

**MINUTES OF  
November 20, 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, November 20, 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 Homer Will, 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:** 8 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 reviewed the previously issued Cancellation of Election and Certificates of Unopposed Candidates for the scheduled November 3, 2020 Director Election. President Felps issued Certificates of Election to the newly elected Directors and then called for the execution of Statements of Officer for the newly elected Directors. Statements of Officer were executed by William Felps, Director At-Large, Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Director Precinct 1 and Homer Will, Director, Precinct 3.

President Felps then called for the Swearing in of the Newly Elected Directors. Office Manager and Notary Public, Donnita Coats, administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Directors William Felps, Director At-Large, Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Director Precinct 1 and Homer Will, Director, Precinct 3.

President Felps announced that Directors Felps, Griffis-Bailey and Will would begin their new term of office and assume their duties of office immediately.

President Felps then called on General Manager Sodek to present a recognition plaque to outgoing Director Bill Luedecke. General Manager Sodek presented the plaque and thanked him, on behalf of the Board and Staff, for his service to the District and the citizens of Burnet County.

President Felps then asked for public comment. Member of the Public, Brian Robinson, provided comment on providing a simpler explanation of the well registration and permitting process for new wells and expanded permits and on the City of Bertram Operating Permit and their responsibility in obtaining additional water rights in accordance with the District Rules

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 23, 2020.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 23, 2020.

Second was by Ryan Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Expenditures for October 2020; Review of 2020-2021 Budget; and Budget Line Item Adjustments.

Bill Felps moved to:

Approve the Expenditures for October 2020.

Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on application of District Rule 5.02(c)(2)(i) allowing 1 acre-foot per Contiguous Controlled Acre for wells completed in the Ellenburger-San Saba Aquifer to the City of Bertram wells on the Felps property. He stated that he would not enter into discussion or vote on this matter.

General Manager Sodek asked to hear from the City of Bertram, since they had requested the agenda item. Michael Guevara, Attorney for the City of Bertram, commented on two issues regarding their permit. The first issue of acre feet allotments being included in GMA 8 models was previously unclear to them but is now clear that more than enough water was included for Bertram's future needs. The second issue related to their contract with the Felps. There was discussion between the City, the Board, Legal Counsel Dugat and General Manager Sodek on their current operating permit, procedures or impediments to obtaining additional water rights and increasing their permit amount, and the acreage amount used in the application for the City of Bertram Grandfathered Operating Permit. A portion of this acreage is being allocated to the City of Bertram and Hanson Aggregates. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that Cleve Clinton had written request for no discussion be held on the allocation of acreage for the Hanson Aggregates permit and that the parties desire to meet privately before discussing with the Board. General Manager Sodek stated that it is the Board's decision to allocate this acreage but suggested the best approach is for Hanson and the two landowners to try and come to an agreement on allocation of the acreage and bring the agreement to the Board for a decision. If the parties do not come to an agreement the Board will make a decision. Mr. Guevara then presented various hypothetical scenarios for amending Bertram's operating permit in the future and General Manager Sodek referenced sections of the District Rules for each scenario. No action was taken on this item. Director Griffis-Bailey, who was presiding over the Board in the absence of participation by President Felps on the item, turned the meeting back over to President Felps as presiding officer.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Responses to District Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Professional Services Related to Hydrogeology and Groundwater Management. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that the District had received six RFQ's on or before the deadline to submit. He and the Directors discussed their evaluations and scores for selection based on the criteria for selection on the Hydrogeology RFQ Evaluation Scoresheet.

Criteria	Thornhill Group INC	Collier Consulting	Intera	DBS&A	Allan Standen	LRE Water
Responsiveness to requirements of this RFQ (10 points)	10	10	10	10	10	10
Geologic mapping, hydrogeologic modeling, hydrogeologic investigations, research, pump testing, and general knowledge of the Llano uplift aquifers (20 points)	12	10	20	15	20	10
Geologic mapping, hydrogeologic modeling, hydrogeologic investigations, research, pump testing, and general knowledge of the Northern Trinity aquifer (15 points)	15	15	15	10	10	15
General development of GCD management plans (6 points)	6	3	6	6	6	6
Involvement in GCD rule making (4 points)	4	2	4	4	2	4
Experience relevant to rule making of technical aspects of GCD rules relating to well spacing, production limits, hydrogeologic investigations, management zones (10 points)	10	5	10	10	5	10
Supervising, reviewing and making recommendations to a GCD Board based on hydrogeologic investigation reports (10 points)	10	0	10	10	10	10
Experience testifying on behalf of a GCD on a contested case (5 points)	2	0	5	0	5	2
Experience working for other District(s) in GMA 8, 7, or 9 (5 points)	1	5	5	3	4	5
Experience in developing Desired Future Conditions (5 points)	5	5	5	5	4	5
Proximity to CTGCD office (4 points)	4	4	4	4	4	4
Ability to attend in person meeting (4 points)	4	4	4	4	4	4
Accessibility to General Manager and Staff calls and emails (2 points)	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>Total 100</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>87</b>

Ryan Rowney moved to:

Direct the General Manager to proceed with interviewing Intera, who scored number one on the Hydrogeology RFQ Evaluation Scoresheet, to try to reach a contract agreement with the Board and if an agreement is not reached to begin the interview process with LRE Water, who scored number two on the scoresheet.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Professional Services Related to Development of a Groundwater Data Management and Integrated Mapping System.

General Manager Sodek presented a draft RFQ outlining the scope of services, qualifications, submittal criteria and grading scale.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Issue the presented Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Professional Services Related to Development of a Groundwater Data Management and Integrated Mapping System with a submission deadline of no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 8, 2021 and with language added that a presentation to the Board may be expected.

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 reported that there has been no substantial changes to the drought status with the same deficits as last month. He discussed the severe drought stage procedures that would go into effect if a severe drought is indicated at the end of November and the Board acted to initiate this stage. 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 November 18, 2020	Last 30 Days	Last 90 Days	Last 365 Days
Wells in Database	7461	38	135	462
Registered Wells	5180	18	92	316
Wells Pending Registration	182	35	103	174
Imported Unregistered Wells	1693	0	0	0
Canceled/Denied/Not Completed Wells	406	0	7	48
Non-Exempt - By Rule	392	25	69	219
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

President Felps then called for Director comments. President Felps thanked Kathy-Griffis Bailey for her past service and welcomed her and Homer Will to the current Board. He also thanked Legal Counsel Dugat for his service to the District.

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

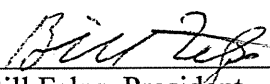
Officer Elections

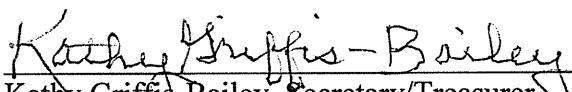
Contract with Intera for negotiation or approval.

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, December 18, 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 9:55 a.m.

  
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Bill Felps, President

  
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Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer