

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

February 8, 2016

Members present: Jack, Clark, Josh Gaines, Ruthe Foster, Frank Price and Herbert McCaleb
Manager; Scott Holland, Assistant Manager/Technician; Diana Thomas and
Accountant; Karen Hodges.

Visitors present: None

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

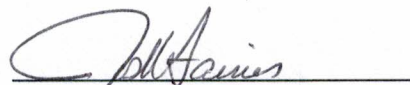
Frank Price moved to accept the minutes of the previous meetings. Josh Gaines seconded the motion and it carried.

After reviewing the bills as presented by the accountant, Ruthe Foster moved to move \$5,000 from the MMDA to the checking account and pay all bills. Frank Price seconded and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: Meetings attended: WTWMA and TAGD Area Group in San Angelo, GMA 7 in Fredericksburg, TAGD Executive Committee, TAGD and TAGD Legislative Committee in Austin, HNR hearing online and TML Affordable Care Act Reporting Webinar. WTWMA recorded 26.42" average rainfall over the target area in 2015 with 5 stations reporting over 30". GMA 7 met to receive an update from our consultant on DFC models and required reports. Unfortunately, the TWDB still had not provided required information that was promised last August and is stalling our timeline. The TAGD Area Group met to discuss proposed changes to the TAGD Legislative Policy to be voted on at the TAGD meeting. Discussion and acceptance of the Legislative policy changes to present to TAGD membership was held at the TAGD Executive Committee meeting. Membership changes and leadership changes were also discussed, notably the pending loss of our Parliamentarian. TAGD held the regular quarterly meeting and the Legislative Policy changes were adopted. Recent case law was discussed, of keen interest are the current cases Panola and Pecos GCDs have against rogue water well drillers assessing fines for not following district rules. The TAGD salary survey and its benefits for future employee needs and assessment was presented. The HNR Committee met to hear invited and public testimony on water marketing, management and resources. The State Senate has 16 seats up for reelection with 7 incumbents contested while all House seats are up for reelection with 69 incumbents contested. The TML Webinar covered IRS reporting requirements for the Affordable Care Act, while TML will submit the final report they need verification of data from us (which has been completed). Well surveillance included: Water levels and Tony Dodds. There were 6 wells fracked in 2015 using an average of 1.45 ac.ft./well.

There being no further business, Josh Gaines moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Herbert McCaleb and the meeting adjourned at 9:35A.M.


Attesting Signature


Presiding Officer

Date: 03/13/16