

**MINUTES OF  
August 16, 2022  
BOARD MEETING  
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District held a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 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    Shrader Davis, Groundwater Technician    Donnita Coats, Office Manager  
**Others Present:** 5 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. Lisa Lewis congratulated General Manager Sodek for his appointment as Chairman for Groundwater Management Area 8.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action relating to Cause No. 53288, Central Texas GCD v. Deer Springs and Cody Lewis, Burnet County District Court. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that the previously discussed missing Exhibit "A" mentioned in their permit amendment packet had been received by the District and that he and District Legal Counsel Dugat were finalizing their review of the application. An update will be presented to the Board in the future.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on the Agreed Order for Backbone Valley Nursery. General Manager informed the Board that the Agreed Order expired the end of July and a stipulation of the order was to reduce the amount of water used to comply with the permitted amount. The reported 2021 production was under the permitted amount so they are currently compliant with their permit. He asked if the Board planned to seek the deferred \$500.00 penalty for the Agreed Order.

Kathy Griffis Bailey moved to:  
Enforce the \$500.00 penalty consistent with the pending deferment of the Agreed Order.  
Second was by Paul King.  
Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Drought Signage. General Manager Sodek presented a quote for the design and cost of severe drought notice signs and an example of the sign design that could be posted in the same location as Burnet County burn ban signs in the future. He recommended that the signs be purchased this Fiscal Year and from the budget line item General Public Education.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:  
Move forward in this Fiscal Year with the design and purchase of drought signage approved by the General Manager.  
Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.  
Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on a Proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget. General Manager Sodek reviewed the proposed budget and discussed potential changes to the education, water studies and payroll budget categories. General Manager Sodek recommended a cost of living wage increase for District Office Staff and informed the Board of proposed cost of living wage increases by the county for county employees. Salary and wages for District Staff were previously adjusted to better meet market analysis salaries and wages which did not include a cost of living increase. The future need for a fourth employee to fill a clerical position for the district was discussed. Recommended changes to the proposed budget by General Manager Sodek and the Board will be presented in a proposed budget at the next meeting of the Board.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:

Approve the proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget that was presented with an increase of \$5,000.00 to the line item for Expenses - Education - General Public Education and an 8 percent cost of living wage increase for District Office Staff.

Second was by Homer Will.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on a 2022 Proposed Tax Rate. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that the no new revenue tax rate for 2022 was \$0.0056/\$100 of value for a total tax of \$602,674 being a \$15,285 increase. He informed the Board that adopting a proposed tax rate above the no new revenue tax rate would require that a public hearing on tax increase be held.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve a 2022 Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.0057/\$100 of value and to set a Public Hearing On Tax Rate Increase for September 12, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the District Office.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried as follows:

FOR the proposal: Paul King, Ricky Bindseil, Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Homer Will and Ryan Rowney

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 22, 2022.

Paul King moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 22, 2022.

Second was by Homer Will.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Expenditures for July 2022; Budget Line Item Adjustments; and Review of 2021-2022 Budget. General Manager Sodek recommended a line item adjustment to move \$6,000.00 from Expenses - Capitol Purchase - Monitor Wells to Expenses - Education - General Public Education to help with the expenses for the design and purchase of drought signage.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the Expenditures for July 2022.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve moving \$6,000.00 from Expenses - Capital Purchase - Monitor Wells to Expenses — Education - General Public Education.

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 is still showing Burnet County to be in Extreme Drought which is the highest category and correlates with the District's Stage 4 - Critical Drought Stage. He reviewed a variety of District monitor well graphs showing a downward trend in water levels. He recommended remaining in the District Stage 4 – Critical Drought Stage at this time.

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

a. Well Registrations & Permitting

A consistent number of applications are being received in August after a slight lull in July. A permit hearing is expected on several permit applications in the near future.

b. TAGD Groundwater Summit

The Summit will be held August 30<sup>th</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup> in San Antonio. There is value in all staff attending so the office will be closed on those days. General Manager Sodek will be a presenter on a panel discussion at the Summit.

c. Cyber Security Training

Board or Staff using District electronic devices at least 25% of the time are required to do the training. General Manager Sodek declared that the Board does not meet that threshold so they do not have to complete the training. District Office Staff have completed the 2022 training and compliance has been reported to the state.

d. Krause Springs Poster

At the request of Robin Gary with the Wimberley Valley Watershed Association, the District provided a photo and information for a poster on Krause Springs that is being displayed at the Austin Central Library as an art for water exhibit on sacred springs.

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.

Deer Springs


Budget

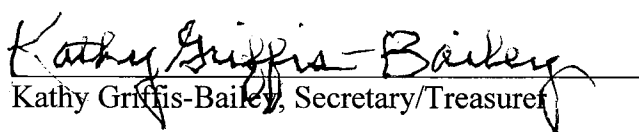
Tax Rate

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 and Public Hearing on Tax Increase for, Monday, September 12, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, TX 78611.

President Rowney adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

  
Ryan Rowney, President

  
Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer