

**MINUTES OF
August 18, 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, August 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the District office located at 225 S. Pierce Street, Suite 104, Burnet, Texas.

Members Present:

Bill Felts, President Steve Henderson, Vice President Bill Luedecke, Secretary/Treasurer
Wayne Brown, Director Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Director

Staff and/or Consultants Present:

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

Others Present:

2 Members of the Public

President Felts 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 Felts asked for public comment. President Felts acknowledged the presence of Burnet County Judge, James Oakley and Precinct 1 Commissioner, Jim Luther, Jr. He asked Judge Oakley if he would update the Board on the increase in the subdividing of property in the County and the prospect of water quality testing and monitoring of a capped and unused groundwater well that is located in the basement of the County Courthouse. Judge Oakley reviewed the areas of the County that are experiencing an increase in platted and proposed subdivisions. He also informed the Board that the Commissioners Court would be discussing the possibility of the District testing and monitoring the well that is located in the basement of the County Courthouse.

President Felts then asked for consideration and/or action on the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held July 21, 2017.

Bill Felts moved to:

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

Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.

Vote on the motion carried.

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

General Manager Sodek reported that the following line item adjustments were made within a budget category to the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget:

Moved \$3000.00 From Contract Services – Technical Consultant
To Contract Services - Legal

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the Expenditures for July 2017.

Second was by Wayne Brown.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Payroll Schedules and Payroll Direct Deposits. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that the staff is prepared to convert to Payroll Direct Deposit with a monthly payroll schedule for the Board and a biweekly payroll schedule for Staff.

Bill Luedecke moved to:

Approve Payroll Direct Deposit with a monthly payroll schedule for the Board and a biweekly payroll schedule for the Staff.

Second was by Wayne Brown.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on a Request for Disc/P&I and Attorney Fees to be waived for 2016 Property Taxes, Owner ID 114098; Property Description S4960 /Greenbriar (Sherwood Shores) Lot 40 & 41.

Bill Luedecke moved to:

Deny the Request for Disc/P&I and Attorney Fees to be waived for 2016 Property Taxes, Owner ID 114098; Property Description S4960 /Greenbriar (Sherwood Shores) Lot 40 & 41.

Second was by Steve Henderson.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on an engagement letter from Taber & Burnett, P.C. for the 2016– 2017 District Audit.

Wayne Brown moved to:

Approve the engagement letter from Taber & Burnett, P.C. to do the 2016– 2017 District Audit.

Second was by Steve Henderson.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on the 2018 Benefit Selections for Texas County & Districts Retirement System Plan. General Manager Sodek discussed the District's plan in comparison to those of Burnet County and the Burnet Central Appraisal District.

Wayne Brown moved to:

Approve the Texas County & District Retirement System Plan Agreement for Plan Year 2018 with a change to the Employee Deposit Rate from 5% to 7% and a change to the Employer Matching from 100% to 200% with the application of matching for future only.

Second was by Bill Luedecke.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on the Proposed FY 2017-2018 Budget. General Manager Sodek presented and reviewed a proposed FY 2017-2018 Budget and stated that a budget will be presented for consideration and/or action at the September Regular Board Meeting.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the proposed 2017-2018 Budget as presented.

Second was by Wayne Brown.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on a 2017 Proposed Tax Rate. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that the effective tax rate for 2017 was \$0.0085/\$100 of value for a total tax of \$481,953.00.

Bill Luedecke moved to:

Approve a 2017 Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.0085/\$100 of value.

Second was by Wayne Brown.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on determination of the Drought Stage. General Manager Sodek stated that he and Field Technician, Paul Babb, had recently collected data from the District monitor wells. The data is showing no recharge but has stopped the downward trend and showing much higher levels than previous years and especially in the Trinity aquifer. 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

Data is being entered into the new database and new reports will be created once the new database is completed.

b. USGS Projects

Turkey Feather Spring - Gauge is up and running.

Granite Gravel Study – A report is being finalized and a presentation would be made to staff on Sept 1.

Hamilton Creek Study – Data is being collected adjacent to the quarry.

c. EPA Burnet Groundwater Plume

Three monitor wells have been drilled by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the District took video with the downhole camera and ran geophysical logs on the wells. The fourth well is yet to be completed. General Manager Sodek has recommended sampling Springs, soil gas monitoring in certain locations and testing an unused capped well in the Burnet County Courthouse basement. The EPA is looking for the source for remediation.

d. District Database

The database is up and running and is being tested by the staff as data is entered. The next phases of the project are to create a workflow, online applications, data entry for drillers and pump installers, and water quality entry.

e. 2016-2017 WaterWise Program Summary

Reviewed the program results which were a success.

President Felps then called for Director Comments. President Felps thanked Judge Oakley and Commissioner Luther for their presence and input and thanked the Staff for their work on the proposed budget. Director Luedecke informed the staff that he would present any news articles on the District to the Highland Lakes Papers on the Districts behalf. President Felps stated that District Rule amendments on production acreage and spacing would be considered in the next year.

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

Budget

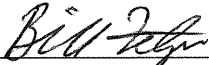
Tax Rates

Insurance ReRates

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, September 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

President Felps adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.



Bill Felps, President



Bill Luedecke, Secretary/Treasurer