

**MINUTES OF  
October 18, 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, October 18, 2022 at 1:00 p.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    Bill Dugat, District Legal Counsel  
**Others Present:** 9 Members of the Public

President Rowney declared a quorum present and called the Meeting to order at 1:21 p.m.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags were recited at the public hearing preceding the meeting.

President Rowney then asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

President Rowney then announced that Agenda Item number 8, Consider and/or action on a Rule Violation(s) for Failure to Obtain Drilling Authorization by Drilling Company Aquatech Solutions for Well Owner Steve Price would be moved up. General Manager Sodek reviewed the circumstances of the rule violation and recommended that since the drilling company is new to the area; had previously contacted the District regarding rule requirements; and had met with the District following the violation, that a one year probationary period be applied with no civil penalty at this time. Richard Todd Ashley with Aquatech Solutions discussed the violation with Board Members.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:  
Place Aquatech Solutions on one year probation for failure to obtain drilling authorization for well owner Steve Price.  
Second was by Homer Will.  
Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then announced that Agenda Item number 4, Consider and/or action relating to Cause No. 53288, Central Texas GCD v. Deer Springs and Cody Lewis, Burnet County District Court would be moved to the end of the agenda.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 12, 2022.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:  
Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 12, 2022.  
Second was by Ricky Bindseil.  
Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Expenditures for September 2022; Review of 2021-2022 Budget; Budget Line Item Adjustments; Review of 2022-2023 Budget; and

Quarterly Report on Investments. General Manager Sodek reported the following line item adjustments made within a budget category and the need for a Board approved adjustment between budget categories:

Moved 179.58 from Payroll Expenses – Payroll Expenses Other to Payroll Expenses – Retirement Fund

Moved 62.87 from Payroll Expenses – Payroll Expenses Other to Payroll Expenses – Salary & Wages

Moved 4288.25 from Payroll Expenses – Payroll Taxes to Payroll Expenses – Salary & Wages

Moved 3927.23 from Payroll Expenses – Health Insurance to Payroll Expenses – Salary & Wages

Moved 9500.00 from Payroll Expenses – Intern and/or PTE to Payroll Expenses – Salary & Wages

Need to Move \$7676.20 from Expenses - Capital Purchases – Monitor Wells to Expenses – Payroll Expenses – Salary & Wages

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the General Managers recommendation to move funds within a category and between categories with the sufficient funds to cover the shortfall in Payroll Expenses to the Final Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget.

Second was by Homer Will.

Vote on the motion carried.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the Expenditures for September 2022.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

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 September 30, 2022 in accordance with Section IV of the Public Funds Investment Policy of the District.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on USGS Agreement for Spring Monitoring. General Manager Sodek reviewed the modified agreement that removed monitoring of Felps Spring and includes the budgeted monitoring of Delaware Springs only.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the USGS Joint Funding Agreement for Spring Monitoring as presented.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Website and Emailing Hosting Services. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that the current web and email hosting service was not preventing malware and spam attacks on the District Website so he had contacted Dodson New Media, who hosts websites for various non-profit entities, to provide a proposed Wordpress Management Contract for District consideration. The contract was submitted and was reviewed and modified by General Manager Sodek and District Legal Counsel Dugat. Dodson New Media is reviewing the modifications and will sign and return the contract if modifications are accepted.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:

Move forward with the Wordpress Management Contract with Dodson New Media upon District Legal Counsel and General Manager final review and approval of the contract.

Second was by Homer Will.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Central Texas Regional 3D Model of the Trinity Aquifer. General Manager reviewed a proposal in the form of a letter from Allan R. Standen, LLC (ARS,LLC) for the creation of a high-density, interactive 3D model of the Trinity Aquifer system to provide understanding of the potential developmental impacts to groundwater resources within a four-county study area. The model would be a more complex visualization of the system and has been budgeted for \$15,000.00. General Manager Sodek will request that (ARS,LLC) present the proposal at the next meeting for consideration and/or action by the Board.

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 recommended remaining in the District Stage 4 – Critical Drought Stage at this time. He reported that the new District drought signage had been received by the District and picked up by the County for installation, with some presently installed .

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

a. Well Registrations & Permitting

The number of applications received has come down slightly over the last few months. General Manager Sodek reviewed a wells drilled by year graph and an interactive map of growth in wells in the County which are trending higher in more rural areas.

b. Drought Signage

The new District drought signage has been received by the District, picked up by the County for installation, with some presently installed. Director Griffis-Bailey expressed interest in purchasing more signs and requested an agenda item for consideration and/or action be included on the next meeting agenda.

President Rowney then called for Director Comments. Ricky Bindseil informed the Board that the October 15, 2022 HHW Collection Event was a success with lots of participation and help from volunteers.

President Rowney then called for agenda items for the next Regular Board Meeting  
3-D Model Presentation  
Drought Signage

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.

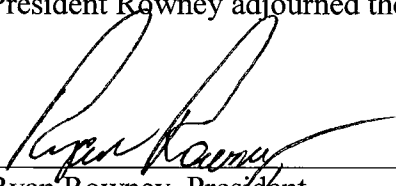
President Rowney then set the date for the next regular Board Meeting for, Friday, November 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, TX 78611.

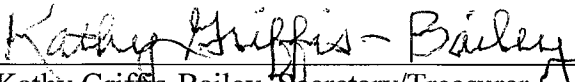
President Rowney then returned to Agenda Item number 4 for consideration and/or action relating to Cause No. 53288, Central Texas GCD v. Deer Springs and Cody Lewis, Burnet County District Court and announced that following a short recess the Board would go into Executive Session to consider the agenda item under Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551.071, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, annotated for consultation concerning attorney- client matters.

President Rowney announced that the Board would go into Executive Session at 2:10 p.m.

President Rowney reconvened the Regular Session at 2:33 p.m.

President Rowney adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

  
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Ryan Rowney, President

  
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Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer