

MINUTES OF
March 27, 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 Rules Hearing on Wednesday, March 27, 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

Members Absent: 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

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 asked for public comment. A member of the public spoke about his above ground water system and the cost calculations. Another member of the public spoke about his concerns on the proposed rules regarding pump size.

President Rowney then called the Rules Hearing to order at 9:09 am.

General Manager Sodek stated that the proposed rule revisions hearing notice had been posted to the District website, and properly posted and published. General Manager Sodek reviewed the proposed rule amendments. There was a discussion between the Board, General Manger, and the Drillers regarding flow restriction on permit by rule wells. Legal Counsel, Bill Dugat, discussed State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) procedures and reviewed the proposed rule amendments to Chapter 7, Hearings on Rulemaking and Permit Matters, and changes due to legislation.

President Rowney opened the hearing for public comment. A member of the public had questions about State regulations, monitoring wells, and spacing variance.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on the Proposed Rule Amendments.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Adopt the proposed rule amendments effective March 27, 2024 except where otherwise noted in the proposed rule amendments.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney adjourned the rules hearing at 9:56 a.m. and resumed the regular meeting at 10:10 a.m.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on the Requests for Waiver of Penalty and Interest on Taxes- Sue Bisher and Massman Construction Co.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:
Deny the Request for Waiver of Penalty and Interest on Taxes for Sue Bisher and Massman Construction Co.
Second was by Ricky Bindseil.
Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on the Contract with Texas Water Foundation for Burnet County Runs on Water Campaign.

General Manager Sodek presented a draft contract and information regarding the campaign, which includes billboards, community signage, digital signage, and social media. 2 members of the public expressed their support for the campaign.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:
Approve the contract with Texas Water Foundation for Burnet County Runs on Water Campaign.
Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.
Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Scope of Work for a Trinity Aquifer Sensitivity Study in the Briggs & Oakalla Area. General Manager Sodek presented information regarding the Study Area, Approach, Goals of the Study, and Budget.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:
Approve the Scope of Work for a Trinity Aquifer Sensitivity Study in the Briggs & Oakalla Area.
Second was by Ricky Bindseil.
Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program. General Manager Sodek presented information on the program and recommended a \$5,000.00 Signature Level Sponsorship as has been done in the past and is included in the general public education budget.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:
Continue the \$5,000 Signature Level Sponsorship for the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program.
Second was by Homer Will.
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 Hydrological Drought Index and reported that there was no change in drought status. He then reviewed data from monitor wells and noted only a slight increase in water levels with no major recovery. 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 February 23, 2024.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:
Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 23, 2024.
Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.
Vote on the motion carried.

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

Homer Will moved to:
Approve the Expenditures for February 2024.
Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.
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 during the winter months were lower. Two Permit Applications were approved on March 25, 2024.

Blackacre Mobile Home Community LLC responded to a demand letter for permit application, application was received and permit was approved.

Tributary Sporting Club responded to agreed order by reducing pumping capacity to exempt well status, in compliance and deferred penalty has been waived.

General Manager Sodek is anticipating review of 2 more permits in the near future.

b. Household Hazardous BOPATE Waste Event

There will be a BOPATE event on April 20, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 2411 FM 963, Burnet, TX 78611. Event Flyers can be picked up at the District office or downloaded from the District Website.

President Rowney then called for Director Comments. Kathy Griffis-Bailey acknowledged the District Staff for the effort on the Rule amendments. President Rowney thanked the drillers for their input and thanked the members of the public who regularly attend the meetings.

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

Permit Hearings

Database work order update

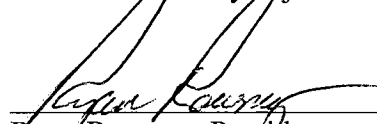
Committee report on Texas Water Foundation for Burnet Runs on Water campaign

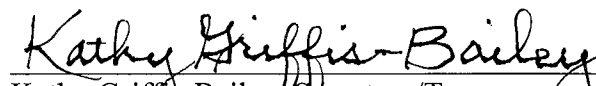
USDA Cedar Removal

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 April 19th, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

President Rowney adjourned the regular meeting at 10:56 a.m.


Ryan Rowney, President


Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer