

MINUTES
MID-EAST TEXAS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
DIRECTOR'S MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
August 25, 2026, 6:00 PM
Centerville, Texas

Members present:

John Fryer, President
George Holleman, Vice President
William Parten, Secretary
Jim Nash, Director
Elyse Schill, Director
Wade Hedrick, Director
Kevin Council, Director
Daniel Bracewell, Director

Also present:

David Bailey, General Manager
(see attached list)

President Fryer called to order public hearing at 6:00 pm to hear comments regarding the proposed fiscal year 2026-2027 budget and fee rates for the district.

The floor was then open for comments. No comments were provided either in writing or verbally by guests in attendance. The public hearing was then adjourned at 6:01 pm.

Pres. Fryer then called to order the regular meeting for the board of directors at 6:02 pm.

The floor was then opened to receive public comments on items pertaining to the agenda. No comments were received.

The minutes of the Directors Meeting held on July 21, 2026, were then reviewed. Director Schill made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Director Bracewell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously upon a vote called by Pres. Fryer.

The next item on the agenda was to consider and act on the fiscal year 2026-2027 proposed budget and fee rates for the district. The fiscal year begins on September 1, 2026. After some discussion, a motion was made by Sec. Parten to approve the proposed budget and fee rates for fiscal year 2026-2027. Included in the motion was an increase of 3% to the export fee resulting in an export fee of 21.2 cents per 1,000 gallons of groundwater exported out of the district. This motion was seconded by Dir. Council and the motion passed unanimously. A copy of the budget and fee rates are attached.

Next on the agenda was to consider and act on a Water Well Drilling Permit (DP-2025-001) extension for Aqua Texas, Inc. The proposed well is located on a 4.043 acre tract in Freestone County. Representatives from Aqua Texas were in attendance to provide information regarding the reason for the extension request. Testimony was provided by Stephen Thomas and Matt Van Hattam. After some discussion, a motion was made to extend the current Water Well Drilling Permit for 180 days from the expiration date of August 28, 2026. The motion for this extension

was provided by Sec. Parten and was then seconded by Dir. Hedrick. This motion passed unanimously upon a called vote by Pres. Fryer.

The next item was to consider and act on a Water Well Drilling Permit application for Wayne Sanderson Farms LLC to drill a proposed backup Public Water Supply well in Freestone County described as Feed Mill Well #2. This well will be used when well #1 is out of service due to repairs or maintenance. The production capacity as requested is 200 gallons per minute. Groundwater production from this well will be incorporated in a Water Well Operating Permit #FR-2013-006 issued to the applicant in good standing. No additional groundwater is requested for this permittee. A motion was made by Dir. Hedrick to approve the Water Well Drilling permit application as presented. This motion was seconded by Dir. Nash and was passed unanimously.

Next, the board of directors reviewed and considered two (2) Water Well Drilling/Operating permit applications for C1 (Cyrus One) Freestone 1, LLC in Freestone County located at 1352 FM 488, Fairfield. The requested annual production is to be limited to 2,748,300 gallons or 8.43 acre-feet for both wells combined. The beneficial use for the wells will be for Public Water Supply, Humidification and Fire Flow to serve four (4) office buildings on a 175.78 acre tract. Groundwater production from these wells will be from the Hooper layer of the Wilcox Aquifer at 100 gallons per minute each. Representatives from Cyrus One were in attendance to provide comments to the board pertaining to these proposed wells subject to the permit applications. After a period of questions and discussion a motion was made by Sec. Parten to approve the permit applications. This motion was seconded by Dir. Bracewell and the motion passed unanimously upon a called vote by Pres. Fryer.

The next item on the agenda was for two (2) Water Well Drilling/Operating Permit applications for CG Leon County II, LLC for groundwater production associated with construction and dust control at a solar farm in Leon County. These permits have been withdrawn and no action was taken.

Next the board reviewed an item that was tabled from a previous meeting. This agenda item is to consider and act on a report provided by Ryan Harmon, PhD with Intera, Inc., to address the maximum production allocations for each aquifer managed by the district. After some discussion, the board voted to approve an expenditure to identify the maximum production allocations for each aquifer in the district. The motion was made by Sec. Parten and was then seconded by Dir. Hedrick. This motion passed unanimously.

The Manager's Report was then submitted by David Bailey, General Manager, on District activities from July 21, 2026. Highlights of the report are listed below:

- METGCD Executive Committee budget/fee rate meeting in Buffalo on July 29, 2026.
- Texas Alliance of Groundwater District (TAGD) Executive Committee virtual meeting on August 7, 2026.
- TAGD Conference Committee virtual meeting on August 13, 2026.
- Staff provided the following reports: Drought Report, Investment Report, Water Well Registration/Completion Report, and Permitting Report.

- Upcoming events: TAGD Annual Business Meeting in San Antonio – 9/1/2026; 15th Annual TAGD Groundwater Summit in San Antonio – 9/1-3/2026; Mail production fee invoices – 9/2026.

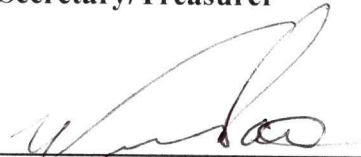
The Board then reviewed the financial reports and agreed that the reports were in order and that all payments were justified. A motion was made by Dir. Bracewell to approve the financials provided as well as bills received. This motion was seconded by Dir. Schill and the motion passed unanimously. A listing of the bills approved for payment is attached.

The date, time and place of the next regular meeting was set for **September 22, 2026, at 6:00 PM in Fairfield.**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.

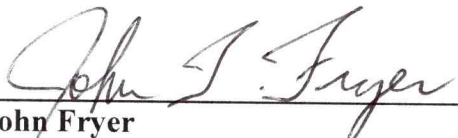
Minutes approved by the Board of Directors (date) September 22, 2026

Secretary/Treasurer



William Parten

President



John Fryer