
KIMBLE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board Meeting
July 27, 2022, 1:00 PM
Kimble County GCD Office
731 Main Street Suite B / P.O. Box 31
Junction, Texas 76849

MINUTES

Directors Present: Reginald Stapper, Marvin Wilson, Mike Carter, and Clint Smith
District Staff Present: Tascha Schulze and Meredith Allen

Directors Absent: Jim Portz
Public Attendee List Attached

Public Hearing – Proposed Permit Applications

1. Public Hearing was called to order at 1:00pm, after a quorum was established.
2. The Board went into executive session to deliberate regarding consultations with the District Attorney, Bill Dugat at 1:04pm.
3. The Board reconvened into open session at 1:41pm. No action was taken.
4. District Manager, Meredith Allen reviewed two permit applications submitted by Atlas Land Partners, LLC. The first permit application was for a public water supply well on Lot 20 of the Seven Springs Subdivision requesting 24 acre-feet annually. The proposed well met all spacing and production limits of the District Rules. The second permit application requested 24 acre-feet on Lot 901 for public water supply on Seven Springs Subdivision. This proposed well did not meet spacing and therefore requires a variance if approved. Allen also explained to the Board that this public hearing was to allow for comments on the proposed well and for variance concerns, as required by the District Rules. Allen reviewed all the clarifications requested by the District during the review process, and what the outcome was of each clarification. Allen then notified the Board that a letter of protest was submitted to the Board for both proposed well applications by Ms. Jane Johnson, who was in attendance and would have an opportunity to address the board in person. Lastly, Allen commented that there is a concern these wells will be classified as Public Water Supply Wells as defined by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and as such, she requested the applicant stay in compliance with those requirements.
5. Mr. David Parkerson addressed the Board as the representative of the owner, Atlas Land Partners, requesting the approval of both well applications. He notified the Board that each lot in the development is limited to 2,500 gallons per day according to the deed restrictions, noting that the restriction is well below the State requirements for exempt use and therefore very conservative. Also listed in the deed restrictions is the allowance for the Homeowners Association to meter any well in the development. John Oaks and Chad Hyde, General Counsel of Atlas Land Partners, introduced themselves and noted they were available for any questions. Ms. Jane Johnson addressed the Board, explaining her concern with the current state of the water table and how the public water supply wells and how they would impact her wells. She described the limited water volume she currently experiences and the reliance she has on the groundwater for her livestock. After a few questions, there were not more public comments.
6. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 2:12 pm.

Regular Board Meeting:

1. **Call Regular Meetings to Order, establish a quorum.**
Reginald Stapper called the regular business meeting to order at 2:15 pm.
2. **Public Comment – No public comments were made**
3. **Executive Session: Deliberations regarding Consultations with Attorney: In Accordance with Texas Government Code 551.071**
No executive session was taken.
4. **Action Reconvene into Open Session**
No executive session was taken.
5. **Consider, possible action on approval of application for proposed permit application by Atlas Land Partners, LLC for 24 acre-feet annually, and request for spacing exception for Lot 901 – Seven Springs Subdivision Public Water Supply**
After discussion, Mike Carter made a motion to approve the proposed well for public water supply limited to 24 acre-feet annually on Lot 901 of the Seven Springs Subdivision, and require a meter installed at the well to be

reported to the District at least annually. The well will serve 8 lots of approximately 3 acres which are restricted in drilling individual wells. The well will be completed in the Trinity Aquifer and comply with all TCEQ guidelines. Clint Smith seconded the motion, and it passed. Mike Carter made a motion to approve the variance request allowing the well to be less than 50 feet from the property line in accordance with the permit requirements. Clint Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed.

- 6. Consider, possible action on approval of application for proposed permit application by Atlas Land Partners, LLC for 24 acre-feet annually, for Lot 20 – Seven Springs Subdivision Public Water Supply**
Mike Carter made a motion to approve the proposed well for public water supply limited to 24 acre-feet annually on Lot 20 of the Seven Springs Subdivision, and require a meter installed at the well to be reported to the District at least annually. The well will serve 7 lots of approximately 5 acres. The well will be completed in the Trinity Aquifer and comply with all TCEQ guidelines. Clint Smith seconded the motion, and it passed.
- 7. Consider, possible action on approval of application for proposed permit application by Thomas Hepler and Summit Springs Management Trust for 2.8 acre-feet annually, for Lot 11 – Seven Springs Subdivision Domestic under 10 acres**
Mike Carter made a motion to approve the proposed well for domestic less than 10 acres limited to 2.8 acre-feet annually on Lot 11 of the Seven Springs Subdivision, and require a meter installed at the well to be reported to the District at least annually. Clint Smith seconded the motion, Marvin Wilson abstained due to being the driller listed, and Reginald Stapper voted yes. With three ayes and 1 abstaining, the motion carried.
- 8. Manager's comments**
Meredith gave updates on District Activity
Director Comments/Directives to Staff
- 9. Consider, possible action meeting adjournment.**
The next meeting was set for August 22nd, 2022. With no other business, Clint Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Marvin Wilson seconded. The motion passed.

Board Representative