

MINUTES

for the
2:00 P.M. September 21, 2021

Regular Board Meeting

of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the

NORTHERN TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
1100 Circle Drive, Suite 300 Fort Worth, Texas 76119

IN-PERSON MEETING LOCATION:
Board Room located at 1100 Circle Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76119

Regular Board Meeting

The Regular Board Meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

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.

President Laughlin called the meeting to order at 2:09 P.M. A quorum was established, and the meeting was opened to the public.

Board Members present: President Laughlin
Vice President Cozart
Secretary Merritt
Director Petterson

Board Member absent: Director Haster

Staff Present: Bob Patterson
Corey Jones
Laura Schumacher

Members of the Public Present: Ty Embrey, Attorney for the District
Meri Cozart
Kyle Sugg, Representing Town of Pantego

2. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

3. **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 August 25, 2021.
 - 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.

President Laughlin asked if any Board Member wanted to pull an item from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Director Petterson made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. VP Cozart seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

No item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

At 2:10 PM, the Board of Directors convened into Executive Session for consultation with Legal Council concerning attorney-client matters (§551.071).

At 2:45 PM, the Board of Directors reconvened the Regular Board Meeting.

No action was taken.

5. Board will consider and possibly act upon the Operating Budget for January 1 through December 31, 2022.
 - Adopt Resolution # 021-002 (Adopting 2022 Operating Budget)

President Laughlin requested the GM give the Board a recap of the proposed 2022 Budget.

Brief Board discussion on the budget revisions before the GM recap.

GM's recap of the proposed 2022 Budget included the following highlights:

- The District will add an employee to assist with administrative tasks.
- Non-exempt Water Use rate increased to 15.5 cents per thousand gallons of water from 12.5 cents per thousand gallons of water.
- Income and expenditures are projected to be balanced for the 2022 year.

The proposed budget was revised and highlighted. The Board President called for a motion to approve the proposed 2022 amended budget with the highlighted revisions.

VP Cozart made the motion to approve the highlighted version of the 2022 Budget.

Secretary Merritt seconded the motion for approval.

The vote for approval of the highlighted version of the 2022 Budget was unanimous.

6. G M Report

GM Patterson gave a brief history of the District.

Discussed Board Reports: new wells, production reports and usage fees

Corey Jones reported on the District's monitoring wells as requested by the Board President. The District has 27 monitoring wells.

No action was taken.

7. Board will consider and possibly appoint an acting General Manager for the District.

President Laughlin opened the discussion to the Board members.

The President thanked the sitting GM for an excellent job. (The Board accepted Bob Patterson's formal retirement at the August 25, 2021 meeting.)

VP Cozart echoed the President's appreciation for Mr. Patterson.

VP Cozart made the point that the acting General Manager should not be a Board member.

VP Cozart confirmed with Corey Jones that he would accept the General Manager position for the District.

VP Cozart made the motion to appoint Corey Jones as full-time General Manager effective October 1, 2021. Secretary Merritt seconded the motion. The Board of Directors voted unanimously to appoint Corey Jones as full-time General Manager.

8. Board will consider and possibly adopt a Board Resolution to address the representative for the District for GMA 8 purposes and take any other necessary actions related to GMA 8.

A Resolution adopted in 2015 by the Board of Directors names the General Manager as GMA 8 representative; therefore, Corey Jones, as of October 1, 2021 will be the District's representative for GMA 8.

After Board discussion, President Laughlin tabled this Agenda Item naming an alternate District GMA 8 representative to be revisited at a future meeting.

9. Board will consider and possibly approve Investment Officer for the District.

President Laughlin called for a motion to appoint Corey Jones, General Manager, as the Investment Officer for the District beginning October 1, 2021.

Director Petterson made the motion to appoint Corey Jones as Investment Officer for the District beginning October 1, 2021. VP Cozart seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Board will consider and possibly approve Public Information Officer for the District.

Board discussed the appointment of Laura Schumacher as Public Information Officer for the District.

Secretary Merritt made a motion to appoint Laura Schumacher as Public Information Officer for the District. Director Petterson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Board will consider and possibly act on any matters, including any financial matters, necessary to address the transition process for the General Manager position for the District.

The Board discussed the transfer of financial authorization to Corey Jones with instructions to proceed with all necessary bank signature transfers and leadership transition.

The Board President instructed the staff to review the operating account balance and act accordingly to achieve the federally insured balance.

Additionally, he requested notices relative to Corey Jones' promotion and additional duties communicated to all our District members and posted on the website.

Also, move forward with the transition of the District to a new leadership in the next nine days.

12. Other Business / Setting of next meeting

President Laughlin instructed the staff to include a Resolution recognizing Bob Patterson's efforts as General Manager of NTGCD as an Agenda Item at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

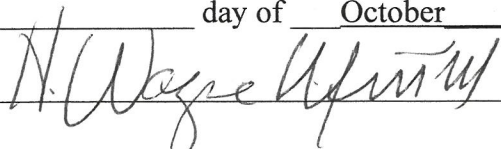
The Board of Directors set the next meeting at 3:00 P.M. on October 19th in the Board Room at Resource Connection.

13. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 P.M. by the Board President.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS this

19th day of October 2021.

Attest: , Secretary of NTGCD Board