

**MINUTES OF
July 21, 2020
BOARD MEETING
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District met in regular session on Friday, July 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Texas Agrilife Extension Auditorium, 607 North Vandever Street, Burnet, TX 78611.

Members Present:

Bill Felps, President Bill Luedecke, Vice President Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer
Ryan Rowney, Director Ricky Bindseil, Director

Staff and/or Consultants Present:

Mitchell Sodek, General Manager Paul Babb, Groundwater Resource Specialist
Donnita Coats, Office Manager

Others Present: Two 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 9:00 a.m.

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

President Felps then called for the continuation of the June 19, 2020 Show Cause Hearing.

1. Call Hearing to Order. President Felps declared a quorum of the Board and called the hearing to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. Applicants are noticed to appear before the Board and required to show cause why a suit should not be initiated against the person in a court of competent jurisdiction for failure to comply with the orders or Rules of the Board, the relevant statutes of the State, or failure to abide by the terms and provisions of a permit issued by the District or the operating authority of the District.

General Manager Sodek reminded the Board that the only outstanding Agreed Order was for Theresa Schweiger and he reviewed the conditions that led to the show cause hearing and agreed order. He informed the Board that District Legal Counsel Dugat had mailed a certified letter to Theresa Schweiger and her Attorney Angela Dowdle regarding a Request to Appear before the Board at a July 21, 2020 Continued Show Cause Hearing in connection with Unpermitted Wells, Thomas Ridge Ranch. The letter informed of the action taken by the Board at the June 19, 2020 Show Cause Hearing and to request that Ms. Schweiger or her duly authorized representative appear before the Board at the continuation of hearing on July 21, 2020 to show cause why the Board should not file suit against Ms. Schweiger for non-compliance with the rules of the District relating to the failure to permit a water well and that a civil penalty of \$500.00 had been assessed against Ms. Schweiger. Following receipt of the letter, Ms. Schweiger executed the order and returned it to the District. She elected not to appear or have a representative to appear at the hearing. General Manager Sodek recommended that the civil penalty be deferred since the order had been executed and received prior to the continued hearing date.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Accept the signed Agreed Order from Theresa Schweiger and to defer the \$500.00 civil penalty assessed against her pursuant to the Agreed Order until June 19, 2021.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

3. Adjournment of Hearing and return to Regular Meeting. President Felps adjourned the hearing and returned to the regular meeting at 9:08 a.m.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 19, 2020.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 19, 2020.

Second was by Ryan Rowney.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Expenditures for June 2020; Review of 2019-2020 Budget; Budget Line Item Adjustments; and Quarterly Report on Investments.

Bill Felps moved to:

Approve the Expenditures for June 2020.

Second was by Ryan Rowney.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Burnet County BOPATE. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that County Commissioner Beierle was unable to attend the meeting but would plan to attend a future meeting. He has taken over the leadership role for the BOPATE and Household Hazardous Waste events from Commissioner Dockery and will be requesting that the District continue to help fund the events.

President Felps then asked for discussion and/or action to Order a Director Election, authorize Notice of Election, and on a Contract for Election Services & Joint Election Agreement with the Burnet County Election Administrator. Election Officer, Donnita Coats, reviewed the Order of Election, the election contract and agreement, and the estimated cost of the election including additional expenses that may be incurred due to COVID 19 precautions. She informed the Board that she would amend the early voting days, times and/or locations on the Order of Election if there was a proclamation by the Governor to make changes in response to the COVID-19 disaster.

Bill Felps moved to:

Order a November 3, 2020 Director Election for the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors At-Large, Precinct 1 and Precinct 3 positions; to Authorize Notice of Election; and to Approve the Contract for Election Services and the Joint Election Agreement between the Burnet County Elections Administrator and the Central Texas Groundwater District for the November 3, 2020 General Election.

Second was by Bill Luedecke.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on amendments to and/or re-adoption of the District Investment Policy. The Investment Policy of the District requires the District to review the Investment Policy at least annually and adopt a resolution confirming the continuance of the

Investment Policy without amendment or re-adopt an amended Investment Policy. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that it was not necessary to amend the current policy at this time.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Adopt a Resolution confirming the continuance of the District Investment Policy without amendment.

Second was by Bill Luedecke.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Nominations to Texas Municipal League (TML) Health Board of Trustees Election. No action was taken.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Nominations to the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool (TML IRP) Board of Trustees Election. No action was taken.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Architectural Services. General Manager Sodek reviewed an Agreement for Architectural Consulting Services for a needs assessment for a new District office building that was received from Kissling Architecture. This agreement is for the services requested in the request for qualifications process already undertaken by the District and any additional services would be in a future agreement with Kissling or with another firm selected in a future request for qualification process.

Ryan Rowney moved to:

Approve the Agreement for Architectural Consulting Services received from Kissling Architecture.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on determination of the Drought Stage. Groundwater Resource Specialist Babb discussed that the hot temperatures have not had a hydrological affect at this time. The US Drought Monitor shows the county to be in moderate drought. The Palmer Drought Index shows us to be in mid-range or neutral conditions. The decline in rainfall the last two or three months has not been extreme and we are experiencing normal rainfall totals, he recommended that there is no need to change 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. Well Registrations & Permitting

There has been a significant increase in well applications this year. Land continues to be subdivided and new subdivisions are increasing in number. Precincts 2 and 3 will be most impacted by increased numbers of individual wells and well systems. The county is requiring water availability studies for subdivisions but are limited by state laws.

	Total as of July 16, 2020	Last 30 Days	Last 90 Days	Last 365 Days
Wells in Database	7275	37	114	377
Registered Wells	5069	14	71	293
Wells Pending Registration	132	36	100	127
Imported Unregistered Wells	1698	0	0	0
Canceled/Denied/Not Completed Wells	376	0	1	40
Non-Exempt - By Rule	307	16	50	183
Permit Applications Received	168	0	2	2

Permits by Status	Received	Approved	Denied	Pending	Incomplete	Expired	Terminated
	168	150	1	5	2	0	10

Permits Approved by Use	Total
Commercial	14
Domestic, Livestock & Poultry	66
Industrial	11
Irrigation	32
Public Water Supply	43
Total	166

Permits Approved by Precinct	Permits	Wells
Precinct 1	68	140
Precinct 2	35	76
Precinct 3	19	31
Precinct 4	24	37
Precinct 1,2,3	1	13
Precinct 1,3	1	2
Precinct 1,4	1	3
Totals	149	302

b. Krause Springs/Little Cyprus Creek Project

This project was put on hold for a while due to the corona virus shutdowns but is finally moving along. District staff met with the Meadows Center staff last week and explored upspring properties and chose preliminary spots to take samples, gauge Little Cypress Creek and take water quality samples from the creek and wells to check hydrological conditions. Will measure along the creek at seven locations for flow data. The goal of the project is to trace the origin of the water and to protect the source.

c. Region K

Attended a virtual meeting on July 15, 2020 where comments were received on the initially prepared plan that will be adopted in the fall.

There will be a virtual GMA 8 meeting held on August 7, 2020.

President Felps then called for Director comments. Director Griffis-Bailey commented that she has unofficially heard that the Saratoga District in Lampasas is beginning to formalize operations for their district office and may want to interact with our staff for guidance on administrative procedures.

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

Budget Workshop

BOPATE

Architectural Services-Real Estate Agent

Election

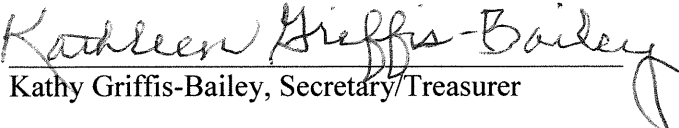
President Felps stated that Directors could contact the General Manager or Board President prior to the deadline for posting notice of the next meeting if they have a suggested agenda item.

President Felps then set the date for the next regular board meeting for, Friday, August 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. and set the date for a special meeting for District Budget purposes for Friday, August 28, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to be held at the Texas Agrilife Extension Auditorium, 607 North Vandever Street, Burnet, TX 78611. If the Auditorium is not available for these dates and/or times, General Manager Sodek will set an alternate location, meeting dates or times.

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



Bill Felps, President



Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer