

**MINUTES OF
February 17, 2023
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, February 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce Street, Suite 104, Burnet, TX 78611.

Members Present: Ryan Rowney, President Ricky Bindseil, Vice-President
Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer Homer Will, Director

Members Absent: 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: 7 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 one comment regarding suggested future changes to District Rules and one comment on an industrial use permit application submitted by Todd Fox.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on the Annual District Audit FY 2021-2022. District Auditor, Eric Ede of Ede & Company, LLC, provided the Board Members with a copy of the audit and gave an opinion and review. He reported that there were no deficiencies in internal controls, that the District is in good financial shape and gave the District the best opinion you can receive.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey move to:

Approve the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District FY 2021-2022 Annual Audit as presented.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on an Interlocal Agreement with Clearwater UWCD and Southwestern Travis County GCD for Regional Groundwater Studies. General Manager Sodek reviewed the purpose of the studies, the Interlocal Agreement and Task Order #1 associated with the studies. He informed the Board that District Legal Counsel Dugat had reviewed and made changes to the agreement prior to finalization.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Enter into the Interlocal Agreement and Task Order #1 that has been proposed.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 25, 2023.

Ryan Rowney moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 25, 2023.

Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Expenditures for January 2023; 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 January 2023.

Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Determination of the Drought Stage. General Manager Sodek reviewed updated graphs created by District Technical Consultant, Dr. Neil Deeds, comparing Palmer Hydrogeological Drought Index and District Monitor Well levels. He recommended that no change be made to the current Stage 4 – Critical Drought status 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

The number of applications received is averaging 30 to 35 per month compared to an average of 50 per month last summer.

b. J&J Water Well Civil Penalty

The civil penalty for drilling without authorization was issued, the penalty received and the drilling company is in good standing with the District.

c. Texas Well Owners Network

The Texas Well Owner Network “Well Educated” water well screening February 9th & 10th in Burnet was well received and a considered a success with 163 samples screened and 120 members of the public present for the event. General Manager Sodek gave a presentation at the event and the District will cover the cost of the screenings with budgeted funds.

President Rowney then called for Director Comments. Director Griffis-Bailey informed the Board that she had attended the Texas Well Owner Network event and that Mitchell had done a good job presenting his portion of the program and that it was time well spent. President Rowney suggested forming a stakeholder committee/citizen advisory panel in the future for stakeholder/public input regarding District Rule changes. The Directors present were open to the suggestion and President Rowney will have the General Manager include it as an agenda item at a future Board Meeting.


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

Stakeholder Committee/Citizen Advisory Panel

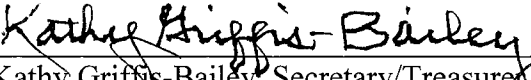
Directors may contact the General Manager or Board President prior to the deadline for posting notice of the next meeting if they have a suggested agenda item.

President Rowney then set the date for the next Regular Board Meeting for March 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office or a larger venue if the General Manager sees a need for more space for the Permit Hearing.

President Rowney adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.



Ryan Rowney, President



Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer