

MINUTES
MID-EAST TEXAS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
DIRECTOR'S MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
January 29, 2026, 6:00 PM
Centerville, Texas

Members present:

John Fryer, President
George Holleman, Vice President
Jim Nash, Director
Daniel Bracewell Director
Wade Hedrick, Director
Clyde Woods, Director

Also present:

David Bailey, General Manager
Natasha Martin, Attorney
Maddison Jaramillo
Red Shinedling
Nick Cooper

President Fryer called the Public Hearing portion of the meeting to order at 6:01 pm to receive comments pertaining to amendments proposed for the district rules. No comments were offered either by mail, email, or in-person.

The Public Hearing was then adjourned at 6:05 pm.

President Fryer then called to order the regular meeting of the district at 6:06 pm.

The floor was then opened to receive public comments on items pertaining to the agenda. Comments were offered by Red Shinedling. No other comments were received.

The minutes of the Directors Meeting/Public Hearing held on October 30, 2025, were then reviewed. Vice President Holleman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Director Woods seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously upon a vote called by Pres. Fryer.

The next item was the consideration and possible action on the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Financial Audit conducted by Davis, Heinemann & Co. P.C. Staff gave a brief review of the audit and afterwards Pres. Fryer sought a motion from the board. Dir. Nash made a motion to approve the audit as presented. This motion was seconded by Dir. Bracewell. The motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was the consideration and possible action on participating in a Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) grant to study groundwater/surface water exchange in Groundwater Availability Models (GAM) to support credible predictions of impacts due to large increases in regional pumping or pumping from high-capacity wellfields. A document was provided to the board by Intera, Inc., indicating the scope of this potential project. This project would ascertain the effects of large-scale pumping and the effects of this pumping on the Alluvium Aquifer of the Trinity River. After reviewing the presentation, the board asked many questions regarding the cost of the project and the timeline for completion. Staff provided as much information as possible during this discussion. After the discussion was completed, a

motion was made by Vice Pres. Holleman to approve the participation in this grant from TWDB, and his motion was seconded by Dir. Nash. Upon a vote called by Pres. Fryer the motion passed unanimously.

Next, the board addressed agenda item 6 which was delayed due to the arrival of Natasha Martin. The board considered the adoption, by resolution, of amendments to the district rules as presented in the Public Hearing portion of the meeting held earlier. Ms. Martin added some clarity to the rules amendments as pertained to mitigation indicated in Rule 8.3. She also provided clarification on the revised rule dealing with historic use. One item discussed was the definition of a well field. Ms. Martin indicated that this issue could be addressed later, but that interpretation of the rules is at the request of the board. After a period of engaged discussion, a motion was made to approve the amendments to the district rules as presented and to adopt them by resolution. A motion to this effect was offered by Dir. Bracewell and was seconded by Dir. Nash. With a vote called by Pres. Fryer the motion passed unanimously. A copy of the resolution is attached.

The Manager's Report was then submitted by David Bailey, General Manager on District activities from October 30, 2025. Highlights of the report are listed below:

- Leon County Ag Fair presentation for Leon County 4th graders in Buffalo at the Leon County Expo Center on November 4, 2025.
- Conducted water level measurements in Freestone and Leon counties in November 2025.
- Texas Water Development Board webinar on correlative rights on December 3, 2025.
- Water level measurements were conducted in Madison County in December 2025.
- Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) Executive Committee virtual meeting on January 5, 2026.
- Attended the TAGD Winter Business meeting in San Marcos on January 20-21, 2026.
- Presentation to Leon ISD 3rd graders at a Water Fair on January 22, 2026.
- I attended a GMA 12 Joint Planning meeting in Milano TX on January 23, 2026.
- District Reports – Drought Report and Investment Report.
- Upcoming events: Region C Water Planning Group (WPG) meeting, Arlington – 2/2/2026; Water Fair for Centerville ISD 3rd graders – 2/3/2026; Region H WPG Nominating Committee meeting, Conroe – 2/4/2026; Region H WPG meeting, Conroe – 2/4/2026.

The Board then reviewed the financial reports and agreed that the reports were in order and that all payments were justified. A listing of the bills approved for payment is attached.

The date, time and place of the next regular meeting was set for **March 17, 2026, at 6:00 PM in Fairfield.**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.


Minutes approved by the Board of Directors (date) April 28, 2026

Secretary/Treasurer



William Parten

President



John Fryer