bill Luedecke, Secretary/Treasurer