

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

April 10, 2017

Members present: Jack Clark, Josh Gaines, 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 Jack Clark, Chairman.

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

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

The Manager's report included: WTWMA, GMA 7 and WTRGMA in San Angelo, TAGD Legislative Committee and Senate AW&RA Committee Director in Austin and TAGD Legislative Committee conference calls. WTWMA received the assessment for 2016 with a target area average of a 9.3% (2.02") increase in rainfall. Results for Sterling County was a 7.7% (1.39") increase. GMA 7 has adopted all applicable DFCs and will begin final submission of all necessary reports to the TWDB. The WTRGMA met with consultant Bob Turner to review water legislation and our collective positions. Bob will now be able to drop cards in support or opposition for the organization as needed. The TAGD Legislative Committee meeting and conference calls discussed of several bills dealing with GCD's ranging from the major overhaul of SB 1392 and SB 862 to minor updates of HB 4122 and others. SCUWCD position letters have been drafted on several bills and more will be distributed to legislator offices in the coming month. The Senate AW&RA Committee Director explained a small portion of the omnibus SB 1392 which drastically changes groundwater management for GCD's and has had very limited input from GCD's. Two articles on the merits of application of oil and gas law to groundwater were presented. Well surveillance included: water levels, M Blanek, Roping Arena and Mims Reed.

Diana Thomas presented the board with the Q 1 Investment Report which was accepted.

There being no further business, Josh Gaines moved and Frank Price seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

Ruthe Foster
Attesting Signature

Jack Clark
Presiding Officer

Date: 5-8-17