

MINUTES
MID-EAST TEXAS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
DIRECTOR'S MEETING
April 28, 2026, 6:00 PM
Fairfield, 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
Mason Wood
Doug Key
Craig Schill

President Fryer called to order the regular meeting of the district at 6:00 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/Public Hearing held on January 29, 2026, were then reviewed. Secretary Parten made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Vice President Holleman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously upon a vote called by Pres. Fryer.

The next item was an update to the board by staff on the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) grant. This grant, as submitted, was to study groundwater/surface water exchange in GAMs to support credible predictions of impacts due to substantial increase in regional pumping from high-capacity wellfields. Included in the information provided to board members was a copy of the TWDB grant application, Scope of Work as prepared by Intera, Inc., and the budget for this project. No action was taken on this agenda item.

The board then heard an update from staff on the Desired Future Condition's (DFC) process for Groundwater Management Area 12 (GMA 12). Staff indicated that there have been numerous meetings in the last two months to ascertain the proposed DFC's for this round in order to establish drawdown estimates that provide for a balance between the highest practicable level of groundwater production while also addressing the conservation, preservation, protection, recharge, prevention of waste, and control of subsidence for GMA 12. DFC are to be developed every 5 years. The deadline for adopting proposed DFC's is May 1, 2026. Finding this balance of production versus conservation has been difficult. Staff indicated that the desire expressed to the GMA was a preference to leave the DFC at the same level as the previous round. At the GMA 12 meeting held on April 27, 2026, proposed DFCs were finally adopted for all aquifers regulated by Mid-East Texas GCD by a 4-1 vote. Mr. Bailey indicated that he would keep the board informed on developments regarding this process. No action was taken on this agenda item.

The Manager's Report was then submitted by David Bailey, General Manager on District activities from January 29, 2026. Highlights of the report are listed below:

- TWDB webinar on GCD grants on February 3, 2026.
- I gave a presentation to Centerville ISD 3rd graders at a Water Fair on February 3, 2026.
- Attended the Region H Water Planning Group (WPG) meeting in Conroe on February 4, 2026.
- I gave a presentation to Buffalo ISD 3rd graders at a Water Fair on February 10, 2026.
- Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) Conference Planning Committee virtual meetings on February 18 and March 19, 2026.
- Participated in GMA 12 Joint Planning meetings in Milano TX on February 19, March 17 & 25, April 2, 16 & 27, 2026.
- TAGD Executive Committee virtual meeting on February 20, 2026.
- TAGD Bylaws Committee virtual meetings on February 27 and March 10, 2026.
- Attended a TAGD Leadership Retreat in Granbury TX on March 23-24, 2026.
- TAGD Legislative Committee virtual meeting on April 13, 2026.
- I gave a presentation to the Leon County Master Gardener's in Centerville on April 17, 2026.
- District Reports – Drought Report, Investment Report, and Permitting Report.
- Upcoming events: Region H Water Planning Group (WPG) Nominating Committee meeting, Conroe – 5/6/2026; Region H Water Planning Group meeting, Conroe – 5/6/2026; TAGD Spring Business meeting/PFIA training, San Marcos – 6/2-3/2026.

Mr. Bailey also polled the board on a request to Ryan Harmon to explore the possibility of having the production limits for district aquifers modified to better reflect production capacity as more permits come on-line. No action was taken on this request, but the board will be open to any recommendations provided on this potential activity.

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. A motion was made by Sec. Parten to approve the financial reports and bill payments as presented. This motion was seconded by Dir. Nash and the motion passed unanimously.

The date, time and place of the next regular meeting was set for **May 26, 2026, at 6:00 PM in Centerville.**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Minutes approved by the Board of Directors (date) May 26, 2026

Secretary/Treasurer



William Parten

President



John Fryer