

Date of Meeting: 10/01/2020
Time of Meeting: 7:00 PM
Location: 802 9th ST
Wellington, Texas 79095



Regular Meeting Minutes

Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum – The meeting was called to order by Jerry at 7:21 PM.

Members Present: Jerry Lewis, President; Johnny Lindley, Vice-President; Danny Wischkaemper; Matt Tarver; and Terry Canada

Staff Present: Lynn Smith, General Manager

Professionals Present: Keith Good, Attorney for the District; Amy Bush, Hydrogeologist; Jennifer Puryear, Meteorologist

Public Present: Stacie Smith

Opening Comments – Lynn passed around a Thank You card from the Montgomery family.

Public Comments - none

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Consider and act on Minutes of August 27, 2020
- b. Consider and act on approval of August and September Bills
- c. Consider and act on Test Hole Permits:
 - i. 529 – John Klassen
- d. Consider and act on Well Registrations:
 - i. 753 – Bobby Myers
 - ii. 754 – Warren Chisum
 - iii. 755 – Mill Iron North

Terry moved to accept Consent Agenda, Johnny second, all ayes and motion carried.

2. Consider and act on Well Permits

- a. None

At any time during the meeting and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the Mesquite Groundwater Conservation District Board may meet in executive session for any of the following purposes: Consultations with Attorney (§551.071). Any subject discussed in executive session may be subject to action during an open meeting.

3. Manager's Report –Lynn discussed the District staff's work on the APRs. He asked and was told that the Board believed late November was a good time to send them out. He reported on hiring Mrs. Chelsea Cannon as part-time help during APR preparation. She has been doing a good job so-far and might be a good fit for future work. He said that the Auditor would be visiting later in October. He also confirmed with the Board that December 10th would be a good date for the next meeting so that preparations could be made for a Christmas meal.
4. Hydrogeologist Report – Amy and Jennifer gave a presentation on rainfall patterns in Pod 1 and how water production responded to it. Jennifer provided data that showed the District's rain gauge network was showing similar amounts of rainfall as that estimated by NOAA radar composites. She also stated that 2018 and 2019 were relatively wet years but that 2020 was somewhat drier in Pod 1. Amy reported that most producers pumped less during wet years but there were about eight percent that did not, they actually pumped significantly more during the wetter year. Lynn added that the eight percent correlates to producers that produced over 18" per acre in both years of Amy's analysis. The Board asked a number of questions related to capping production in the twelve to 18 inch per acre range and what that would look like on a typical quarter-section pivot.
5. Legal Comments -Keith discussed ad valorem tax requirements that the District now falls under. He also answered questions related to how GPU size might affect water rights.
6. Quarterly Investment Report – Lynn presented the 4th Quarter Investment Report and stated that the District appears to be in good financial condition. He mentioned that we may want to consider trading vehicles within the next six to twelve months. Terry moved to accept the report, Danny second, all ayes and motion carried.
7. Review, consider, and act on compliance matters before the District, including, without limitation, violations leading to potential water quality issues, water wasting violations, and inoperable meter violations. – Lynn stated that the TDLR violations by Mr. Fehr has been finally resolved and that Mr. Fehr was required to pay a \$750 fine to TDLR.
8. Discuss and possibly act on using rain gauges as a promotional item for the District. – No additional information was available. The item was tabled.
9. Other Business - none
10. Executive Session: Consultation with Attorney Regarding Attorney Client Matters exempt from open meetings pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 - none

11. Set Date and Time for next Board Meeting – Tentatively set next meeting for December 10th pending venue availability.

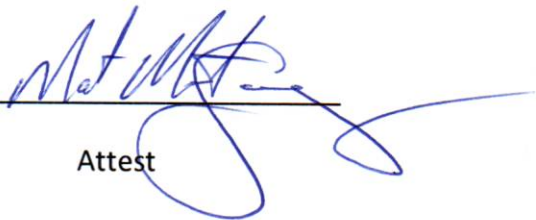
12. Adjourn – Johnny moved to adjourn at 9:15 PM, Matt second, all ayes and motion carried.

Checked by Lynn on 10/02/2020

Approved on 1-28-2021 by the Board of Directors



Presiding Officer



Attest

