

MINUTES OF
August 21, 2015
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 21, 2015 immediately following the 9:00 a.m. preliminary hearing on permit applications in the District office located at 225 S. Pierce Street, Suite 104, Burnet, Texas.

The following persons were present:

Members Present

Bill Felps, President Steve Henderson, Vice President
Bill Luedecke, Director Dan Brady, Secretary/Treasurer

Members Absent

Wayne Brown, Director

Staff and/or Consultants Present

Charles Shell, General Manager Mitchell Sodek, Hydrologist
Donnita Coats, Admin. Assistant Timothy L. Brown, Legal Counsel

Others present

11 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 9:50 a.m.

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

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on a Report from the USGS on the Gain/Loss Study that was jointly funded by the District and the USGS. Christopher Braun reviewed the U.S. Geological Survey Scientific Investigations Report 2015-5098 – Streamflow Gains and Losses in the Colorado River in Northwestern Burnet and Southeastern San Sab Counties, Texas, 2012-14.

General Manager Shell asked Jennifer Wilson of the USGS to give an update on a proposal to monitor several Springs in Burnet County. Jennifer presented proposed costs, locations, and methods of monitoring for the project. General Manager Shell and Hydrologist Sodek discussed the purpose and benefits of monitoring the Springs.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held July 17, 2015.

Bill Felps moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held July 17, 2015.

Second was by Bill Luedecke.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Expenditures for July 2015; Review of 2014-2015 Budget; and Consideration and/or action on Budget Line Item Adjustments.

Bill Luedecke moved to:

Approve the Expenditures for July 2015.

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 District's 2014-2015 Audit. General Manager Shell reviewed the letter and cost of the audit.

Dan Brady moved to:

Approve Taber & Burnett, P.C. to do the 2014-2015 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 2016 Benefit Selections for the Texas County & Districts Retirement Plan (TCDRS). General Manager Shell presented and reviewed the TCDRS 2016 benefit selections and plan rates as compared to the 2015 Plan.

Steve Henderson moved to:

Approve the 2016 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 asked for consideration and/or action on a Proposed FY 2015-2016 Budget for the District. General Manager Shell presented and reviewed a proposed FY 2015-2016 Budget.

Bill Luedecke moved to:

Approve the Proposed FY 2015-2016 Budget as presented.

Second was by Dan Brady.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on the 2015 Proposed Tax Rate. General Manager Shell informed the Board that the effective tax rate for 2015 was .0091/\$100 for a total tax of \$451,590.00.

Dan Brady moved to:

Approve a Proposed 2015 Tax Rate of 0.0091/\$100 of value.

Second was by Steve Henderson.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on a letter from The City of Bertram asking if the water in the Felps "water pit" on CR 340 is considered "surface water" or "groundwater". President Felps recused himself from consideration and/or action on the subject due to a conflict of interest. District Legal Counsel, Timothy L. Brown stated that the water is groundwater. The Board instructed General Manager Shell to respond to the City of Bertram.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Determination of the Drought Stage. Hydrologist Sodek informed the Board that aquifer levels remain higher, the future rainfall outlook is good and he recommended to the Board that we remain in the Stage 1 – Near Normal 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 June 16, 2015	Total as of August 20, 2015
Well Registrations	3947	3948
Well Drilling Authorizations	936	962
Permit Applications Received	152	152

<u>Permit Applications by Use</u>		<u>Issued</u>	<u>Denied</u>	<u>Pending</u>
Commercial	16	15	0	1
Domestic, Livestock & Poultry	56	56	0	0
Industrial	10	8	0	2
Irrigation	26	23	0	3
<u>Public Water Supply</u>	44	<u>42</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	152	144	1	7

<u>Permit Applications by Precinct</u>	
Precinct 1	70
Precinct 2	32
Precinct 3	26
Precinct 4	23
<u>Precincts 1,2,&3</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	152

b. Continuing Work on DFC's

Mitchell Sodek has been in contact with Bill Mullican about continuing work for the DFC's of the Llano uplift aquifers. The next GMA 8 Meeting will be on September 2, 2015 and Charles Shell and Mitchell Sodek have been submitted to the GMA 8 Board as candidates to be appointed to the Region K Board.

c. Spring Monitoring

Presented earlier by Jennifer Wilson USGS

d. WaterWise Program Update

The Final Report shows the program was successful and the General Manager will recommend budgeting for the program for the upcoming school year.

e. Report on District Database

The quote from Collier Consulting for preparing a new District Database was higher than anticipated so the Staff is researching additional options.

President Felps then called for any Director comments.

Steve Henderson moved to:

Post and Publish Notice for a Re-Hearing of the Rio Ancho Water System New Large Well Drilling Permit and Amendment to Operating Permit Application to be held on September 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m at the District Office.

Second was by Bill Luedecke.

Vote on the motion carried.

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


Proposed 2015-2016 Budget

Proposed 2015 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 11, 2015 immediately following a 9:00 a.m. permit hearing at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

President Felps adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.



Bill Felps, President



Dan Brady, Secretary/Treasurer