

**STERLING COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

January 8, 2018

Members present: Jack Clark, Josh Gaines, Herbert McCaleb, Ruthe Foster and Frank Price  
Manager; Scott Holland, and Assistant Manager; Diana Thomas and Accountant; Karen  
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Visitors present: None

The meeting was called to order by Jack Clark, Chairman.

Ruthe Foster moved to accept the minutes of the previous meetings. Josh Gaines seconded the motion and it carried.

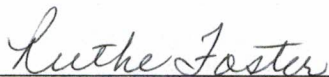
After reviewing the bills as presented by the accountant, Josh Gaines moved to transfer \$8,000 from the MMDA to the checking account and pay all bills. Frank Price seconded and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA, Lion's Club and TAGD West/WTRGMA in San Angelo, Christmas Stroll in Sterling City and Region F in Big Spring. WTWMA finished a slow season with 25 operational days with an 18.84" average rainfall across the seeding area. Diana Thomas was invited by the Lion's Club of San Angelo to give a short lunch presentation on District activities and regional efforts. TAGD West was called to meet by the TAGD Financial Officer, Zach Holland, to discuss the many options available to increase membership fees and dues in 2019. The WTRGA met following to debate continuing our employment of Bob Turner as lobbyist for the next year. Bob was voted to be hired again with the effort to look for another lobbyist for future sessions. The annual Christmas Stroll was attended by the District with snacks and drinks provided for the community event. Region F has some voting position vacancies they are trying to fill. Updates to the regional mining numbers were discussed, Sterling's estimates look accurate for at least the next 30 years. Notice of Intent to Inject Fluid from Ampak Oil Co. was discussed. No action necessary at this time pending receiving the H-14 form. The drought index was presented to the board. Well surveillance included: Water levels. The past three year average water level has remained relatively static.

Josh Gaines moved to ratify the consensus at the joint meeting to continue the inter local agreements with ICWCD. Frank Price seconded and all voted in favor.

Diana Thomas discussed draft rule changes which included extensive definition updates, some rule clarifications, and a few changes to submission time lines.

There being no further business, Frank Price moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Herbert McCaleb and the meeting adjourned at 9:50 A.M.



Attesting Signature



Presiding Officer

Date: 2-17-18