

**MINUTES OF
November 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 Friday, November 18, 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 Bill Dugat, District Legal Counsel
Others Present: 8 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 reviewed the previously issued Cancellation of the Regular and Special Elections and Certificates of Unopposed Candidates for the scheduled November 8, 2022 Regular and Special Director Elections. President Rowney issued Certificates of Election to the newly elected Directors and then called for the execution of Statements of Officer for the newly elected Directors. Statements of Officer were executed by Paul King, Director At-Large, Ryan Rowney, Director Precinct 2 and Ricky Bindseil, Director, Precinct 4.

President Rowney then called for the Swearing in of the Newly Elected Directors. Office Manager and Notary Public, Donnita Coats, administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Directors Paul King, Director At-Large, Ryan Rowney, Director Precinct 2 and Ricky Bindseil, Director, Precinct 4.

President Rowney announced that Directors King, Rowney and Binseil would begin their new term of office and assume their duties of office immediately.

President Rowney then asked for public comment. Cody Lewis congratulated the newly elected Directors.

President Rowney then announced that Agenda Item number 6 Consider and/or action relating to a settlement proposal in connection with 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 Request for Waiver of Penalties and Interests on Ad Valorem Taxes - Marsha Spinner.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:
Deny the request for Waiver of Penalty and Interest on Taxes from Marsha Spinner.
Second was by Ricky Bindseil.
Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on the Central Texas Regional 3D Model of the Trinity Aquifer. General Manager Sodek introduced Allan Standen, Vince Clause and Jordan

Furnans with LRE Water. The project was previously discussed with Allan R. Standen LLC who has now been acquired by LRE Water who has taken over the project. Vince Clause gave a presentation on the project with an overview and highlights of the study to date. He discussed the data contributions already received by the District and other entities involved in the project and the request for a \$15,000.00 monetary contribution from the District toward the continuation of the project. After discussion on the project, relationships with contributors to the project, any administrative agreements/RFQ's required and clarification from District General Counsel Dugat that there was no legal conflict of interest regarding Intera Inc., who consults for the District and is also involved with the project:

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Give our Executive Director [General Manager Sodek] the authority to move forward with the Central Texas Regional 3D Model of the Trinity Aquifer Project that has a budgeted amount of \$15,000.00.

Second was by Paul King.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Additional Drought Signage. General Manager Sodek recommended purchasing an additional sixty drought signs to post in the District. Ricky Bindseil spoke with County Commissioner Dockery who is on board to install the signs.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Authorize the expenditure of funds to acquire an additional sixty drought signs for the District.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and or action on Determination of Drought Stage. General Manager informed the Board that we are in Stage 4 of our Drought Management Plan which calls for a 30% voluntary reduction of use. The Palmer Hydrological Drought Index is showing extreme drought. There is an opportunity to set a hearing before the end of year to consider and or act on a requirement for mandatory reduction of use up to 15% on all permit holders for the following year. Mandatory reductions once implemented can be removed or reduced but cannot be increased for the year enforced. General Manager Sodek recommended staying at Drought Stage 4. After discussion on holding a District Drought Management hearing and possible mandatory reduction requirements:

Paul King moved to:

Call for a hearing for consideration of mandatory water reduction for drought management.

Second was by Homer Will.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 18, 2022.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 18, 2022.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

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

General Manager Sodek reviewed the financial statements and there were no adjustments.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:
Approve the Expenditures for October 2022.
Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.
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
The number of applications received is trending downward possibly due to weather, holidays and the downward trend in the housing market due to interest rates.
- b. Krause Springs Stakeholder Meeting
The meeting held on October 19, 2022 was well attended and there will be additional meetings held periodically. Efforts will be made to get more attendance and feedback by direct landowners. Director Bindseil attended the meeting and was impressed by the attendance and concern for water conservation.
- c. Region K & GMA 8 Meetings
Region K has had meetings to begin it's next planning cycle. Neil Deeds with Intera is the consultant for Region K this planning cycle.
GMA 8 previously met and decided to reach out with an RFQ to hire a consultant to update the Northern Trinity Woodbine Aquifer Model. Submittals are being accepted at this time and the cost has yet to be determined. The Board will be informed of the consultant chosen and the cost.
- d. The 21st Bell County Water Symposium was held at the Bell County Exposition Center in Belton on November 16th. It is a great symposium held by the Clearwater District and anyone is encouraged to attend next year. The most interesting topic was a panel discussion on an annexation request by the Aquifer Conservation Alliance (ACA) to petition annexation into the Clearwater District. One way to create a Groundwater District is to petition an existing District for annexation.
- e. Website and email host has been changed and is working well. The website has been spam free as far as known since the change.

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
Hearing on Drought 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, Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

President Rowney then returned to Agenda Item number 6 for consideration and/or action relating to a settlement proposal in connection with Cause No. 53288, Central Texas GCD v. Deer Springs and Cody Lewis, Burnet County District Court. and announced that 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 10:36 a.m.

President Rowney reconvened the Regular Session at 10:45 a.m.

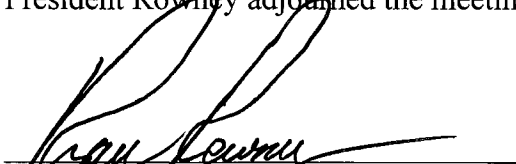
Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Authorize Legal Counsel to prepare a settlement agreement and authorize the Executive Director [General Manager] to sign the agreement.

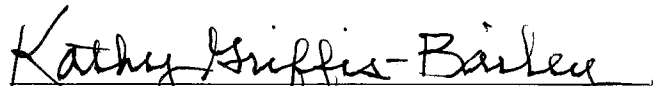
Second was by Homer Will.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.



Ryan Rowney, President



Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer