

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

July 11, 2022

Members present: Jack Clark, Ruthe Foster, Cliff Caldwell, and Kade Hodges  
General Manager; Diana Thomas and Technician; Ashley Masters.

Visitors present: Karen Hodges, accountant

The meeting was called to order at 12:59 P.M. by Jack Clark, Chairman of the Board.

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

After reviewing the bills as presented, Cliff Caldwell moved to transfer \$6,500 from the MMDA to the checking account and to pay all bills. Kade Hodges seconded and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: TAGD Executive Committee Virtual Meeting, WTWMA in San Angelo, site visit to Sterling Cole's new monitor well, and the TAGD Summit Panel Virtual meeting. TAGD is expecting additional legislative interim hearings to occur in September and is keeping an eye out for any notice. TAGD has also launched a new GCD Index that is a great resource for looking up information about GCDs across the state. WTWMA had a tough month in May with very few flight opportunities presented, the weather patterns just didn't cooperate. Lobby efforts may be expanded with the South Texas Weather Modification program looking into funding similar efforts. Staff met with Sterling Cole to log a new monthly monitoring well. Diana has been asked to moderate a water quality panel for the upcoming TAGD summit and organized an initial planning virtual meeting with panelists and TAGD staff.

Well Surveillance Reports: water levels within Sterling County were overall static or had slight decrease with exception of the Bunton, and Cole pump which measured larger decreases for the month. The Bodine Cope 1 & 2 were unable to be measured in June due to access limitations. Water quality analysis was performed for J. Cox and the Davis Water Station. The well camera was operated for three Irion County wells.

Intent to Drills were received for the JL Glass Ranch (livestock), Thomas Johnston (domestic), and 5 for Clay Parker (all livestock wells).

Cliff Caldwell moved to accept the Q2 Investment Report. Ruthe Foster seconded, and the motion passed.

Ruthe Foster moved to accept the Most Recent Drought Index. Cliff Caldwell seconded and the motion passed.

Ruthe Foster moved to accept the Recycling Program Exemption Declaration. Kade Hodges seconded and the motion passed.

Following the personnel evaluation Cliff Caldwell moved to grant a 3% cost of living increase for salaries in the next fiscal year and award the full \$4,000 merit pay in this fiscal year for both the District Manager and Technician. Ruthe Foster seconded and the motion passed.

The budget workshop included discussion of 2021-2022 current budget and evaluation of end of year spending along with possible increases in next year's budget due to rising fuel cost and materials inflation.

There being no further business Cliff Caldwell moved and Kade Hodges seconded to adjourn at 2:49 PM.

Ruthe Foster

Attesting Signature

Kade Hodges

Presiding Officer

Date: 8-8-2022