MINUTES
MID-EAST TEXAS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
DIRECTOR'S MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
September 22, 2026, 6:00 PM
Fairfield, Texas

Members present:
John Fryer, President
George Holleman, Vice President
William Parten, Secretary
Elyse Schill, Director
Wade Hedrick, Director
Daniel Bracewell, Director

Also present:
David Bailey, General Manager
(see attached list)

President Fryer called to order the first public hearing at 6:00 pm to hear comments regarding the proposed Desired Future Conditions applicable for the current round of joint planning by Groundwater Management Area 12.

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 6:03 pm.

Pres. Fryer then called to order the second public hearing for comments pertaining to Water Well Drilling/Operating permit applications submitted by Mitsui E&P, USA, LLC for two (2) water wells located in Freestone County. The proposed production from each well is proposed to by 490 gallons per minute (gpm) from the Carrizo Aquifer for the beneficial use of hydraulic fracturing. Proposed production from these wells will be added to two existing wells permitted by the district under Water Well Operating Permit #FR-2025-002 for an aggregated annual production volume of 1,451.04 acre-feet or 472,822,835 gallons.

The floor was then opened for comments. No comments were received. The public hearing was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Pres. Fryer then called to order the regular meeting for the board of directors at 6:05 pm.

The floor was then opened to receive public comments on items pertaining to the agenda. Bruce Bricco asked questions pertaining to the permit applications described under agenda item #8 as well as #3. He inquired about the amount of groundwater to be produced and the effects on the aquifer. Mr. Bricco was provided with a report from R W Harden & Associates who compiled the Hydrogeologic Assessment Report required by district rules for Mitsui E&P USA, LLC. He was also provided with a review of this report by Dr. Ryan Harmon with Intera, Inc. Dr. Harmon is the hydrogeologist for Mid-East Texas GCD. Clarification of the permit applications were also provided by Jake Steen, attorney for Mitsui and Liz Ferry with R W Harden & Associates.

The minutes of the Directors Meeting/Public Hearing held on August 25, 2026, were then reviewed. Secretary/Treasurer Parten 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.

Next on the agenda was to consider and act on Water Well Drilling/Operating Permits submitted by Mitsui E&P USA, LLC for two (2) water wells as described in the public hearing portion of the meeting (see above for details). After some discussion, a motion was made by Sec. Parten to approve the applications as submitted and to amend the current permit described as #FR-2025-002 to reflect these two additional wells for a total annual production volume from the Carrizo Aquifer not to exceed 1,451.04 acre-feet or 472,822,835 gallons in aggregate for all four wells. This motion was seconded by Dir. Bracewell and the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to consider and act on a Master Technical Service Agreement with Intera, Inc. for hydrogeologic work for the district at an amount of $30,000 annually. Dir. Bracewell made a motion to approve this agreement with Intera, Inc. This motion was seconded by Dir. Hedrick and the motion passed unanimously upon a called vote by Pres. Fryer.

The Manager's Report was then submitted by David Bailey, General Manager, on District activities from August 25, 2026. Highlights of the report are listed below:

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- Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) kick-off meeting for the GCD Grant that was approved by TWDB. This meeting was held virtually on August 28, 2026.
- Texas Alliance of Groundwater District (TAGD) Business Meeting held in San Antonio of September 1, 2026
- TAGD 15th Annual Groundwater Summit was attended in San Antonio of September 1-3, 2026, by staff.
- Production Fee invoices were mailed out on September 10, 2026, for 2025 groundwater production fees.
- Upcoming events: Houston County GCD formation public hearing hosted by TCEQ in Crockett – 9/29/2026; GMA 12 Joint Planning meeting to be held in Milano – 11/9/2026.

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 Sec. Parten to approve the financials provided as well as bills received. This motion was seconded by Vice Pres. Holleman 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 **October 27, 2026, at 6:00 PM in Madisonville**.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Minutes approved by the Board of Directors (date) October 27, 2026

Secretary/Treasurer

William Parten

President

John Fryer

Sign-in Sheet for Mid-East Texas GCD Board Meeting/Public Hearing – September 22, 2026

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Disbursements subject to Board approval since previous Board Meeting August 25, 2026

Date	Check#	Payee	Description	Amount
9/18/2026	3704 BOM	AT&T	M'ville office phone/fax/U-verse	$173.00
9/22/2026	3705 BOM	Madisonville Meteor	Public Notice for Budget & Fee rates	$132.75
9/22/2026	3706 BOM	Intera, Inc.	Hydro Services July-August 2026	$2,711.50
9/22/2026	3707 BOM	Capital One Business*	various office expenses	$1,661.01
9/22/2026	3708 BOM	David M. Bailey	Mileage Reimbursement - 9/2026	$411.92
9/22/2026	3709 BOM	David M. Bailey	Comp & Ret. Allowance - 9/2026	$9,157.41
9/22/2026	3710 BOM	David M. Bailey	Insurance Allowance - 9/2026	$375.00
Total				**$14,622.59**
BOM - The Bank of Madisonville				

Capitol One Business* Card Expenses:

8/18/2026	USPS, Madisonville	Stamps	$82.00
8/24/2026	Envelopes.com	Pre-printed envelops	$237.83
8/25/2026	Microsoft	Microsoft 365 renewal	$108.24
8/25/2026	Fonda Rest, Centerville	Meal following Board meeting	$100.65
8/25/2026	Office Depot, Huntsville	Supplies	$244.13
8/31/2026	USPS, Madisonville	Postage	$11.31
9/1/2026	Backyard Rest, San Antonio	Meal during TAGD GW Summit	$32.23
9/1/2026	Viola's Rest, San Antonio	Meal during TAGD GW Summit	$67.23
9/3/2026	Schlotzsky's, San Marcos	Meal following TAGD GW Summit	$22.56
9/3/2026	Hyatt Resort, San Antonio	Lodging for TAGD GW Summit	$620.88
9/8/2026	Office Depot, Huntsville	Supplies	$51.95
9/9/2026	USPS, Madisonville	Stamps	$82.00
Total			**$1,661.01**

John Fryer, President

William Parten, Secretary