

**MINUTES OF**  
August 21, 2023  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER**  
**CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District held a Show Cause Hearing and Regular Board Meeting on Monday, August 21, 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  
**Others Present:** 13 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 were no public comments.

President Rowney then called the Show Cause Hearing to order at 9:02 a.m.

President Rowney stated that the well owners/permittees identified below have been noticed to appear before the Board and required to show cause why a suit should not be initiated against the person in a court of competent jurisdiction for failure to comply with the orders or Rules of the Board, the relevant statutes of the State, or failure to abide by the terms and provisions of a permit issued by the District or the operating authority of the District:

- OP-10102027 City of Highland Haven
- OP-10101941 Corix Utilities
- OP-10101926 Eagle Mountain Ranch Ltd. (formerly Willburr & Co.)
- OP-12022701 RFHDAH, LP
- OP-13032801 River Oaks Water System
- OP-18081301 Tributary Sporting Club

General Manager Sodek informed the Board that all well owners/permittees had acknowledged receipt of their Agreed Order before the hearing and that orders had been signed by the City of Highland Haven, Eagle Mountain Ranch Ltd. (formerly Willburr & Co.) and RFHDAH, LP. Representatives with River Oaks Water System were present at the hearing and signed the order. General Manager Sodek spoke to representatives of Corix Utilities prior the hearing but no order was signed and no representatives attended the hearing. General Manager spoke with representatives for Tributary Sporting Club prior to the hearing but no order was signed. A representative with Tributary Sporting Club was in attendance and their legal counsel will be in touch with the District regarding the order.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve and execute the signed Agreed Orders for the City of Highland Haven, Eagle Mountain Ranch Ltd, and RFHDAH, LP effective August 21, 2023; to approve Corix Utilities, River Oaks Water System and Tributary Sporting Club Agreed Orders subject to them agreeing to and signing the Agreed

Order; to authorize President Rowney to execute any signed orders; and to continue the show cause hearing at a later date for consideration and/or action on any unsigned orders.

Second was by Paul King.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney adjourned the Show Cause Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 9:24 a.m.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action a Proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget. General Manager Sodek reviewed the current and proposed budget and discussed potential changes to the reserves, education, and payroll budget categories. Director King recommended increasing the general public education line item. Recommended changes to the proposed budget by General Manager Sodek and the Board will be presented in a proposed budget at the next meeting of the Board.

Paul King moved to:

Approve the proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget that was presented with an increase to the line item for Expenses - Education - General Public Education.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on a 2023 Proposed Tax Rate. General Manager Sodek informed the Board that the no new revenue tax rate for 2023 was \$0.0050/\$100 of value for a total tax of \$648,114 being a \$29,231 increase. He informed the Board that adopting a proposed tax rate above the no new revenue tax rate would require that a public hearing on tax increase be held. Discussion was held on the ongoing and increasing expense associated with the gathering of groundwater data for the District.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve a 2023 Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.0055/\$100 of value and to set a Public Hearing on Tax Rate Increase to be held on the next regular meeting date and time at the District Office.

Second was by Paul King.

Vote on the motion carried as follows:

FOR the proposal: Paul King, Ricky Bindseil, Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Homer Will and Ryan Rowney

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on the Determination of the Drought Stage. General Manager Sodek said conditions remain hot and dry and recommended no change from the Stage 4 Critical Drought Stage. No action was taken.

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

Ricky Bindseil moved to:

Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 25, 2023.

Second was by Paul King.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Expenditures for July 2023; Budget Line-Item Adjustments; and Review of 2022-2023 Budget. General Manager Sodek requested the following line item adjustments be made to the budget:

Move \$25,000.00 from Expenses - Reserves - Water Study/Conserv./USGS Proj. to Expenses - Other Expenses - GMA 8.

Move \$25,000.00 from Expenses - Reserves - Water Study/Conserv./USGS Proj. to Expenses - Contract Services - Technical Consultant.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the Budget Line Item Adjustments as requested.

Second was by Paul King.

Vote on the motion carried.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the Expenditures for July 2023.

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 summer months have seen a decline in well applications but there has been an increase in August.

b. Stakeholder Committee on District Rules

The third meeting of the committee was held on August 15, 2023. A Hydrogeology Overview presentation was given by Dr. Neil Deeds with Intera and topics discussed were Spacing, Tract Size and Permit by Rule.

President Rowney then called for Director Comments. Kathy Griffis-Bailey read an email she received from a member of the public thanking the District for livestreaming the meetings and requesting drought signs for certain subdivision roads in the county.

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

Continued Show Cause Hearing for Permittees in violation of Rules

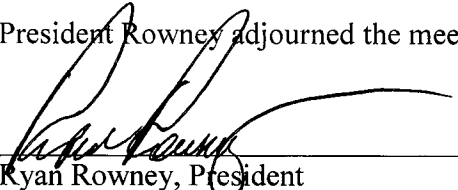
Proposed Budget and Tax Rate

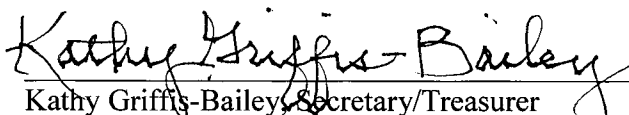
Monitor Well Update

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 and continued Show Cause Hearing for September 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office.

President Rowney adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

  
Ryan Rowney, President

  
Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer