

**MINUTES OF  
September 18, 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, September 18, 2020 immediately following a 9:00 a.m. Spacing Variance and Permit Hearing at the Texas Agrilife Extension Auditorium, 607 North Vandevener 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 Bill Dugat, District Legal Counsel

**Others Present:** Twelve 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 10:08 a.m.

President Felps then asked for public comment. Members of the public, Robert Felps of Felps LLC who made the disclaimer that he was the brother of Board President Bill Felps and Heath Felps provided comment concerning their opinions on various subjects concerning groundwater and the District.

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

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

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

Second was by Ryan Rowney.

Vote on the motion carried.

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

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the Expenditures for August 2020.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

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 Felps 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 Ryan Rowney.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Election Ballot for TML Health Board of Trustees Election.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:

Cast the Districts vote in the 2020 TML Health Board of Trustees Election for Jeff Looney, City Manager, City of Granite Shoals, to serve on the TML Health Benefits Pool Board of Trustees – Region 10.

Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Election Ballot for TML IRP Board of Trustees Election. No Action was taken.

President Felps then asked for Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the Election scheduled to be held on November 3, 2020. As the authority responsible for having the official ballot prepared, Election Officer, Donnita Coats, certified that the following candidates were unopposed for election to office for the election scheduled to be held on November 3, 2020.

Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District

Director At-Large William Lee Felps

Director Precinct 1 Kathy Griffis-Bailey

Director Precinct 3 Homer D. Will, Jr.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Cancellation of the November 3, 2020 Election.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:

Cancel the November 3, 2020 Election that was ordered for the purpose of Electing Director At-Large, Director, Precinct 1 and Director, Precinct 3 for the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District.

Second was by Bill Luedecke.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on TML Health Benefits Pool ReRates. General Manager Sodek presented the Plan Year 2020-2021 ReRate Sheets from TML Health Benefits Pool. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that health insurance rates for the current plan option had increased slightly from the previous plan year.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the TML Health Benefits Pool Insurance ReRates for Plan Year 2020-2021 with the current plan option as presented.

Second was by Ryan Rowney.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Architectural Services. General Manager Sodek reviewed the architectural sketches, 3D computer models and cost estimate, provided by Kissling Architecture, for a proposed newly built District office building. After Board and Staff discussion and public comment, no action was taken.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on FY 2020-2021 Budget.

General Manager Sodek presented and reviewed a FY 2020-2021 Proposed Budget that included changes to the proposed budget that was presented and approved at the previous Board Meeting. The changes to the previously proposed budget included an adjustment to the Payroll Expenses line items as a result of a previously approved 3% cost of living raise for staff, the addition of a \$250,000.00 income and expense item in reserves for District Property and minor changes to balance the budget.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Adopt the FY 2020-2021 Budget presented for adoption with the line item for \$250,000.00 in Expenses/Reserves/Property removed and \$250,000.00 in Other Types of Income/Funds from Reserves removed, as the FY 2020-2021 Budget of the District.

Second was by Ryan Rowney.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on a 2020 Tax Rate. General Manager Sodek stated that the requirement for publishing tax notices had been met and that the Board had previously approved a proposed 2020 tax rate of \$0.0072/\$100 value.

Bill Felps moved to:

Approve a Minute Order adopting a Tax Rate for the Year 2020. Pursuant to Chapter 8810, Texas Special District Local Laws Code, the District hereby adopts a 2020 Tax Rate of \$0.0072/\$100 value. THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE \$10,770.00 MORE IN TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried as follows:

For: Bill Felps, Bill Luedecke, Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Ricky Bindseil, Ryan Rowney

Against: None

Present and not voting: None

Absent: None

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on determination of the Drought Stage. Groundwater Resource Specialist Babb reported that recent rainfall had not been disbursed evenly over the county and that the northwest portion of the county had an extreme amount of rainfall while the southeast portion of the county has had an extreme lack of rainfall compared to the average. He recommended that there is no need to change the current Drought Stage 2 – Moderate Drought at this time.

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

a. Well Registrations & Permitting

	Total as of September 16, 2020	Last 30 Days	Last 90 Days	Last 365 Days
Wells in Database	7366	43	128	418
Registered Wells	5098	9	43	277
Wells Pending Registration	185	42	116	178
Imported Unregistered Wells	1698	0	0	0
Canceled/Denied/Not Completed Wells	385	0	5	41
Non-Exempt - By Rule	339	18	49	199
Permit Applications Received	168	0	0	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	69	141
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	150	303

b. Rules Violation

District staff received a complaint from a neighbor of a District Permit Holder that water was escaping from the permit holders' property and flooding their property and killing vegetation. The property was inspected by District Staff and it was concluded that the complainant was valid and the permit holder was asked to remedy the situation immediately. The permit holder agreed to remedy the situation and District Staff has made two follow up visits to the site and confirmed that the water is no longer escaping to the neighboring property.

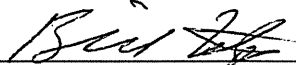
President Felps then called for Director comments. There were no Director comments.

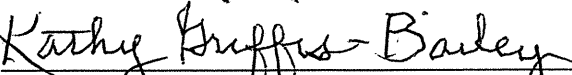
President Felps then called for agenda items for the next Regular Board Meeting.

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 23, 2020 at a time and location to be determined by General Manager Sodek based on availability of a meeting place that provides space for social distancing due to Covid-19. The Texas Agrilife Extension Auditorium will be unavailable due to early voting for the November 3, 2020 election.

President Felps adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

  
 Bill Felps, President

  
 Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer