

MINUTES
COMAL TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Monday June 19, 2023
CEMEX Nature Center
2763 Wald Road, New Braunfels, Texas 78132

NOTICE was given that the CTGCD Board of Directors would meet in regular session on Monday June 19th, 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. Meeting was called to order by President Larry Hull at 6:01 p.m.
2. Hull declared a quorum; in attendance were Alan Brown, Rob Johnson, Larry Hull, Larry Sunn, David Davenport, and Connie Lock. Absent: Larry Jackson
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.
4. Introductions: Hull introduced Comal County Commissioner Haag, Councilman Jesse Valdez (City of Garden Ridge); William Pohl (Commissioner, City of Garden Ridge Water); Kade McGinty (Environmental Specialist, CEMEX)
5. Public Comment: Two members of the public made comments, one regarding the upcoming expiration of Board Member terms, and the other regarding monitoring and modeling wells, especially in the Balcones Fault zone.
6. Sunn moved to approve the Consent Agenda, motion was seconded by Johnson, and motion passed, 6-0:
 - a. Board Meeting Minutes, March 06, 2023.
 - b. Board Meeting Minutes, Public Hearing, March 13, 2023.
 - c. Financial Statement and Expenditures for the first quarter 2023.

Workshop Agenda:

1. Retiring Board Member, Dr. Larry Sunn, was recognized and thanked by Hull for his service on the GCD Citizen's Committee, 8 years of service as Secretary and member of the Comal Trinity Groundwater District Board of Directors and contributions to water conservation with his actions in connection with rainwater catchment systems. Johnson recognized Sunn's website work and how it expedited the GCD success and Davenport acknowledged Sunn's work on rules development. Sunn spoke and emphasized he will remain involved in water conservation efforts through the Rain Bees program he has developed with Dr. Stephen Grainger.
2. An in-depth presentation and discussion on groundwater modeling was done by Dr. Allen Brown (CTGCD) with support from Dr. Marcus Gary (Edward's Aquifer Authority). Presentation slides will be posted to the CTGCD website.

Agenda of the Regular Session of the CTGCD Board of Directors Continued:

7. H.L. Saur, General Manager reported on the following:
 - a. First quarter drought conditions, precipitation patterns and monitoring wells: In compliance with the CTGCD's management plan, the Drought condition for Comal County at the end of March 2023, shows that all of Comal County is in Extreme drought condition and a little over a third of the County was still in exceptional drought. Comal County received anywhere from 0.5" to 2" of rain in March 2023 leaving the County short from 0.5" to 2" below normal for March 2023. Monitor well data suggest that there was an average increase of the aquifer level of 0.92 feet in the first quarter of 2023.
 - b. First quarter non-exempt groundwater data report: GMA-9 pumped 900 acre-feet, leaving 8,483 acre-feet of MAG. GMA-10 pumped 2,505 acre-feet, leaving 31,049 acre-feet of MAG.
 - c. First quarter well authorizations report: 27 applications received, (26 exempt, 1 non-exempt < 25,000 gpd).

- d. Report on other items of importance: 1) abandoned well report by homeowner but on HOA easement. The well was found to be in violation of spacing from sewer line. No compliance response received so issue has been referred to the TDLR and TCEQ. 2) Ongoing concern of well drilled allowing co-mingling of different aquifer waters has a state case number and quarterly reports from the state are to occur. 3) Hull discussed an educational meeting held with Tri-Cities Masonic High-12 Club on April 11, 2023. The Club presented CTGCD with a Certificate of Appreciation.
 - e. Board member, Sunn reported on CTGCD activity in support of water conservation and rainwater harvesting education which included numerous outreach and individual events to promote and educate the public, as well as several articles he wrote that were published in local publications.
 - f. Board member Brown reported on TAGD business meeting held 02/08/2023.
 - g. Brown reported on GMA-9 meetings (12/09/2022, 02/21/2023 & 4/25/2023).
 - h. CTGCD Assistant Manager, Carl Haack, read Larry Jackson's report on GMA-10 (03/01/2023) meeting. Carl Haack attended the 5/10/2023 GMA-10 meeting and discussed that also.
8. Hull stated that the next meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2023. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Approved August 21, 2023:




