

MINUTES
COMAL TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Monday November 13, 2023
9850 FM 311
Spring Branch, TX 78070

NOTICE was given that the CTGCD Board of Directors would meet in regular session on Monday November 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in an open meeting, subject to the Open Meetings Law of the State of Texas, and as required by law, notice was duly posted providing time, place, date, and agenda thereof.

Agenda of the Regular Session of CTGCD Board of Directors:

1. President Hull called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. A quorum was declared with the following in attendance: Hull, Davenport, Brown, Lock, DiPasquale and Johnson (delayed arrival).
3. Pledge of Allegiance was observed.
4. Hull introduced the Mayor of Spring Branch, James Mayer.
5. Public Comment: An attendee thanked the Board for having hosted the Comal County Water Talk (10/18/2023).
6. The Consent Agenda, consisting of the following items, was considered.
 - a. Board Meeting Minutes, August 21, 2023.
 - b. Financials: Third Quarter 2023 Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet.Lock moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Brown seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

7. General Manager's Report

- a. Report on prior quarter drought conditions, precipitation patterns and monitoring wells; Assistant General Manager, Carl Haack reported that Comal County remains in extreme drought. The past 90 days had between 2" – 6" of precipitation observed which was between 1" and 8" below normal across the county. The CTGCD monitor wells had an overall average drop of 10.3 inches between January 1 and September 30, 2023. The District plans to continue adding more monitor wells and convert some more to solar powered.
- b. Non-exempt groundwater data showed 3,406 acre-feet used through September 30 for GMA 9 with 5,977 acre-feet MAG left, and 6,648 acre-feet used in GMA-10 with 26,906 acre-feet MAG left.
- c. The report on prior quarter well authorizations showed 28 applications received, 27 approved, and 31 borings completed during the 3rd quarter.
- d. Report on other items of importance: A well-attended educational event on Managing Groundwater at the Mammen Family Library hosted by Comal Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, GMA-9, Hill Country Alliance and the Texas Water Development Board on October 18, 2023. Presented by Natalie Ballew, P.G with TWDB and videoed by Julia Stanford with TAGD.
- e. The District continues to coordinate with previous board member, Dr. Larry Sunn regarding rainwater harvesting and controlling and preventing waste of groundwater education. GM Saur presented the 3rd quarter report provided by Dr. Sunn and Stephen Grainger on their activities in support of water conservation and rainwater harvesting education. They reported that there were 72 consultations for the period, and eight group presentations to a total of 619 attendees. In addition, Sunn published 3 articles in local publications regarding these topics.
- f. Board member, Jackson, and Assistant GM attended the GMA 10 meeting on October 16, 2023. The draft interlocal agreement for the 4th DFC planning cycle was discussed and Collier Consulting presented information on the process.
- g. Board member, Brown, attended GMA 9 meeting on September 26, 2023. He reported on the 4th DFC planning cycle discussed, including modeling that will be required from TWDB by 2024. The consultant, Advanced Groundwater Solutions, will need to be voted on at the next meeting.

- h. Board member, Brown, attended the TAGD Groundwater Summit held August 29 through August 31, 2023. He reported on the key highlights and provided information on sessions attended, as well as how to view videos of them.
 - i. President Hull reported on the Region L meeting that he attended November 2, 2023. All GCDs in the Region L area may participate in water planning. Region L discussed a schedule involving water availability, identifying water needs, conservation recommendations, water management strategies and inter-coordination schedule. Discussed expected population estimates of 4M by 2023 and 7.5M by 2080, During Public Comment a citizen from Gonzales mentioned concern regarding massive groundwater pumping and stated he did not believe the plan addressed his concern, TWDB requires Registered PG and will use publicly available models to evaluate surface water availability using TCEQ WAM.
8. The Proposed 2024 Budget was discussed and considered. Brown moved to approve, DiPasquale seconded, and motion passed, 6-0.
9. Davenport moved to Authorize CTGCD Representative to Approve GMA 9 Fourth Planning Cycle Consulting Firm (Advanced Groundwater Solutions, LLC) and Approve Proposed Fee at Upcoming GMA 9 Meeting. Brown seconded, and motion carried, 6-0.
10. Davenport moved to Approve GMA 10 Interlocal Agreement to Provide Funding for the 4th DFC Planning Cycle. Lock seconded and motion passed, 6-0.
11. The Board adjourned the regular session at 6:47 p.m. and entered a Closed Executive Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 551.074 - Deliberation of Personnel Matters.
The Board resumed the Regular Agenda at 6:54 p.m.:
12. Johnson moved to hire someone to work under and with Administrator position. DiPasquale second. Motion carried, 6-0. Hull added Joe DiPasquale as an alternate to the hiring committee.
13. The next regular board meeting date was set for February 19, 2024, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.