

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

March 13, 2017

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

Visitors present: None

The meeting was called to order by Josh Gaines, Vice-Chairman.

Herbert McCaleb moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Ruthe Foster seconded the motion and it carried.

After reviewing the bills as presented by the accountant, Herbert McCaleb moved to to transfer \$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: GMA 7 in Fredericksburg, SPE Environmental in Midland and TAGD Legislative and Brackish Subcommittee conference calls. Due to an agenda error GMA 7 was unable to adopt the DFC for the Edwards/Trinity (Plateau) Aquifer and will meet again March 23. The TAGD Brackish Subcommittee discussed HB 2377 on implementing management of designated brackish zones as delineated by the TWDB. The TAGD Legislative conference calls discussed the bill filing deadline and the massive amount of bills that have been filed this session (the second most on record). Review of committee meetings was conducted, hearings on actual legislation has just slowly begun. Important water legislation was highlighted, including two very impactful bills; Senator Perry's Omnibus CH 36 legislation and Representative Issac's dissolution of GCDs into a new broader Aquifer District Legislation. Both of these bills have the potential to drastically alter the way our GCD operates. Well surveillance included: water levels.

After being presented with a certificate of unopposed status by the manager Frank Price moved to cancel the May 6 election and declare Jack Clark, Pct. 1 and Herbert McCaleb, Pct 3 duly elected. Ruthe Foster seconded and all voted in favor.

There being no further business, Ruthe Foster moved and Herbert McCaleb seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.



Attesting Signature


Presiding Officer

Date: 4-10-17