

MINUTES OF
April 27, 2023
BOARD MEETING
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District held a Permit Hearing and a Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office, 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 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: 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 called a Permit Hearing to order at 9:01 am. He asked for the General Manager's recommendation on Permit Amendment Application OP-21042201-A - Sunset Water Utilities/Ricky and Sandra Rowe. The Permit Application has been determined to be administratively complete and are in accordance with District Rules.

General Manager Sodek presented details of the Permit Amendment request and gave the Board his recommendation to approve adding a 4th well, #7999, with no increase in annual volume, to an Existing permit with an aggregate of 3 wells for 152.5 acre feet/year with the following Special Condition: Permit Re-Opener. At the discretion of the General Manager, this Permit may be opened, following notice and the opportunity for hearing, and the 152.5 acre feet production authorization is subject to reduction if the Groundwater Agreement(s), Groundwater Lease(s), or Special Warranty Deed Ownership is terminated, cancelled, amended or otherwise changed resulting in the reduction of the 348.74 acre feet of groundwater rights. The Applicant shall notify the District of any change in the terms of the Groundwater Agreement(s), Groundwater Lease(s), or Special Warranty Deed Ownership within 30 days of such change. He also recommended requiring a monitor well of similar depth to be made available within one year.

President Rowney opened the hearing for public comment on the Permit Amendment Application. One member of the public made comments. President Rowney ended the public comment on this permit application.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Permit Amendment Application OP-21042201-A- Sunset Water Utilities/Ricky and Sandra Rowe. Following Board, Staff, Consultant and Applicant discussion on the application:

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:
Approve Operating Permit OP-21042201-A- Sunset Water Utilities/Ricky and Sandra Rowe with the General Managers Special Condition Reopener that references the ownership of groundwater and with the recommendation that a monitor well be in place within a year as approved by the General Manager.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.
Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney adjourned the permit hearing and resumed the regular meeting at 9:23 a.m.

President Rowney then asked for Public Comment. There were no public comments.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Requests for Waiver of Penalty and Interest on Taxes received from Mark Schwab; Ian & Candice McPhee; and Wildflower Meadows Senior Living

Paul King moved to:

Approve the Request as presented for Waiver of Penalty and Interest on Taxes for Mark Schwab.
Second was by Ryan Rowney.
Vote on the motion carried.

No Action was taken on the Requests for Waiver of Penalty and Interest on Taxes received from Ian & Candice McPhee or Wildflower Meadows Senior Living.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on a Stakeholder Committee and Facilitator to Review District Rules.

General Manager Sodek reviewed the resumes of three neutral unbiased committee facilitators that had been recommended to the District.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:

Move forward with contracting Sarah Faust as the Stakeholder Committee Facilitator to Review District Rules with review of the contract by the District's Legal Counsel and General Manager.
Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.
Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Operating Permit OP-13042401 Channel Oaks Water System-Rule Violation(s). General Manager Sodek informed the Board of public outreach he has been receiving regarding leaks and water quality issues the system is having. He presented photos of pipe damage and water leaks that he had taken at various locations in the water system and he informed the Board that he had not gotten an adequate response from the owner or operator of the system regarding the waste of water. Director Bindseil has been contacted by some of his constituents who are on the system as well. General Manager Sodek recommended holding a Show Cause Hearing to address the violation of District Rules.

Kathy Griffis-Bailed moved to:

Move forward with a Show Cause Hearing regarding District Rule Violations by Channel Oaks Water System – OP-13042401.
Second was by Paul King.
Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Determination of the Drought Stage. General Manager Sodek reported that the Palmer Hydrogeological Index is in the Extreme Drought category and teetering on extreme and severe drought and that District Monitor Wells are not responding to recent rainfall at this time. He recommended that no change be made to the current Stage 4 - Critical Drought status at this time.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 21, 2023.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 21, 2023.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

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

Ricky Bindseil moved to:

Approve the Expenditures for March 2023.

Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Household Hazardous Waste Event(s). General Manager informed the Board that \$25,000.00 had been budgeted to help sponsor the Burnet County events.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:

Approve a \$25,000.00 sponsorship for the Burnet County Household Hazardous Waste Events.

Second was by Homer Will.

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 are continuing to increase. There has been an increased number of inquiries and interest in drilling wells by subdivisions, commercial businesses, contractors and individuals.

b. GMA 8 Interlocal Agreement

The District recently approved an Interlocal Agreement Regarding Groundwater Management Area 8 Funding for an Update to the Trinity Groundwater Availability Model. The agreement has been signed and the District approved funding up to \$74,000 in an 18 month period to update the model.

c. Bopate Event

There will be a Bopate event on April 29, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 1000 Manzano Mile, Marble Falls, Texas. The event has been advertised in area newspapers and Event Flyers can be picked up at the District office or downloaded from the District Website.

President Rowney then called for Director Comments. There were no Director Comments.

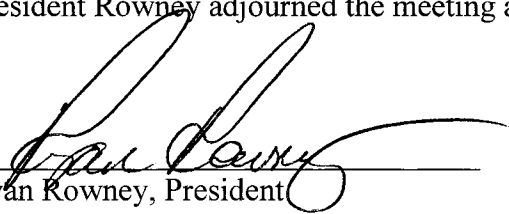
President Rowney then called for agenda items for the next Regular Board Meeting.

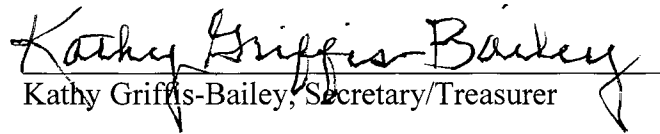
Show Cause Hearing OP-13042401 Channel Oaks Water System-Rule Violation(s). District Rules Stakeholder Committee Selection

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 May 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office.

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


Ryan Rowney, President


Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer