

**MINUTES OF
August 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, August 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Texas Agrilife Extension Auditorium, 607 North Vandever Street, Burnet, TX 78611.

Members Present:

Bill Felts, 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: Ten 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 then asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

President Felts then asked for consideration and/or action on Burnet County BOPATE. Burnet County Precinct 2 Commissioner Damon Beierle informed the Board that County Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Don Dockery had handled the BOPATE and Household Hazardous Waste events in the past and that he has now taken the lead on handling those events. He discussed the new permanent facility, that the date for the next BOPATE event is scheduled for October 24, 2020 and that the goal was to have at least quarterly events. He expressed gratitude for the Districts help in funding past events and requested that the District continue to provide funding and at a higher amount if possible. Director Griffis-Bailey discussed possible incentive and matching program options to encourage greater participation in funding the events from other public and private entities. Director Rowney expressed that the amount of funding by the District so far has been well spent and that the staff should look at District funds and if it is in our purview to increase the funding amount for the events.

Bill Felts moved to:

Donate the \$10,000.00 budgeted for County Waste Disposal in this fiscal year 2019-2020 Budget to help fund the October 2020 BOPATE Event.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felts then asked for consideration and/or action on the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 21, 2020.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 21, 2020.

Second was by Ryan Rowney.

Vote on the motion carried.

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

Ricky Bindseil moved to:

Approve the Expenditures for July 2020.

Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on 2021 Benefit Selections for Texas County & Districts Retirement (TCDR) Plan. General Manager Sodek reviewed the current selections and rates and the 2021 rates with current selections. He explained that the 2021 rate is slightly lower than the 2020 rate but because of the investment market decline due to Covid-19 that TCDRS suggested making an additional contribution or adopting an elected rate to help buffer against future adverse plan experience.

Ryan Rowney moved to:

Adopt an elected rate of 10.18% as the total contribution rate for the District's 2021 Texas County & Districts Retirement Plan.

Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on USGS Joint Funding Agreement. General Manager Sodek reviewed the proposed agreement between the District and the USGS to continue monitoring the streamflow and rain gauge at Felps Springs and manual measurements of Delaware Springs for the 2021 fiscal year.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:

Approve the Joint Funding Agreement between the District and the USGS to continue monitoring the streamflow and rain gauge at Felps Springs for the 2021 fiscal year.

Second was by Ryan Rowney.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Proposed FY 2020-2021 Budget. General Manager Sodek presented and reviewed a proposed FY 2020-2021 Budget and stated that a final budget will be presented for consideration and/or action on adoption at the September 2020 Regular Board Meeting. He noted that a line item for a property fund and/or building fund could be added if the Board chooses and upon advice of the District financial auditor.

A member of the public commented on what he believes the District is charged with doing under Chapter 36, what District funds are set back for in reserves and what the District is doing for taxpayers.

Ryan Rowney moved to:

Approve the proposed FY 2020-2021 Budget that was presented which could include possible adjustments to be presented in a final budget.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on a 2020 Proposed Tax Rate. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that the no new revenue tax rate for 2020 was \$0.0072/\$100 of value for a total tax of \$534,786.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve a 2020 Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.0072/\$100 of value.
 Second was by Ricky Bindseil.
 Vote on the motion carried.

A member of the public commented on using extra money that the District has on hand for events such as the BOPATE event.

A member of the public commented on cutting taxes with the amount the District has in reserves.

A member of the public commented on if not finding more money to contribute to BOPATE then why tax to build reserves.

General Manager Sodek requested that President Felps return to Agenda Item Number 8 to consider and/or act on the proposed budget payroll and salaries line item for preparation of the final budget. President Felps returned to agenda item number 8. General Manager Sodek reviewed a payroll budget estimate worksheet that included cost of living raise percentages for the office staff.

Ryan Rowney moved to:
 Approve a 3 percent cost of living raise for all office staff to be included in the FY 2020-2021 final budget.
 Second was by Ricky Bindseil.
 Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Architectural Services. General Manager Sodek has given drawings to the architect and they are drafting plans and a cost estimate based on minimum lot size. The plans and cost estimate should be available at the next regular board meeting.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on determination of the Drought Stage. Groundwater Resource Specialist Babb recommended that the District move to Drought Stage 2 – Moderate Drought. He discussed that the Palmer Drought Hydrogeological Index that was showing us to be in mid-range or neutral conditions is now showing us to be in moderate conditions. The Drought Monitor has 64% of the state in some stage of drought conditions. There could be more developments that would require new recommendations by the next meeting.

Ryan Rowney moved to:
 Move to the Drought Stage 2 – Moderate Drought
 Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.
 Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then called on the General Manager for the General Manager and/or Staff Report.

a. Well Registrations & Permitting

Well applications continue to increase in number and are mostly for domestic wells on lots in newly developed subdivisions. These wells are often not equipped for pumping until a later date.

	Total as of August 19, 2020	Last 30 Days	Last 90 Days	Last 365 Days
Wells in Database	7330	55	130	401
Registered Wells	5088	12	65	288
Wells Pending Registration	162	52	113	157
Imported Unregistered Wells	1698	0	0	0
Canceled/Denied/Not Completed Wells	382	2	3	41

Non-Exempt - By Rule	326	20	55	194
Permit Applications Received	168	0	1	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

District staff met with the Meadows Center staff on site and collected water quality samples and measured Little Cypress Creek and wells to check hydrological conditions. We are waiting on water quality results and The Meadows Center is developing maps.

c. Region K

Attended a virtual meeting on August 12, 2020 and they are finalizing the Region K Water Plan that will be adopted in the fall.

d. GMA 8

Attended a virtual meeting on August 7, 2020 and adopted proposed DFC's for the Llano Uplift aquifers. They will adopt DFC's for the Trinity aquifer at the next meeting.

President Felps then called for Director comments. Bill Felps informed the Board that he had received a request from a constituent to investigate flooding of his property that he believes is being created by a permit holder with the District. General Manager Sodek and Groundwater Resource Specialist Babb will investigate.

A member of the public stated that he would be giving Board Members a handout after the meeting regarding applying for permits.

A member of the public asked if the Board had considered cedar tree removal as a conservation method for the District to promote. Director Felps said yes and that there is a government agency that handles that. Director Griffis-Bailey stated that there are differing opinions on the effectiveness of it.

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

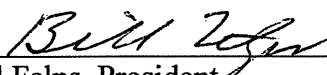
Budget

Tax Rate
Architectural Services-Real Estate Agent
Election

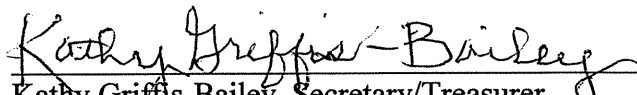
President Felps stated that Directors could contact the General Manager or Board President prior to the deadline for posting notice of the next meeting if they have a suggested agenda item.

President Felps then set the date for the next regular board meeting for, Wednesday, September 16, 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 this date and/or time, General Manager Sodek will set an alternate location, meeting date and/or time.

President Felps adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.



Bill Felps, President



Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer