

**MINUTES OF
December 20, 2022
BOARD MEETING
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District held a Public Hearing on Mandatory Drought Water Reductions for Non-Exempt Permit Holders and a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Texas AgriLife Extension Auditorium, 607 North Vandever Street, Burnet, TX 78611.

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 Dr. Neil Deeds, District Hydrogeologic Consultant, Intera, Inc.
Others Present: 60 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 called for consider and/or action on Election of Officers of the Board.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey nominated Ryan Rowney for the position of President of the Board.
There were no other nominations.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to elect Ryan Rowney for the position of President of the Board.
Second was by Homer Will.
Vote on the motion carried.
All members voted.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey nominated Ricky Bindseil for the position of Vice President of the Board.
There were no other nominations.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to elect Ricky Bindseil for the position of Vice-President of the Board.
Second was by Homer Will.
Vote on the motion carried.
All members voted.

Ryan Rowney nominated Kathy Griffis-Bailey for the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the Board.
There were no other nominations.

Ryan Rowney moved to elect Kathy Griffis-Bailey for the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the Board.
Second was by Ricky Bindseil.
Vote on the motion carried.
All members voted.

President Rowney then called a Public Hearing on Mandatory Drought Water Reductions for Non-Exempt Permit Holders to order at 9:08 am.

President Rowney then asked for Board & Staff Discussion on Mandatory Drought Water Reductions for Non-Exempt Permit Holders. General Manager Sodek gave a presentation that included current and forecasted climate, drought and rainfall conditions for Burnet County; District Monitor Well graphs which are updated generally monthly and can be found on the District Website; and the District Drought Management Plan Stages 3 and 4 which allows the Board to enforce mandatory water reductions for permitted users. He stated that the District has a Drought Management Plan for a reason and that it should be followed. He recommended moving forward with a 15% mandatory reduction from the total annual permitted production volume for non-exempt users and to remain in the Stage 4 – Critical Drought Stage of the District Management Plan.

President Rowney then announced at 9:28 a.m. that the Board would receive public comment.

General Manager Sodek included five written public comments received prior to the hearing in his earlier presentation. Public comment was made by four members of the public with discussion included between the public, the Board, District Staff and District Consultants.

President Rowney then adjourned the Hearing at 10:00 a.m.

President Rowney resumed the regular meeting at 10:01 a.m.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and or action on Drought Stage and Possible Mandatory Drought Water Reductions for Non-Exempt Permit Holders. General Manager Sodek recommended moving forward with a 15% mandatory reduction from the total annual permitted production volume for non-exempt users and to remain in the Stage 4 – Critical Drought Stage of the District Management Plan.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:

Impose the 15% Mandatory Drought Water Reduction for Non-Exempt Permit Holders and to stay in Stage 4 Critical Drought.

Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for Public Comment. At the request of a member of the Public the board and consultants introduced themselves to the public.

President Rowney called for a short break and then reconvened the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

President Rowney noted for the record that all current Directors, Paul King; Kathleen Griffis-Bailey; Homer Will; Ryan Rowney and Ricky Bindseil and General Manager Mitchell Sodek, will remain on signature documents relating to the checking account of the District at financial institutions used for this purpose by the District.

President Rowney noted for the record that President Ryan Rowney; Secretary/Treasurer Kathleen Griffis-Bailey; General Manager & Public Funds Investment Officer Mitchell Sodek; and Public Funds Investment Officer, Donnita Coats would be the only Board Members or Staff included on signature documents relating to the investment of funds of the District at financial institutions used for this purpose by the District.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Spacing Variance Request for Exempt Well – Patrick & Jessica Nelson. General Manager Sodek reviewed the request and the absence of objection to the request by the only neighboring landowner affected by the request.

Ricky Bindseil move to:

Approve the Order Granting An Exception to the Spacing Requirements of the District Rules to Patrick & Jessica Nelson.

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 Meeting held on November 18, 2022.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

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

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Expenditures for November 2022; Budget Line Item Adjustments; and Review of 2022-2023 Budget
General Manager Sodek reviewed the financial statements and there were no adjustments.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the Expenditures for November 2022.

Second was by Paul King.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on FY 2021-2022 Annual Report. General Manager Sodek reviewed the report which corresponds with the Management Plan Management Goals. He informed the Board that he gave many public presentations last fiscal year and President Rowney commented that he had received lots of positive feedback from the public on the presentations.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:

Adopt the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Report as presented.

Second was by Paul King.

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 decreasing and probably driven by economics.

b. Drought Signage

Sixty additional signs have been purchased by the District and the County has agreed to put them up for the District.

c. Waterwise Program

The Program is being phased out by the District but the order from Spicewood Elementary on the current contract has been honored.

- d. Settlement in connection with Cause No. 53288, Central Texas GCD v. Deer Springs and Cody Lewis, Burnet County District Court. The District has received the settlement payment and the case has been closed/dismissed.

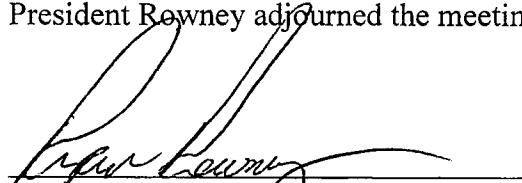
President Rowney then called for Director Comments. Director King commented on notification of permit reduction to those affected and the need for better outreach to the public for voluntary reductions in drought situations. Outreach options were suggested by Board Members.

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

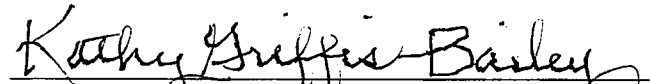
Directors may contact the General Manager or Board President prior to the deadline for posting notice of the next meeting if they have a suggested agenda item.

President Rowney then set the date for the next regular Board Meeting for, Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office.

President Rowney adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.



Ryan Rowney, President



Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer