

**MINUTES OF  
October 23, 2020  
BOARD MEETING  
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District met in session for a Regular Board Meeting and a Continuation of a Permit Hearing at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 23, 2020 at the Hill Country Community Foundation Sylvester H. Reed Memorial Building, 402 E. Jackson, 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 Bill Dugat, District Legal Counsel

**Others Present:** Thirteen 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 then asked for public comment. Member of the public, Robert Felts suggested recording the meetings on zoom for members of the public to watch remotely. Member of the Public, Brian Robinson, provided comment concerning District Rules, the Board and interpersonal and business relationships.

President Felts then asked for consideration and/or action on Corix Utilities (Texas) Spacing Variance Request and Amendment to Operating Permit continued from September 18, 2020. General Manager Sodek reviewed a report by RW Hardin Associates, Inc. on a 36-hour pumping test of Summit Springs Well No. 4 conducted on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. He then gave his recommendation for action by the Board.

Ryan Rowney moved to:

Approve the amendment to the Corix Utilities (Texas) operating permit to add a new large well (well #4) with no increase to the annual permitted production of the aggregate system and that a spacing variance be granted from registered well #1325 and from property lines.

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 September 18, 2020.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 18, 2020.

Second was by Ryan Rowney.

Vote on the motion carried.

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

General Manager Sodek reported that the following line item adjustments were made within a budget category to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget:

Moved \$9500.00 from Payroll Expenses – Intern and/or PTE to Payroll Expenses – Salary & Wages

Moved \$3278.04 from Payroll Expenses – Health Insurance to Payroll Expenses – Salary & Wages

Moved \$1235.12 from Payroll Expenses – Payroll Taxes to Payroll Expenses – Salary & Wages

Moved \$236.84 from Payroll Expenses Other - Payroll Expenses Other to Payroll Expenses – Salary & Wages

Bill Felps moved to:

Approve the line item adjustments made within a budget category to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget  
Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.

Vote on the motion carried.

Public Funds Investment Officers, Mitchell Sodek and Donnita Coats, gave the Board a Quarterly Report on the Investment Position of the District for the quarter ending September 30, 2020 in accordance with Section IV of the Public Funds Investment Policy of the District.

Bill Felps moved to:

Approve the Expenditures for September 2020.

Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Professional Services Related to Hydrogeology and Groundwater Management. General Manager Sodek expressed the need for this service and reviewed the proposed RFQ and suggested a November 16, 2020 deadline for submission.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Professional Services Related to Hydrogeology and Groundwater Management with a submission deadline of no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 16, 2020.

Second was by Ryan Rowney.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Dropping TAGD Membership and Discussion on Involvement with GMA 8. President Felps presented that he does not think the District should be in the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD). Discussion was held on the benefits of participation in TAGD by the District and other Groundwater Districts. President Felps asked General Manager Sodek to explain what the District got for the Llano Uplift modeling that was paid for by the District for GMA 8 modeling. No action was taken.

President Felps then asked to combine Agenda Item Numbers 8 and 9 and to go into Executive Session for discussion of the District's Lobbying Policies and Procedures and on the District Employees Policies and Procedures. District Legal Counsel, Bill Dugat, informed the Board that there was no agenda item that allowed for an Executive Session on these items.

President Felps then asked for discussion of the District's Lobbying Policies and Procedures. President Felps summarized his suggestions for changes to the policies and procedures. Kathy Griffis-Bailey

asked President Felps for a copy of what he was proposing. He said that he would set a date for a work session in November for longer and more detailed discussion.

President Felps then stated that since there would not be an executive session for discussion on the District Employees Policies and Procedures that it will be included in the work session in November. He informed the Board Members that following the meeting he would give them a copy of what he was proposing for discussion at the work session.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on determination of the Drought Stage. Groundwater Resource Specialist Babb reported on the October 2020 Drought Status. The county is in moderate drought with annual rainfall amounts at 25 to 35 inches. The actual rainfall is closer to 25 inches over most of the county with higher amounts in the northernmost part of the county. Monitored groundwater levels are approaching 2012 levels. A La Nina is being predicted with dry warm air and the seasonal outlook is advising that drought is likely. 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 October 21, 2020	Last 30 Days				
Wells in Database	7433	68	162	464		
Registered Wells	5163	47	88	304		
Wells Pending Registration	175	53	120	166		
Imported Unregistered Wells	1693	0	0	0		
Canceled/Denied/Not Completed Wells	402	6	10	51		
Non-Exempt - By Rule	372	32	68	217		
Permit Applications Received	168	0	0	2		
Permits by Status	Received	Approved	Denied	Pending	Incomplete	Expired Terminated
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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. Region K

General Manager Sodek and Groundwater Resource Specialist Babb attended a virtual Region K Meeting on October 14, 2020. The 2021 Water Plan has been adopted.

c. District Database

The annual hosting fee for the District’s database will double from the current price of \$4,800 to \$9,600 and General Manager will prepare a Request for Qualifications for development of a groundwater data management system to be presented at the next regular board meeting.

President Felps then called for Director comments.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey informed the Board that the Saratoga District in Lampasas County is preparing to hire staff to operate the District.

President Felps discussed dates and times for a Work Session of the Board and set the Work Session for 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at a location to be determined based on availability of the Texas Agrilife Extension Auditorium or an alternate meeting place that provides space for social distancing due to Covid-19.

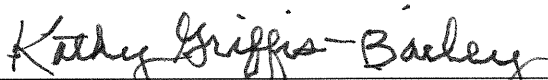
President Felps then called for agenda items for the next Regular Board Meeting.

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, November 20, 2020 at a time and location to be determined by General Manager Sodek based on availability of the Texas Agrilife Extension Auditorium or an alternate meeting place that provides space for social distancing due to Covid-19.

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

  
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 Bill Felps, President

  
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 Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer