

**MINUTES OF**  
June 20, 2024  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER**  
**CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District held a Permit Hearing and Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, June 20, 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   Tracy Swantner, Office Manager  
**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 the Permit Hearing to order at 9:01 am. He asked for the General Manager's recommendation on Permit Application OP-21042201-B – Sunset Water Utilities/Ricky and Sandra Rowe. 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. Sunset Water Utilities/Ricky and Sandra Rowe are requesting an increase of the permit by 36.7 acft, totaling 189.2 acft, and adding a 5<sup>th</sup> well, #9146. General Manager Sodek advised that a hydrogeologic investigation and report were completed. He recommended approving the permit amendment with a special condition: permit can be reopened if groundwater leases or land ownership changes.

President Rowney then opened the hearing for public comment on the Permit Application. There was no public comment.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Permit Application OP-21042201-B.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:  
Accept the General Manager's recommendation to approve the permit amendment with the special conditions.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney adjourned the permit hearing and resumed the regular meeting at 9:09 a.m.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Emergency Operating Permit Request on June 6, 2024, for Whitewater Springs Water Supply Corporation.

General Manager Sodek reviewed the emergency request to pump well # 8740 from 7/1/2024 – 8/30/2024. There was a discussion between a representative from Whitewater Spring Water Supply Corporation and the Directors regarding community usage, drought restrictions, water loss, and long-term plans. General Manager Sodek recommended approval of a shorter term and requested a permit application be submitted as soon as possible.

Kathy Griffis Bailey moved to:

Approve the emergency operating permit for the month of July.

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 noted that our area has seen less rainfall than areas to the North and East.

No action was taken.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 23, 2024.

Paul King moved to:

Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 23, 2024.

Second was by Homer Will.

Vote on the motion carried.

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

Ricky Bindseil moved to:

Approve expenditures for May 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

Applications have been low and steady, averaging 25-30 per month.

b. Burnet County Runs on Water Campaign

Campaign is underway, posters and handouts are located at 12 locations in Burnet County, and billboard in Bertram is up. General Manager Sodek also reviewed the timeline for the campaign.

c. 4-H Water Ambassadors

The 4-H Water Ambassadors visited the District office on June 11<sup>th</sup>. General Manager Sodek and Groundwater Technician, Shrader Davis, gave a presentation and they also visited a nearby well.

d. Public Funds Investment Training

General Manager Sodek completed the required 4-hour course, and Office Manager, Tracy Swantner, completed the required 6-hour course.

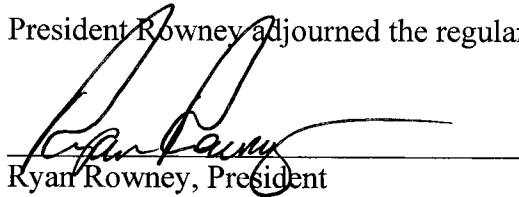
President Rowney then called for Director Comments.  
There were no Director comments.

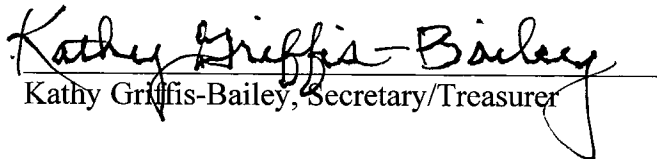
President Rowney then called for agenda items for the next Regular Board Meeting.  
White Water Springs Water Supply Corporation Permit

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 July 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

President Rowney adjourned the regular meeting at 9:44 a.m.

  
Ryan Rowney, President

  
Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer