

**MINUTES OF
September 15, 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, September 15, 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

Members Absent:

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 9:03 a.m.

President Felts asked for public comment. Michael A. Guevara, Attorney at Law, representing the City of Bertram thanked the District Staff for the courtesy of a meeting on the pumping of the wells on the City of Bertram Operating Permit. The City of Bertram has spent considerable time and resources addressing possible avenues for obtaining additional water through a possible management zone and/or District rule changes. He offered the Board a set of comments from the city of Bertram to the District in 2007 regarding the District rule making process and management plan. He then emphasized that within the comments by Charles Shell, then city utility superintendent, he questioned the District's management plan and lack of science based policy. He asked the Board to consider a future agenda item to provide the City of Bertram guidance on future pumping limitations.

President Felts then asked for consideration and/or action on the District Rule Violation by Hydro Resources. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that on August 21, 2017 a representative with Hydro Resources, Inc. contacted the District to report that they were drilling a well that had not received authorization to be drilled from the District. General Manager Sodek asked that they immediately send the proper application/paperwork to obtain an authorization to drill the well. The application/paperwork was not received until 4 days later. The potential civil penalty for this minor rule violation would be a fine of \$50.00/day for the 4 days, equaling \$200.00. General Manager Sodek suggested that in lieu of issuing a fine, the Board issue a 1 year probation from Aug 21, 2017 to Aug 21, 2018, with intent to fine for any additional rule violations under the District's Enforcement Policy that occur during this period.

Bill Felts moved to:

Send a letter to Hydro Resources, Inc. informing them that in lieu of issuing a fine for the District Rule violation for drilling a well without authorization, the Board would issue a 1 year probation from Aug 21, 2017 to Aug 21, 2018, with intent to fine for any additional rule violations under the District's Enforcement Policy that occur during this period.

Second was by Steve Henderson.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held August 18, 2017.

Steve Henderson moved to:
Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held August 18, 2017.
Second was by Bill Luedecke.
Vote on the motion carried.

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

Bill Luedecke moved to:
Approve the Expenditures for August 2017.
Second was by Steve Henderson.
Vote on the motion carried.

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.

Bill Luedecke moved to:
Approve the Resolutions Providing for the Sale of Property Acquired by the Burnet Central Appraisal District at Delinquent Tax Sale.
Second was by Steve Henderson.
Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on TML Multistate IEBP Insurance ReRates.

General Manager Sodek informed the Board that health insurance rates had increased 17% and that the proposed FY 2017-2018 Budget to be presented at this meeting includes the increase.

Bill Luedecke moved to:
Approve the TML Multistate IEBP Insurance ReRates for Plan Year 2018.
Second was by Steve Henderson.
Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on TM Multistate IEBP 2017 Board of Trustees Election Ballot. No Action was taken.

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 that included increases to the Retirement and Health Insurance line items of the Proposed Budget that was presented at the previous Board Meeting.

Bill Luedecke moved to:
Adopt the Proposed FY 2017-2018 Budget, as presented, as the FY 2017-2018 Budget of the District.
Second was by Steve Henderson.
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 Felps moved to:

Approve a Minute Order adopting a Tax Rate for the Year 2017. Pursuant to Chapter 8810, Texas Special District Local Laws Code, the District hereby adopts a 2017 Tax Rate of 0.0085/\$100 value. THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

Second was by Steve Henderson.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on determination of the Drought Stage. General Manager Sodek gave a presentation on local monthly and yearly rainfall amounts, reviewed drought indexes and water levels for certain wells in the District monitor well program. 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

Granite Gravel Study – A report is being finalized and a presentation being prepared.

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

c. EPA Burnet Groundwater Plume

Four monitor wells have been drilled by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with seven sections isolating the Ellenburger aquifer. In October they will be sampling for contaminants.

d. Payroll Direct Deposits

The District Staff is now receiving payroll through direct deposit and the Board will begin receiving direct deposit in October.

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.

City of Bertram Attorney – Management Zone, Rule change to acre ft. production

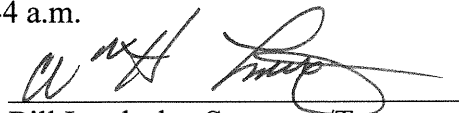
President Felps stated that Directors could contact the General Manager or Board President prior to the deadline for posting notice of the next meeting if they have a suggested agenda item.

President Felps then set the date for the next regular board meeting for, Friday, October 20, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

President Felps adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.



Bill Felps, President



Bill Luedecke, Secretary/Treasurer