

MINUTES OF
May 21, 2021
BOARD MEETING
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District met in regular session on Friday, May 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the District office located at 225 S. Pierce Street, Suite 104, Burnet, Texas.

Members Present:

Ryan Rowney, President Ricky Bindseil, Vice-President
Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer 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: 6 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 was no public comment.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on District Property, Future Building and Budget Amendment. General Manager Sodek asked Burnet City Manager, David Vaughn, to discuss the Burnet Economic Development Corporations commercial building site lots available on Houston Clinton Drive and noted that a field trip to the site would be taken prior to the end of the meeting. Mr. Vaughn discussed the planned development, available lots, and answered questions by the Board regarding drainage issues and proximity to the airport.

President Rowney then asked for Discussion on Financial Support for Burnet County to Fund an Environmental Crimes Prosecutor. General Manager Sodek introduced Burnet County Attorney, Eddie Arredondo, and City of Granite Shoals Police Department Environmental Crimes Investigator, Chris Cowan, to discuss their request that the District fund the hiring of a part time prosecutor with expertise in felony level offenses to prosecute environmental crimes that could impact groundwater resources in Burnet County. President Rowney asked if they would consider a partial contribution and were told that the request was for full funding and that they believed there would be a great deal of public support and may eventually be self-funded. District Legal Counsel, Bill Dugat, discussed the legal authority that Districts have or do not have to prosecute and how it affects inter-local agreements with others that claim authority to do so. No action was taken on the agenda item.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 30, 2021.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 30, 2021.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Expenditures for April 2021; Review of 2020-2021 Budget; and Budget Line Item Adjustments. General Manager Sodek reported that the following line item adjustments were made within a budget category of the FY 2020-2021 Budget.

Moved \$2,065.88 From: Expenses - Capitol Purchase - Monitor Wells
To: Expenses - Capitol Purchase - Monitor Wells Equipment

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:
Approve the Expenditures for April 2021.
Second was by Ricky Bindseil.
Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on the Appointment for the Director At-Large position previously vacated by Bill Felps resignation from the Board. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that they could appoint a temporary Director who could reside anywhere in the District since the opening was for the At-Large position. He also informed them that a Special Election would be held in November of 2022 to fill the position until the Regular Election for the position is held in November of 2024. He suggested that a formal committee be formed to talk with anyone that shows an interest in the position. President Rowney appointed a committee of General Manager Sodek, Vice-President Bindseil and Secretary-Treasurer Griffis-Bailey and directed them to meet with persons interested in the position and to report back to the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on The Meadows Center- Krause Springs FY21-22 Occurrence of Flowing Water Phase 2 Project Agreement. General Manager Sodek discussed his talks with the Meadows Center for moving forward with the scope of work, public outreach and potential data collection for understanding spring source water. He discussed the cost of the project which would be from \$35,000.00 to \$40,000.00 with the option of a \$5,000.00 dye tracing study and discussed that the budgeted amount for the project was \$45,000.00.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:
Move forward with The Meadows Center- Krause Springs FY21-22 Occurrence of Flowing Water Phase 2 Project Agreement as presented including the additional \$5,000.00 option for dye tracing.
Second was by Ryan Rowney.
Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Consultant Review of Water Availability Studies for Subdivisions. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that Dr. Neil Deeds, District Technical Consultant with INTERA, had for the first time reviewed three completed water availability studies for three projects in the County. He said the report by INTERA was well written and included recommendations on the effects of well density and acreage sizes and that a memo was sent to the County.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on determination of the Drought Stage. Groundwater Resource Specialist Babb reported that NOAA declared La Nina had ended and was not expected to return any time soon. He discussed the Palmer Hydrologic Drought Index report is showing Burnet County to be in moderate drought but most of the county is still showing below average rainfall. 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 trend in the number of new developments in the County and well applications being received by the District has continued.

	Total as of May 19, 2021	Last 30 Days	Last 90 Days	Last 365 Days
Wells in Database	7713	66	138	518
Registered Wells	5373	60	98	351
Wells Pending Registration	158	59	97	149
Imported Unregistered Wells	1691	0	0	0
Canceled/Denied/Not Completed Wells	480	0	3	82
Non-Exempt - By Rule	507	31	64	236
Permit Applications Received	170	2	2	3

Permits by Status	Received	Approved	Denied	Pending	Incomplete	Expired	Terminated
	170	147	1	7	2	0	13

Permits Approved by Use	Total
Commercial	14
Domestic, Livestock & Poultry	64
Industrial	11
Irrigation	30
Public Water Supply	43
Total	162

Permits Approved by Precinct	Permit s	Wells
Precinct 1	68	140
Precinct 2	34	75
Precinct 3	18	30
Precinct 4	24	37
Precinct 1,2,3	1	13
Precinct 1,3	1	2
Precinct 1,4	1	3
Totals	147	300

b. Cybersecurity Training

All Board Members and Staff have completed the training and it has been reported to the State.

c. Collier Consulting Database

The contract with Collier has been signed and the annual fee will be at the current rate for a three year period. They have been paid the first installment of 30% to proceed with the project.

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

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

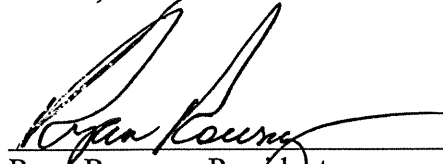
Permit non-compliance issues
Permit Hearing

Directors may 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.

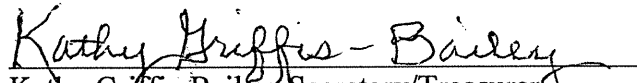
President Rowney then set the date for the next regular board meeting for, Monday, June 28, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

President Rowney then announced that the Board would consider purchase of property for and construction of a future office building. President Rowney recessed the Board meeting at 10:27 a.m. and a quorum of the Board relocated to the 200 Block of Houston Clinton Dr. Burnet, TX 78611. President Rowney reconvened the meeting at 10:39 a.m. at the 200 Block of Houston Clinton Dr. Burnet, TX 78611. The Board examined the property as a potential site for a future District office facility. No formal action was taken.

President Rowney adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m. at the 200 Block of Houston Clinton Dr. Burnet, TX 78611.



Ryan Rowney, President



Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer