# MINUTES OF August 19, 2016 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 19, 2016 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

Steve Henderson, Vice President

Dan Brady, Secretary/Treasurer

Bill Luedecke, Director

Wayne Brown, Director

**Staff and/or Consultants Present:** 

Charles Shell, General Manager

Mitchell Sodek, Hydrologist

Donnita Coats, Admin. Assistant

Timothy Brown, Legal Counsel

### 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 9:52 a.m.

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

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held July 15, 2016 and Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held August 5, 2016.

### Bill Felps moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held July 15, 2016 and Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held August 5, 2016.

Second was by Steve Henderson.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Expenditures for July 2016; Review of 2015-2016 Budget; Budget Line Item Adjustments.

### Bill Felps moved to:

Approve the Expenditures for July 2016.

Second was by Steve Henderson.

Vote on the motion carried.

General Manager Shell reported that the following line item adjustments were made within a budget category to the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget:

Moved \$300.00 - From Administrative Operations - Small Equipment & Software to Administrative Operations - Public Notice & Publications

Moved \$300.00 - From Administrative Operations - Office Supplies to Administrative Operations - Public Notice & Publications

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 Resolutions Providing for the Sale of Property Acquired by the Burnet Central Appraisal District at Delinquent Tax Sale.

Second was by Dan Brady.

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 FY 2015–2016 District Audit. General Manager Shell reviewed the letter and cost of the audit.

Dan Brady moved to:

Approve Taber & Burnett, P.C. to do the 2015-2016 Audit for the District.

Second was by Bill Luedecke.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on the 2017 Benefit Selections for Texas County & Districts Retirement Plan. General Manager Shell presented and reviewed the TCDRS 2017 benefit selections and plan rates as compared to the 2016 Plan.

Dan Brady moved to:

Approve the 2017 Benefit Selections and Plan Rates for the Texas County & Districts Retirement Plan as presented.

Second was by Bill Luedecke.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then moved to Agenda Item Number 9 and stated that consideration and/or action on personnel matters including salaries and benefits of employees for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year would be addressed in Agenda Item Number 9.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on a Proposed FY 2016-2017 Budget for the District. General Manager Shell presented and reviewed a proposed FY 2016-2017 Budget with and without funds from reserves included for special projects and salary increases for Hydrologist, Mitchell Sodek and Administrative Assistant, Donnita Coats.

President Felps stated that the Board would go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The Board went into Executive Session at 10:22 a.m. and returned to Regular Session at 10:41 a.m.

# Bill Felps moved to:

Promote Hydrologist, Mitchell Sodek to Assistant General Manager/Hydrologist immediately and to approve a 10% per year pay increase for Mitchell Sodek and a 3% per year pay increase for Administrative Assistant, Donnita Coats to be effective the payroll period beginning September 24, 2016.

Second was by Steve Henderson.

Vote on the motion carried.

Bill Felps moved to:

Approve the Proposed FY 2016-2017 Budget as presented with funds from reserves for special projects and salary increases included.

Second was by Dan Brady.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consider and/or action on a 2016 Proposed Tax Rate. General Manager Shell informed the Board that the effective tax rate for 2016 was \$0.0089/\$100 for a total tax of \$461,822.00. He informed them that if taxes were kept at the current tax rate of \$0.0091/\$100 the total tax would be \$472,200.00.

Bill Luedecke moved to:

Approve a Proposed 2016 Tax Rate of 0.0091/\$100 of value.

Second was by Bill Felps.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Determination of the Drought Stage. Hydrologist Sodek reported that the recent large amounts of rainfall were due to a cold front and not directly from a tropical storm. He recommended staying at the current Drought Stage 1 - Near Normal at this time.

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   | Total as of     |  |  |
|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--|--|
|                              | July 14, 2016 | August 18, 2016 |  |  |
| Well Registrations           | 4090          | 4105            |  |  |
| Well Drilling Authorizations | 1099          | 2021            |  |  |
| Permit Applications Received | 153           | 154             |  |  |

| Permit Applications by Use    |     | <u>Issued</u> | <b>Denied</b> | <b>Pending</b> | <b>Expired</b> |
|-------------------------------|-----|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Commercial                    | 16  | 14            | 0             | 1              | 1              |
| Domestic, Livestock & Poultry | 56  | 56            | 0             | 0              | 0              |
| Industrial                    | 11  | 8             | 0             | 3              | 0              |
| Irrigation                    | 27  | 23            | 0             | 4              | 0              |
| Public Water Supply           | 44  | <u>42</u>     | <u>1</u>      | <u>1</u>       | 0              |
| Total                         | 154 | 143           | 1             | 9              | 1              |

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

- b. Update of Management Plan
  An update to the Management Plan will be presented at an upcoming meeting.
- c. WaterWise Program Summary Report
  The program was a success again this year and funds to sponsor the program have been included in the Proposed FY2016-2017 Budget

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

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

FY 2016-2017 Budget 2016 Tax Rate

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 16, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

President Felps adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Bill Felps, President

Dan Brady, Secretary Treasurer