

MINUTES
MID-EAST TEXAS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
DIRECTOR'S MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
October 30, 2025, 6:00 PM
Madisonville, Texas

Members present:

John Fryer, President
George Holleman, Vice President
William Parten, Secretary/Treasurer
Daniel Bracewell Director
Wade Hedrick, Director
Kevin Counsil, Director

Also present:

David Bailey, General Manager
Greg Ellis, Attorney
Chrystal Smith
Stephanie Bailey
Terri Counsil

President Fryer called the Public Hearing portion of the meeting to order at 6:05 pm to receive comments for a Water Well Drilling Permit application submitted by South Freestone County WSC. The permit is for a new Public Water Supply well located at 120 CR 670, Teague TX in Freestone County. The proposed depth of the well is 660 feet and proposed screen interval is 530 – 650 feet with a proposed production rate of 180 gallons per minute. Production is proposed from the Hooper layer of the Wilcox Aquifer. Chrystal Smith, General Manager for South Freestone County WSC gave an update to the board on the permitting process with TCEQ and TWDB for this project.

The Public Hearing was then adjourned at 6:12 pm.

President Fryer then called to order the regular meeting of the district at 6:13 pm.

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

The minutes of the Directors Meeting/Public Hearing held on September 23, 2025, were then reviewed. Vice President Holleman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Secretary Parten seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously upon a vote called by Pres. Fryer.

The next item on the agenda was the consideration and possible action on Water Well Drilling Permit submitted by South Freestone County WSC for a new well located at 120 CR 670, Teague TX in Freestone County. If approved, the production from this water well will be included in the current permit with South Freestone County WSC identified as Permit #FR-2010-018. This permit application was the subject of the public hearing identified above. A motion was made by Sec. Parten to approve the permit application and was seconded by Dir. Bracewell. Upon a vote called by Pres. Fryer the motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was the consideration and possible action on an Interlocal Agreement for Joint Management Planning Expenses for Groundwater Management Area 12 (GMA 12) to share

the cost of the Explanatory Report required with the submission of the Desired Future Conditions. This agreement would split the cost of the Explanatory Report among the member districts of GMA 12 which would require Mid-East Texas GCD to pay 5% of the Explanatory Report. After a brief period of discussion, a motion was made by Sec. Parten to approve the Interlocal Agreement and his motion was seconded by Vice Pres. Holleman. The motion passed unanimously. It was also noted by staff that a possible budget amendment may be necessary to add a line-item for this expenditure.

Next, district staff provided to the board the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. After reviewing this document, a motion was made to approve and adopt the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 by Dir. Bracewell. This motion was seconded by Dir. Council and the motion passed unanimously upon a called vote by Pres. Fryer.

The next item on the agenda was the consideration and possible action to propose amendments to the District Rules. Greg Ellis, attorney for the district first provided information to the board on the procedures for implementing changes to district rules. Mr. Ellis and staff went over potential amendments to the rules reviewing a draft set of rules as prepared by Mr. Ellis. Several changes were observed, some substantive and some non-substantive. Rule changes were identified as Rule 8, Rule 10, Rule 14, and Rule 15. A copy of this draft is available at the District office for review. After a lengthy review of the draft provided, a motion was made to approve these draft rules for publication and instruct the staff and general counsel to call a public hearing on the rules as they have been amended. This motion was made by Sec. Parten and seconded by Dir. Bracewell. This motion passed unanimously.

Greg Ellis, attorney for the District then provided the board with a brief update on the Neches and Trinity Valley GCD permit applications protested by Mid-East Texas GCD.

The Manager's Report was then submitted by David Bailey, General Manager on District activities from September 23, 2025. Highlights of the report are listed below:

- Attended the Region H Water Planning Group (WPG) meeting held in Conroe on October 1, 2025 as member of Groundwater Management Area 12 (GMA 12) and the District. The Region H WPG Regional Water Plan was approved.
- Attended the Region C WPG meeting held in Arlington on October 6, 2025. The Region C WPG Regional Plan was approved at this meeting.
- Attended a GMA 12 Joint Planning meeting in Milano TX on October 10, 2025.
- District Reports – Drought Report, Investment Report, and Website Update.
- Upcoming events: Leon County Ag Fair for 4th graders, Buffalo – 11/4/2025; GMA 12 Joint Planning meeting in Milano – 11/20/2025; Water level measurements to be taken on District monitoring well – Nov-Dec./2025.

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 bills and financial records as presented were approved with a motion by Sec. Parten. Dir. Hedrick seconded motion, and motion passed unanimously.

The date, time and place of the next regular meeting was set for **January 29, 2026, at 6:00 PM in Centerville.**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Minutes approved by the Board of Directors (date) JANUARY 29, 2026

Vice President
~~Secretary/Treasurer~~

President


~~William Porten~~
George Holleman


John Fryer