

MINUTES OF
February 23, 2024
BOARD MEETING
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District held a Permit Hearing, Regular Board Meeting and Work Session on Friday, February 23, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Suite 104, Burnet, Texas.

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 Tracy Swantner, Office Manager
Bill Dugat, District Legal Counsel (remotely)
Others Present: 6 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 called a Permit Hearing to order at 9:02 am. He asked for the General Manager's recommendation on Permit Application OP-11102401-A – Scimitar Partners, L.P. The Permit Application has been determined to be administratively complete and is in accordance with District Rules.

General Manager Sodek presented details of the permit amendment request by Scimitar Partners, L.P. and gave the board his recommendation to approve the permit amendment for an additional 30 Acre Feet to an existing 100 Acre Feet permit for a term of 5 years.

President Rowney opened the hearing for public comment on the Permit Application. One member of the public asked for review of acreage and use, inquired on number of residences on property, and if there were any neighborhoods planned for the property. General Manager Sodek answered that the current use is agricultural but applicant can apply for another use in the future.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Permit Application OP-11102401-A - Scimitar Partners, L.P.

Paul King moved to:
Approve Operating Permit OP-11102401-A - Scimitar Partners, L.P. as presented 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 9:25 a.m.

President Rowney then asked for the presentation and update on The Four County Regional Trinity Aquifer Study. Vince Clause with LRE Water gave a presentation on the progress of the study and expects a draft final report in May of 2024.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Castle View RV and Mobile Home Park Demand Letter for Failure to Permit.

General Manager Sodek informed the board that the water system is operated by Blackacre Mobile Home Community, LLC, which consists of 2 existing wells and 2 test holes. A permit was never applied for, and after multiple requests for compliance and a demand letter from the District's Legal Counsel, an application was received. General Manager Sodek advised that he will proceed with the permit application process as a small well drilling & operating permit.

President Rowney announced that we would move to agenda item #14, Work Session.

President Rowney then called the Work Session to order at 9:59 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 reconvened the regular meeting at 10:38 a.m.

President Rowney announced we would return to agenda item # 7.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Determination of Drought Stage. General Manager Sodek reviewed the Palmer Hydrological Drought Index and observed rainfall maps and reported that there was only marginal change from extreme to severe drought status. There has been no improvement on monitor well trends. 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 January 26, 2024.

Paul King moved to:

Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 26, 2024.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Expenditures for January 2024; Budget Line-Item Adjustments; Review of 2023-2024 Budget; and Quarterly Report on Investments. General Manager Sodek reviewed the financial statements and reported the following line item adjustments:

Moved \$170.10 from Expenses – Insurance – Public Officials Bond to Expenses – Insurance – Errors & Omissions

Moved \$500.00 from Expenses – Administrative Operations – Small Equipment & Software Serv to Expenses – Administrative Operations – Postage, Mailing Services

Paul King moved to:
Approve the Line Item Adjustments and Expenditures for January 2024.
Second was by Ricky Bindseil.
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 are trending below 20 per month.
- b. Introduction of New Office Manager
General Manager Sodek introduced new Office Manager, Tracy Swantner.
- c. Management Zone Areas for Further Study
Discussed 2 areas in the Trinity Aquifer for further study.
- d. Intera Technical Updates
Reviewed memo from Intera Incorporated regarding Patriot Ridge Water Availability Study.
- e. Texas Water Foundation Education Program
Discussed media campaign options and discussed formation of a committee.
- f. Director Elections
Discussed upcoming Director election on November 5, 2024 for Precinct 1, Precinct 3, and At-Large Director positions.

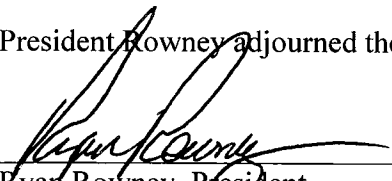
President Rowney then called for Director Comments. There were no Director comments.

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

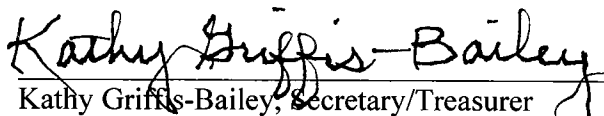
Directors may contact the General Manager or Board President prior to the deadline for posting notice of the next meeting if they have a suggested agenda item.

President Rowney then set the date for the next Regular Board Meeting for March 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

President Rowney adjourned the regular meeting at 11:09 a.m.



Ryan Rowney, President



Kathy Griggs-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer