

NORTHERN TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

December 17, 2018
2:00 P.M

Minutes of the

Regular Board Meeting of the

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board may consider, discuss and take action, including expending funds, on any of the following agenda items:

AGENDA:

1. Call to order; establish a quorum; and declare meeting open to the public.

Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 2:05 P.M. Director Haster was absent. Quorum was established. Meeting was opened to the public.

2. Welcome and introductions.

President Laughlin recognized visitor.

3. Public Comment.

No public comment.

4. **Consent Agenda:** Each of these items is recommended by the Staff and approval thereof will be strictly on the basis of the Staff recommendations. Approval for the Consent Agenda authorizes the General Manager or his designee to implement each item in accordance with the Staff recommendations. The Consent Agenda will be approved as a block. Any Board member that has questions regarding any item on the Consent Agenda may have the item pulled and considered as a regular item on the agenda. Any items so pulled for separate discussion will be considered as the first items following approval of the Consent Agenda.
 - A. Approval of minutes from Board meeting on November 29, 2018.
 - B. Approval of Current Budget Performance - Operating and Investment account statements.
 - C. Payment of bills/invoices received.
 - D. Reimburse General Manager, Field Tech, and/or Office Manager for invoices/bills paid on behalf of the District.

Vice President Cozart made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Director Merritt seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Any items from Consent Agenda that were pulled for further discussion.

No items were pulled for further discussion.

6. Board will discuss, consider and possibly approve the proposed permanent rules to incorporate the well registration, water production reporting, metering, and water use fee requirements from the NTGCD's existing temporary rules and add provisions to address well permitting, well spacing, aquifer storage and recovery projects, prohibitions against waste, well capping and plugging, management zones, transportation of groundwater out of NTGCD and the hearings processes for NTGCD.

President Laughlin opened the discussion on the rules. He requested Ty Embrey, the District's attorney to review the proposed rules page by page which were red-lined from November 29, 2018 Public Hearing. Board of Directors responded to the comments presented at the November 29, 2018 Public Hearing. President Laughlin called for a Board motion on the proposed permanent rules.

Vice President Cozart made the motion to accept the proposed permanent rules as presented.

Director Merritt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Discuss, consider, and possibly act on Samantha Springs rules compliance / enforcement issues.

Board discussed the Samantha Springs representative attending the early Board of Directors' Meetings during public hearings for Temporary Rules. Samantha Springs' representative questioned the District's definition of an Artesian Well. The Water Code defines the District's definition of Artesian wells.

The Board instructed staff to determine the status of the groundwater wells at Samantha Springs.

Board of Directors instructed staff to set a timely site visit with representatives of Samantha Springs.

8. Upcoming Groundwater Conferences
 - Groundwater Management Districts Assoc. (GMDA) January 7-9, 2019
 - Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) January 22, 2019
 - TWDB Water for Texas January 23-25, 2019

No action taken.

9. Other Business / Setting of next meeting


No other business was set. The next meeting date was not set.

10. Adjourn.

President Laughlin adjourned the meeting at 3:03 P.M.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS this

20th day of March, 2019.

Attest: , Secretary of NTGCD Board