

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

May 13, 2019

Members present: Jack Clark, Josh Gaines, Ruthe Foster 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. Cliff Caldwell seconded the motion and it carried.

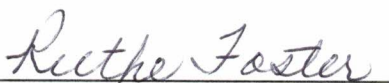
After reviewing the bills as presented by the accountant, Josh Gaines moved to transfer \$17,000 from the MMDA to the checking and pay all bills. Ruthe Foster seconded and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA in San Angelo, House Natural Resource and Senate Water and Rural Affairs Committees - live stream, TAGD Legislative and Executive Committee conference calls and Mike Conaway at FNB Sterling City. WTWMA assessment of the 2018 program showed a 12.4% average increase (1.90") over the target area with Sterling County having a 13% increase (1.74"). The Texas Legislature is coming to a close with House and Senate Committees feverishly passing out bills or killing them in these last two weeks. Among the dead are several notice posting bills, contingency plans for pipeline operators, lawyers' fees bills, petition for a change in rules, and standard of judicial review. Several ASR and brackish water production bills are still advancing as well as similar rules legislation, prohibition on tax entities participating in lobbying activities, and retail public water utility permitting. The focus of various meetings this past month have been exclusively the legislature and bill updates. The TAGD Executive Committee will move forward with the fiscal plan to bring TAGD out of deficit operating budgets resulting in a 10% increase in membership dues starting next fiscal year. Mike Conaway lamented on the struggles of leadership by a party with no agenda but to damage the President. Of the top 10 bill reservations by the Democrats, only one has been filed concerning the federal election system. Well surveillance included: Water levels, rain gauges, G. Johnson, S. Davis, J. Gaines and S. Price . Water levels are mostly static.

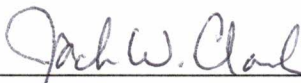
The Oath of Office was administered to Cliff Caldwell, Ruthe Foster and Josh Gaines by Diana Thomas.

The draft rules are once again with District legal counsel for review.

There being no further business Cliff Caldwell moved and Josh Gaines seconded to adjourn at 9:05 AM.



Attesting Signature



Presiding Officer

Date: 6-10-19