

MINUTES OF
December 15, 2023
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, a Regular Board Meeting and a Work Session on Friday, December 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Hill Country Community Foundation Bldg. S.H. Reed Bldg., 402 E. Jackson St., 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: 16 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 the Public Hearing on Mandatory Drought Water Reductions for Non-Exempt Permit Holders to order at 9:01 a.m.

President Rowney then asked for Board & Staff Discussion on Mandatory Drought Water Reductions for Non-Exempt Permit Holders.

General Manager Sodek informed the Board that the notice of hearing had been properly published, posted with the County Clerk, at the District Office and on the District Website and that permitted users had been emailed a copy of the notice. He discussed the current 2023 15% mandatory reduction for permitted users and gave a presentation that included current and forecasted climate, drought and rainfall conditions for Burnet County and the District Monitor Well graphs. Dr. Neil Deeds discussed his interpretation of the data presented by General Manager Sodek and what he is seeing elsewhere. General Manager Sodek recommended moving forward with a continuation of the 15% mandatory reduction from the total annual permitted production volume for non-exempt users for 2024 and to remain in the Stage 4 – Critical Drought Stage of the District Management Plan.

President Rowney then asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

President Rowney then adjourned the Hearing at 9:17 a.m.

President Rowney resumed the regular meeting at 9:17 a.m. and asked for consideration and or action on Drought Stage and Possible Mandatory Drought Water Reductions for Non-Exempt Permit Holders.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Adopt General Manager Sodek's recommendation to Impose a 15% Mandatory Drought Water Reduction for Non-Exempt Permit Holders for 2024 and to stay in Stage 4 Critical Drought.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on a Spacing Variance Request for Non-Exempt by Rule Well – Fortune Four Capital LLC. General Manager Sodek reviewed the Application for Spacing Variance, and Absence of Objection to the Spacing Variance that met District Rule requirements for the applicant and recommended approval of the request.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the Spacing Variance Request and Issue an Order Granting a Spacing Variance to Fortune Four Capital LLC.

Second was by Paul King.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 17, 2023.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 17, 2023.

Second was by Paul King.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Expenditures for November 2023; Budget Line-Item Adjustments; and Review of 2023-2024 Budget. General Manager Sodek reviewed the financial statements and there were no adjustments.

Paul King moved to:

Approve the Expenditures for November 2023.

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

Well Applications received have continued to go down for November and for this month to date.

General Manager Sodek informed the Board that he had contacted the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to request a presentation at a future meeting on Cedar Tree removal and its benefits to groundwater.

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.

Annual Report

NRCS Presentation

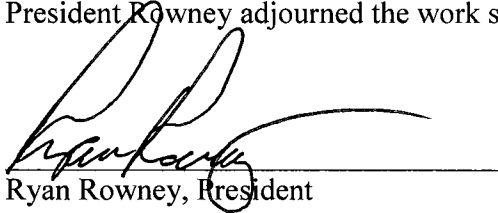
Directors may contact the General Manager or Board President prior to the deadline for posting notice of the next meeting if they have a suggested agenda item.

President Rowney then set the date for the next Regular Board Meeting for January 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

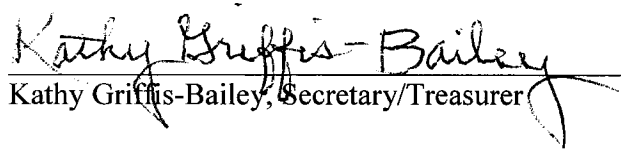
President Rowney then called the Work Session to order at 9:29 a.m.

President Rowney then asked for Review, discussion, and development of proposed language and information in regard to Rules for the District. General Sodek reviewed draft changes to the rules as drafted by himself and District Legal Counsel Dugat in conjunction with the Stakeholder Committee Report.

President Rowney adjourned the work session and the regular meeting at 10:41 a.m.



Ryan Rowney, President



Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer