

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

June 12, 2017

Members present: Herbert McCaleb, Frank Price, Ruthe Foster and Jack Clark
Manager; Scott Holland, Assistant Manager; Diana Thomas and Accountant; Karen
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Visitors present: None

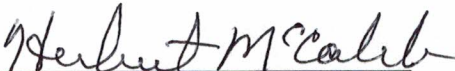
The meeting was called to order by Herbert McCaleb, Secretary.

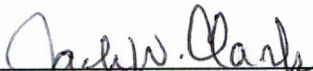
Ruthe Foster moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Frank Price seconded the motion and it carried.

After reviewing the bills, Frank Price moved to transfer \$5,000 from the MMDA to the checking account and pay all bills including a \$125 donation to GMA 7 for the 4H Water Ambassadors Program. Ruthe Foster seconded and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA in San Angelo, TAGD Legislative Committee conference calls and TAGD in Austin . WTWMA for the first time did not fly in April. The USDA research using charged water particles will start in June. The TAGD Legislative Committee Conference calls continued to discuss water bill actions and inaction as the session drew to a close. In the end, out of 41 water bills filed only 7 passed (although they still have yet to be signed by the governor). Of special importance are the following bills: SB1009 dealing with what constitutes an administratively complete permit, HB 3025 updating plugging deteriorated and abandoned well language, HB2215 aligning Regional planning with GMA planning, and SB 865 allowing for electronic fund transfers. The TAGD Meeting reviewed the crazy legislative session, recommended updating permitting rules before SB1009 goes into effect in September of this year, highlighted the Sunset Advisory Council and their review process, and received recommendations for districts that have a lot of O&G activities to routinely protest injection notices to allow the district additional review time. The Notice of Intent to Inject for Merit Energy Co was reviewed with no action necessary. Two Intent to Drill forms for O&G supply were received with no Board action required. Well surveillance included: water levels which continue to hold steady.

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


Attesting Signatory


Presiding Officer

Date: 7-10-17