

**MINUTES OF
January 21, 2022
BOARD MEETING
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District held a Permit Hearing and conducted a Regular Board Meeting on Friday, January 21, 2022 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 Paul King, 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: 4 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 called a Permit Hearing on OP-10102016 Flat Rock Ranch LP to order and asked for the General Manager's recommendation on the Permit Application that has been determined to be administratively complete. The Permit Application is in accordance with District Rules.

General Manager Sodek briefed the Board on the details of the Permit Application. Flat Rock Ranch LP has an existing operating permit for 165 acre feet/year for two wells #3764 and #3765. The wells are existing wells and will not be substantially altered. A permit amendment has been applied for to increase the total annual permitted volume from 165 acre feet to 330 acre feet. He recommended approval of an amendment to OP-10102016 for a total annual volume of 330 acre feet.

Bryan Teeple, representing Flat Rock Ranch LP, discussed the current water usage and project start date for an up-and-coming multi-living housing unit.

President Rowney opened the hearing for public comment. A member of the public asked if there will be multi-living housing and single living residences in the development that water from the permit will supply. Bryan Teeple confirmed that there would be both.

President Rowney closed the Public Comment portion of the hearing.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Accept the recommendation of the General Manager to approve an amendment to OP-10102016 for a total annual volume of 330 acre feet.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney adjourned the Hearing and reconvened the regular session at 9:16 a.m.

President Rowney then asked for Discussion and Debrief on Agreed Order with Corix Utilities-Summit Springs. Scott Ahlstrom with Corix Utilities informed the Board of the steps it took to become compliant with the Agreed Order and District Rules. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that Corix will continue to provide water level data to the District. Scott Ahlstrom suggested that the Board reconsider their rules for existing water systems that have to rely on grandfather use for an expanding system. Kathy recommended that for the Board to considered any future rule suggestions, that they be detailed and descriptive in the nature of the recommendation.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action relating to Deer Springs Water Company's failure to comply with District Rules, relevant statutes, and Permit OP-10102102. General Manager Sodek reported that he had no updates. Cody Lewis with Deer Springs Water Company updated the Board on where the company was in the process of the transfer application paperwork and possibility of acquiring additional acreage rights for the system. Discussion was held between the Board, Cody Lewis and District Legal Counsel Dugat on the lack of progress being made by Deer Springs Water Company to become compliant with the Agreed Order and Districts Rules.

President Rowney then called for an Executive Session, under Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551.071, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, annotated for consultation concerning attorney-client matters, at 9:42 a.m.

President Rowney reconvened the Regular Session at 10:03 a.m.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Take legal action with a suit against Deer Springs Water Company to enforce the Agreed Order and seek penalties and other relief necessary for over pumping in 2020 and 2021.

Second was by Paul King.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on the FY 2020-2021 Annual Report. General Manager Sodek reviewed the report which corresponds with the Management Plan Management Goals. He informed the Board that public outreach was limited and events canceled in the fiscal year due to the Covid pandemic.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:

Adopt the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Report as presented.

Second was by Paul King.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on the Minutes of the Regular Board Meetings held on December 17, 2021.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 17, 2021.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Expenditures for December 2021; Budget Line Item Adjustments; Review of 2021-2022 Budget; and Quarterly Report on Investments. General Manager Sodek reported that the following line item adjustments were made within a budget category to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget:

Moved \$188.00 from Expenses - Other Expenses - Registration Fees to Expenses - Other Expenses - Memberships and Dues

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 December 31, 2021 in accordance with Section IV of the Public Funds Investment Policy of the District.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:

Approve the Expenditures for December 2021.

Second was by Paul King.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Determination of Drought Stage. General Manager Sodek reported that the latest Palmer Hydrological Drought Index corresponds with our Stage 2 Moderate Drought. He recommended changing the current Drought Stage 1 to Stage 2 Moderate Drought.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Initiate the District Stage 2-Moderate Drought stage based on the Palmer Hydrological Drought Index.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

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

a. Well Registrations & Permitting

General Manager Sodek reviewed graphs of current figures for well registration and permitting. The District is receiving an average of forty applications per month. There are two big development projects going through the water availability study process. Drilling Companies are as much as eight months out on drilling after drilling is scheduled.

b. Management Plan Update

Groundwater Districts are required to adopt its management plan no less than every five years and the District's management plan will expire in May. We have a draft update to our plan and will hold a hearing on the proposed re-adoption of the plan prior to re-adoption of the plan. The plan will have to be updated again later in the year for MAG and DFC updates.

c. Monitor Wells

Discussed a possible monitor well agreement or inter-local agreement with the City of Marble Falls for a monitor well in the Hickory Aquifer.

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.


FY 2020-2021 Audit

Proposed Re-Adoption of Management Plan

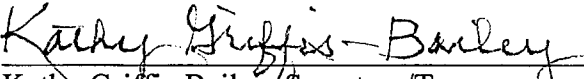
Directors may contact the General Manager or Board President prior to the deadline for posting notice of the next meeting if they have a suggested agenda item.

President Rowney then set the date for the next regular Board Meeting for, Friday, February 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, TX 78611.

President Rowney adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.



Ryan Rowney, President



Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer