

**MINUTES OF
OCTOBER 15, 2024
BOARD MEETING
CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District held a Spacing Variance Hearing, Public Hearing on Tax Increase, and Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 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

Members Absent: None

Staff and/or Consultants Present: Mitchell Sodek, General Manager Shrader Davis, Groundwater Technician Tracy Swantner, Office Manager Bill Dugat, Legal Counsel

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.

One member of the public representing SaveBurnet.com spoke about the proposed rock crushing plant and asked that the District be aware of what was happening.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on a Rule Violation(s) for Failure to Obtain a Permit from the District Before Operating and Producing Groundwater from a Non-exempt Well for Whitewater Springs Water Supply Corporation-Well #8739.

General Manager Sodek advised the board that a correction was needed. The correct well number is 8740. He presented details of the violation, which includes producing water from well number 8740 without adding it to the operating permit. There was a discussion between the Board, the General Manager, and Bill Dugat

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Proceed with a Show Cause Hearing including a proposed agreed order from the General Manager, and that the district request the 2024 production data from Whitewater Springs Water Supply Corporation for Well # 8740.

Second was by Homer Will.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Board Resolution Designating an Assistant Secretary.

General Manager Sodek notified the board that Chapter 36 allows the board to designate an Assistant Secretary, who would be able to sign documents in the event the Secretary of the Board is not available to sign.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:

Appoint Office Manager, Tracy Swantner as the Assistant Secretary.

Second was by Kathy Griffis-Bailey.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Engagement Letter for Legal Services with Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C.

General Manager Sodek notified the Board that Ty Embrey was available at the meeting to answer questions and that there was an engagement letter to review and sign. Ty Embrey introduced himself and answered questions from the Board of Directors.

Kathy Griffis-Bailey moved to:

Engage with Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C. as general counsel for the district.

Second was by Ricky Bindseil.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Audit Engagement Letter from Ede & Company for 2023-2024 Audit.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:

Proceed with the engagement letter from Ede & Company for the 2023-2024 Audit.

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 remains in the Severe category. There has been below average rainfall for September and no measurable rainfall for October. There has been no recharge in the aquifers. General Manager Sodek reviewed water levels in several monitor wells. He recommends no change in drought stage.

No action was taken.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 17, 2024.

Ricky Bindseil moved to:

Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 17, 2024.

Second was by.

Vote on the motion carried.

President Rowney then asked for consideration and/or action on Expenditures for September 2024; Budget Line-Item Adjustments; Review of 2023-2024 Budget; Review of 2024-2025 Budget, and Quarterly Report on Investments.

General Manager Sodek reviewed the reports and financial statements and reported the following line-item adjustments for the 2023-2024 Budget:

Moved \$5,474.13 from Expenses-Payroll Expenses- Payroll Taxes to Expenses-Payroll Expenses-Salary and Wages

Moved \$4,012.42 from Expenses-Payroll Expenses- Health Insurance to Expenses-Payroll Expenses- Salary and Wages

Moved \$952.98 from Expenses-Payroll Expenses- Health Insurance to Expenses-Payroll Expenses-Retirement Fund

Moved \$26.35 from Expenses-Payroll Expenses- Health Insurance to Expenses-Payroll Expenses-Payroll Expenses Other

Moved \$875.90 from Expenses-Capital Purchase-Server to Expenses-Capital Purchase-Monitor Well Equipment

Moved \$1,552.41 from Expenses-Contract Services-Legal to Expenses-Contract Services-Appraisal Fees

Moved \$2,733.75 from Expenses-Contract Services-Legal to Expenses-Contract Services-Technical Consultant

Budget Line Item Adjustments from Outside Budget Category:

Move \$2,308.39 from Expenses-Education- General Public Education to Expenses-Payroll Expenses- Salary and Wages

A Quarterly Report on the Investment Position of the District for the quarter ending September 30, 2024 was provided by Public Funds Investment Officers, Mitchell Sodek and Tracy Swantner, in accordance with Section IV of the Public Funds Investment Policy of the District.

Paul King moved to:

Approve expenditures and line-item adjustments for September 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

The District has seen an average of about 25 applications per month.

b. Rule Violation Penalties

The District has received the penalty from Aqua Texas. General Manager Sodek also reported on the agreed orders from last year.

c. Burnet County Runs On Water

One billboard is still running on Highway 29 because no one has taken the spot and the social media campaign came to an end. General Manager Sodek has asked Texas Runs on Water to present a summary of the campaign, hopefully next month.

d. Burnet County Bopate

The event is on October 19th, 2024 and the District sponsors the event. The back of the flyer has been revamped with District information and the Burnet County Runs on Water Campaign.

e. Well Inspections and Tags

Inspections have revealed as number of wells in violation of completion standards. The District has had some success with Drillers going back to properly complete the wells. The well tags will be placed on the new wells on the date the District inspects them as an informational tag.

President Rowney then called for Director Comments.

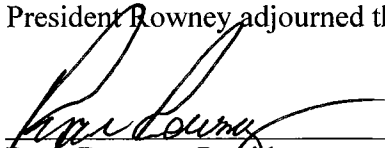
Kathy Griffis-Bailey shared correspondence she received from a member of the public regarding the proposed rock crushing plant.

President Rowney then called for agenda items for the next Regular Board Meeting.
Show Cause Hearing, Intera presentation, Texas Water Foundation presentation

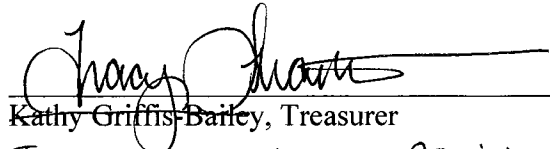
Directors may contact the General Manager or Board President prior to the deadline for posting notice of the next meeting if they have a suggested agenda item.

President Rowney then set the date for the next Regular Board Meeting for November 20th, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

President Rowney adjourned the regular meeting at 9:55 a.m.



Ryan Rowney, President



Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Treasurer
Tracy Swartzner, Assistant Secretary