

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

March 14, 2016

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

Visitors present: None

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

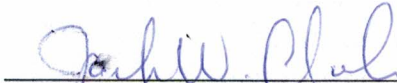
Ruthe Foster moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Herbert McCaleb seconded the motion and it carried.

After reviewing the bills as presented by the accountant, Frank Price moved to move \$14,000 from the MMDA to the checking account and pay all bills. Ruthe Foster seconded and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: Meetings attended: WTWMA in San Angelo, SPE in Midland and TAGD Legislative Committee Call. Archie Ruiz gave his annual assessment of the WTWMA program. There was a 10% increase (1.60") over the target area with a 10.6% increase (1.29") in Sterling. The program will continue to use hygroscopic flares in conjunction with glaciogenic flares. Work is being done on a multi flare holder to hold both types of flares that will simultaneously ignite the flares for improved delivery of seeding material. The 2016 season started March 7 with operations in Crockett County. SPE had a presentation on salt cedar control on the Pecos River. It was pointed out that although there are multiple reasons to control salt cedar, increased stream flow and aquifer storage were not among them, which is consistent with all reports since the 1940's. The TAGD Legislative Committee revised the voting procedure for positions on suggested legislative changes during the interim charge hearings. There were four Texas House member who lost their reelection bid in the primaries with three still in runoff elections. There will be three Senate seats and, depending on runoff results, 42 or 43 House seats contested in the November elections. No action was taken on a BVX Notice of Application for Fluid Injection published in the Sterling Courier since no W-14 has been filed in the Courthouse or online with the RRC. A thank you note from Diana Thomas for a gift card was presented to the board. She is currently on maternity leave. Well surveillance included: Water levels with levels remaining steady overall.

There being no further business, Herbert McCaleb moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Frank Price and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 A.M.

  
Attesting Signature

  
Presiding Officer

Date: 4-11-16