

MINUTES
MID-EAST TEXAS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
DIRECTOR'S MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
May 26, 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

Also present:

David Bailey, General Manager
Natasha Martin, Attorney
Nick Lampkey, Intera Inc.
(see attached list)

President Fryer called the Public Hearing portion of the meeting to order at 6:00 pm to receive comments pertaining to Water Well Drilling/Operating Permit applications submitted by Delta Sands, LLC for a total of five (5) proposed water wells in Freestone County.

Letters protesting the permit applications for Delta Sands, LLC were received from Samuel Beard, Alan Ayo, Carolyn Kinsey, Michael Fairchild, Ronald Scioneaux, and Bill Burton. Mr. Scioneaux and Mr. Burton have wells that are not registered with the district. Oral comments were provided to the directors from Adam Friedman representing Michael Fairchild, Carolyn Kinsey, Alan Ayo & Curt Campbell representing Westward Environmental. Mr. Friedman inquired about the process going forward regarding agenda item #7. Natasha Martin, attorney provided comments and guidance to the board indicating that since protests have been filed, this issue will now go before a hearing examiner.

The Public Hearing was then adjourned at 6:20 pm.

President Fryer then called to order the regular meeting of the district at 6:21 pm.

The floor was then opened to receive public comments on items pertaining to the agenda. Casey Frazier Irvin inquired about any pending permits before the district. Pres. Fryer indicated that the scope of this meeting pertained only to the Delta Sands, LLC applications. Nick Lampkey with Intera, Inc. was then invited to provide an overview of the evaluation of the Hydrogeologic Assessment Report performed by Westward Environmental for the applicant. Mr. Friedman then provided comments in support of his client, Michael Fairchild, emphasizing his desire to pursue a contested case and in the process have his own hydrogeologic study done to show reasonable impacts from pumping from the Carrizo and its effects on the Calvert Bluff layer of the Wilcox Aquifer. Natasha Martin then provided a recommendation for the process going forward. She indicated that the first step is to retain the services of a hearing examiner within 60 days. The hearing examiner will determine standing and whether there are any unreasonable impacts from the proposed pumping. Staff also provided information on water levels in one of the wells located within the area of influence of the proposed Carrizo Aquifer wells.

Pres. Fryer then addressed agenda items #6 and #7. A motion was made by Vice Pres. Holleman to take no action on these two items and refer them to a hearings examiner for a preliminary hearing. This motion was seconded by Sec. Parten and the motion passed unanimously upon a called vote by Pres. Fryer.

The minutes of the Directors Meeting held on April 28, 2026, were then reviewed. Sec. Parten made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Director Schill seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously upon a vote called by Pres. Fryer.

The Manager's Report was then submitted by David Bailey, General Manager on District activities from April 28, 2026. Highlights of the report are listed below:

- Region H Water Planning Group (WPG) Nominating Committee meeting in Conroe on May 6, 2026.
- Region H WPG meeting in Conroe on May 6, 2026.
- Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) Legislative Subcommittee virtual meeting on May 26, 2026.
- Upcoming events: TAGD Legislative Subcommittee mtgs – 5/27/2026; TAGD Spring Business Meeting/PFIA Training in San Marcos – 6/2-3/2026.

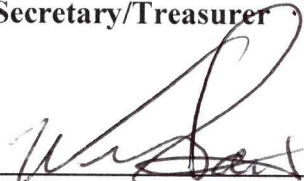
The Board then reviewed the financial reports and agreed that the reports were in order and that all payments were justified. A motion was made by Director Council to approve the financials provided as well as bills received. This motion was seconded by Dir. Schill and the motion passed unanimously.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

The date, time and place of the next regular meeting was set for **TBD, at 6:00 PM in Madisonville.**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.

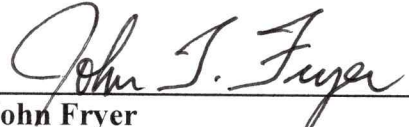
Minutes approved by the Board of Directors (date) July 21, 2026

Secretary/Treasurer



William Parten

President



John Fryer