

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

April 8, 2019

Members present: Jack Clark, Josh Gaines, Ruthe Foster, Herbert McCaleb and Cliff Caldwell
General Manager; Diana Thomas, Consulting Manager; Scott Holland and Accountant;
Karen Hodges.

Visitors present: None

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

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

After reviewing the bills as presented by the accountant, Josh Gaines moved to pay all bills. Cliff Caldwell seconded and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: Jim Polonis retirement in Sonora, Region F in Big Spring, House Natural Recourse Committee and Senate Water and Rural Affairs Committee live stream, TAGD Legislative Committee conference calls, TAGD Legislative Committee in Austin and WTWMA, WTRGMA and GMA 7 in San Angelo . Jim Polonis was sent off into retirement in grand style! Region F consultants reviewed several more plan chapters including groundwater supply and drought triggers. The House and Senate water committees have been busy hearing legislation covering the extension of transport permits to match production permits, similar rules across a GMA, process for petitioning a GCD for a change in rules, brackish and ASR studies, retail public water supply groundwater permit acreage credit, refund of GCD lawyer fees reform, and cleanliness standards and spill contingency plans for pipelines to protect groundwater. The TAGD Legislative committee discussed in depth legislation affecting GCDs and the positions TAGD is to take on them. The WTRGMA did the same with Bob Turner and summarized our position on the many bills and the positions Bob is to take on our behalf. WTWMA is starting the 2019 season. The TDLR put the Weather Mod Section under the Well Drillers Section with no matching funds so the weather mod programs are looking for a new home. GMA 7 voted to continue our support of the 4H Water Ambassadors program and has reassigned the coordinator position after the resignation of Joel Pigg. Well surveillance included: Water levels. Water levels are mostly static.

After being presented with a certificate of unopposed status by the manager Herbert McCaleb moved to cancel the May 4 election and declare Cliff Caldwell, Pct. 2; Ruthe Foster, Pct. 4 and Josh Gaines, At Large duly elected. Cliff Caldwell seconded and all voted in favor.

Following discussion on Cogent Midstream's request for a waiver of penalty interest and fees for a late tax payment, Ruthe Foster moved to waive the penalty fees and interest. Cliff Caldwell seconded and the motion carried.

The rules workshop discussed continued work on necessary updates with it almost being ready for attorney