

MINUTES OF
January 26, 2024
BOARD MEETING
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District held a Regular Board Meeting and Work Session on Friday, January 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Suite 104, Burnet, Texas.

Members Present: Ryan Rowney, President Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer
Homer Will, Director Paul King, Director

Members Absent: Ricky Bindseil, Vice-President

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 no public comment.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on the Annual District Audit for FY 2022-2023. 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 moved to:

Approve the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District FY 2022-2023 Annual Audit as presented.

Second was by Paul King.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on the FY 2022-2023 Annual Report. General Manager Sodek reviewed the report which corresponds with the Management Plan Management Goals. Kathy Griffis-Bailey suggested adding language regarding chlorination and retesting of wells found positive for coliform bacteria to section D. Addressing Natural Resource Issues which Impact the Use and Availability of Groundwater, and which are Impacted by the Use of Groundwater.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Adopt the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Report with short and brief additional language added to Section D that describes a policy to retest when bacteria is found.

Second was by Paul King.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Determination of Drought Stage. General Manager Sodek reviewed the Palmer Hydrogeological Drought Index and observed rainfall

maps and reported that there was no change to our areas severe drought status. The recent rainfall slightly improved conditions but not drought breaking rainfall. He 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 December 15, 2023.

Paul King moved to:

Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 15, 2023.

Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Expenditures for December 2023; Budget Line-Item Adjustments; Review of 2023-2024 Budget; and Quarterly Report on Investments. General Manager Sodek reviewed the financial statements and there were no adjustments. Public Funds Investment Officers, Mitchell Sodek and Donnita Coats, gave the Board a Quarterly Report on the Investment Position of the District for the quarter ending December 31, 2023 in accordance with Section IV of the Public Funds Investment Policy of the District.

Paul King moved to:

Approve the Expenditures for December 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 remained steady for December and for this month to date.

b. Office Manager Position

Office Manager Donnita Coats is retiring and the job posting for the position of Office Manager has been distributed and interviews for the position are taking place at this time. Donnita will remain with the District for a few months to train someone for the position.

c. Intra Technical Updates

The technical meeting regarding review of groundwater availability studies was postponed. The Intra project with the County is ongoing.

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.

Permit Hearing

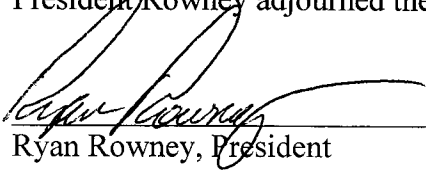
Directors may contact the General Manager or Board President prior to the deadline for posting notice of the next meeting if they have a suggested agenda item.


President Rowney then set the date for the next Regular Board Meeting for February 23, 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 9:52 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 10:57 a.m.


Ryan Rowney, President


Kathy Griffin-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer