

**MINUTES OF
March 10, 2021
BOARD MEETING
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District met in regular session on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Texas Agrilife Extension Auditorium, 607 North Vandever Street, Burnet, TX 78611.

Members Present:

Ryan Rowney, President Ricky Bindseil, Vice-President
Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer Bill Felps, 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: 11 Members of the Public

President Rowney declared a quorum present and called the Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

President Rowney then called for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags.

President Rowney then asked for public comment. There were no public comments.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on a presentation by Collier Consulting on Professional Services Related to Development of a Groundwater Data Management and Integrated Mapping System. General Manager Sodek introduced Brandon Gartrell, GISP with Collier Consulting to present the product and design for what they were offering the District. Mr. Gartrell presented what the product offers in structure and pricing at the Standard Tier which covers features that were requested in the Request for Qualifications for the system. He noted that at additional costs there are currently available add-on feature options and that customizable options could be added as well.

President Rowney then asked for a presentation on Krause Springs Occurrence of Flowing Water Final Report. General Manager Sodek introduced Doug Wierman with The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment - Texas State University to present the report. Mr. Wierman reviewed the report that was a study area that included Little Cypress Creek north of Highway 71 to the confluence with Lake Travis. The study consisted of several primary efforts: a literature review, preliminary data analysis of well logs and water quality, GIS data collection and mapping, water quality sampling and laboratory analysis, a synoptic groundwater level and streamflow gain and loss event, and interpretation of the data. President Rowney approved the time and effort that was put into the study as it produced good information for the District to have.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 22, 2021.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 22, 2021.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

A Board Meeting was not held in the month of February 2021. Therefore, there were no Board Meeting minutes presented for consideration and/or action for February 2021.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Expenditures for January 2021 and for February 2021; Review of 2020-2021 Budget; and Budget Line Item Adjustments. General Manager Sodek stated that there were no line item adjustments needed.

Bill Felps moved to:

Approve the Expenditures for January 2021 and February 2021.

Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for discussion on District Property and Future Building. General Manager Sodek asked for direction from the Board on how to proceed with looking at property for future purchase for a new District Office and informed them that the District Budget would have to be amended if property was purchased in this Fiscal Year. President Rowney suggested that the funds should be budgeted in the case that the right property becomes available. He and Vice-President Bindseil asked for an agenda item to amend the budget be included on April's meeting notice and agenda. General Manager Sodek informed them that the appraisal district had recently been looking for property for a new office as well and that he could speak with Stan Hemphill, Chief Appraiser about their property search. Burnet County Commissioner Precinct 2, Damon Beierle, suggested that the District contact City Manager, David Vaughn about prices on property on Highway 281 and Highway 29 in Burnet. President Rowney directed General Manager Sodek to start a property search by speaking with City Manager, David Vaughn and then to begin looking for a realtor to search for prospective property.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on determination of the Drought Stage. Groundwater Resource Specialist Babb discussed the Palmer Hydrological Index report showing Burnet County to be in moderate drought. He reported that the County has a deficit of 6-12 inches of rainfall and he recommended that there is no need to change the current Drought Stage 3 – Severe Drought at this time.

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

a. Well Registrations & Permitting

General Manager Sodek reported that the recent ice storm had disrupted drilling activity and that most activity by drilling companies involved servicing existing wells impacted by the storm.

	Total as of			
	March 04, 2021	Last 30 Days	Last 90 Days	Last 365 Days
Wells in Database	7583	18	108	46
Registered Wells	5280	21	96	31
Wells Pending	158	11	85	15
Imported Unregistered	1693	0	0	0
Canceled/Denied/Not Completed	452	1	3	72
Non-Exempt By Rule	453	5	55	22
Permit Applications	168	0	0	2

Permits by Status	Received	Denied	Pending	Incomplete	Expired	Terminated
	168	1	5	2	0	11

Permits Approved by Use	Total
Commercial	14
Domestic,Livestock & Poultry	65
Industrial	11
Irrigation	32
Public Water Supply	43
Total	165

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. Cybersecurity Training

The training is required by the State for all Board and Staff members and General Manager Sodek is required to report completion of the training to the State. He reported that all staff and most of the Board has completed the training and encouraged completion of the training as soon as possible.

c. Proposed DFC Comment Period Update

The comment period on the proposed DFC's ended in mid-February and the additional written comments received after the DFC hearing will be presented to the Board at a later date.

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

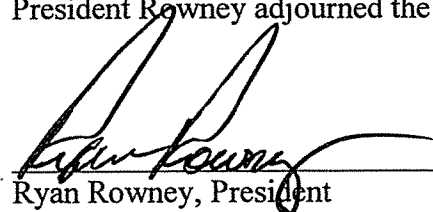
President Rowney then called for agenda items for the next Regular Board Meeting.

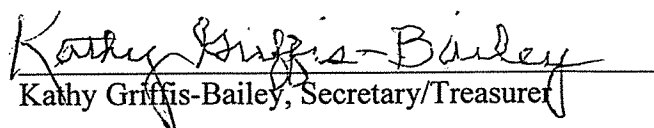
District Property and Future Building
Amend Budget

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, April 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

President Rowney adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.


Ryan Rowney, President


Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer