

**MINUTES OF
December 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, December 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Texas Agrilife Extension Auditorium, 607 North Vandever Street, Burnet, TX 78611.

Members Present:

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

Staff and/or Consultants Present:

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

Others Present: 7 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 9:01 a.m.

President Felps then asked for public comment. Member of the Public, Robert Felps wished the Board and Staff a Merry Christmas.

President Felps then asked for consideration and/or action on Election of Officers of the Board.

Ricky Bindseil nominated Ryan Rowney for the position of President of the Board.

Homer Will seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

Ricky Bindseil moved to elect Ryan Rowney for the position of President of the Board.

Second was by Homer Will.

Vote on the motion carried.

All members voted.

Ryan Rowney nominated Kathy Griffis-Bailey for the position of Vice President of the Board.

Second was by Bill Felps.

Homer Will nominated Ricky Bindseil for the position of Vice-President of the Board.

Second was by Ryan Rowney.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey removed her name from nomination.

Homer Will moved to elect Ricky Bindseil for the position of Vice-President of the Board.

Second was by Ryan Rowney.

Vote on the motion carried.

All members voted.

Bill Felps moved to elect Kathy Griffis-Bailey for the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the Board.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

All members voted.

President Rowney thanked outgoing President Felps for serving as Board President since 2012 and resumed the meeting as presiding officer.

General Manager Sodek and President Rowney noted for the record that outgoing Director, Bill Luedecke will be removed from all signature documents at financial institutions used by the District.

General Manager Sodek and President Rowney noted for the record that all current Directors, Bill Felps; Kathleen Griffis-Bailey; Homer Will; Ryan Rowney and Ricky Bindseil and General Manager Mitchell Sodek, would be included on signature documents relating to the checking account of the District at financial institutions used for this purpose by the District.

General Manager Sodek and President Rowney noted for the record that President Ryan Rowney; Secretary/Treasurer Kathleen Griffis-Bailey; General Manager & Public Funds Investment Officer Mitchell Sodek; and Public Funds Investment Officer, Donnita Coats would be the only Board Members or Staff included on signature documents relating to the investment of funds of the District at financial institutions used for this purpose by the District.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 20, 2020.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:
Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 20, 2020.
Second was by Ricky Bindseil.
Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Expenditures for November 2020; Review of 2020-2021 Budget; and Budget Line Item Adjustments. General Manager Sodek stated that there were no line item adjustments and that 2020 Ad-Valorem Taxes were being received.

Bill Felps moved to:
Approve the Expenditures for November 2020.
Second was by Ricky Bindseil.
Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on the FY 2019-2020 Annual Report. General Manager Sodek presented the annual report that is required by the District Management Plan to be prepared and presented to the Board of Directors on District performance in regards to achieving management goals and objectives for the fiscal year.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:
Adopt the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Report as presented.
Second was by Ricky Bindseil.
Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on a Contract with Intera for Professional Services Related to Hydrogeology and Groundwater Management. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that he had met with Neil Deeds of INTERA at the District Office to discuss the scope of services that should be included in a contract with the District. Intera sent a draft Master Technical Services Agreement that was reviewed by General Manager Sodek and District Legal Counsel, Bill Dugat, who made several changes to the draft regarding requirements for local governments and Chapter 36. The draft with those changes was accepted by Intera. There was Board discussion that if the Agreement was approved with Intera that they would want to meet them at the next Regular Board Meeting that they are available to attend, and discussion that the General Manager would provide a

process with a transparent working agreement with an explanation of expenses and scope of work for each project, and an activity report each month for the Board.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:

Approve the Master Technical Services Agreement with INTERA as presented for Professional Services Related to Hydrogeology and Groundwater Management.

Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then ask for consideration and/or action on support of the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts Proposed Amicus Brief. General Manager Sodek reviewed the Mountain Pure (Petitioner) v. NTVGCD (Respondent) Summary of Arguments by Gregory M. Ellis, Attorney at Law. After suit and counter suit between the parties, with the NTVGCD winning, the Supreme Court has been petitioned to take the case. If the case is taken up by the Supreme Court, he discussed the impact on groundwater districts and a January 7, 2021 vote by TAGD Members to participate in funding an Amicus Brief on behalf of the Members.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:

Support the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts Proposed Amicus Brief with participation in funding for up to \$500.00.

Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on determination of the Drought Stage. Groundwater Resource Specialist Babb recommended changing the drought stage to Stage 3 - Extreme Drought. He discussed the Palmer Hydrological Index report of a current severe drought and a dry spring forecast. There was discussion on various mechanisms to inform the public of current drought stages of the District.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:

Move to the Drought Stage 3 – Severe 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

General Manager Sodek reported that there has been a large increase in Test Hole Applications for water availability studies for six development projects that are in the beginning stages. General Manager Sodek will provide a monthly chart of applications received at next month's meeting.

	Total as of December 15, 2020	Last 30 Days	Last 90 Days	Last 365 Days
Wells in Database	7483	27	124	443
Registered Wells	5189	11	87	297
Wells Pending Registration	191	24	97	183
Imported Unregistered Wells	1693	0	0	0
Canceled/Denied/Not Completed Wells	410	2	9	42
Non-Exempt - By Rule	404	15	69	214
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. Krause Springs/Little Cypress Creek

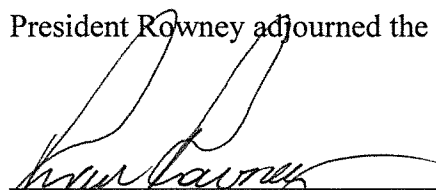
General Manager Sodek and Groundwater Resource Specialist Babb met the team from the Meadows Center a few weeks ago to take flow and water measurements. There will be a final report in Mid-January 2021 and it will be presented to the Board at a later date.


President Rowney then called for Director comments. President Rowney discussed the practice of staff keeping a list of Board directives and requests of the District made by the public. There was discussion on public requests for virtual meetings and that microphones be used if regular meetings are continued. It was determined by the Board that regular meetings would be continued with a podium with a microphone available for public comment.

President Rowney then called for agenda items for the next Regular Board Meeting. He 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 Rowney then set the date for the next regular board meeting for, Friday, January 22, 2021 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 Rowney adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.


 Ryan Rowney, President


 Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer