

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

August 12, 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 meeting. Cliff Caldwell seconded the motion and it carried.

After reviewing the bills as presented by the accountant, Cliff Caldwell moved to transfer \$10,000 from the MMDA to the checking and pay all bills. Ruthe Foster seconded and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA and WTRGMA in San Angelo, ICAD Review Board in Mertzon, 4H Water Ambassadors in Menard and TAGD Executive Committee Conference Call. WTWMA has had 18 days with 32 flights to date this season. The WTRGMA distributed the group order of rain gauges, discussed scheduling interviews as part of the consultant RFP process, and discussed interim legislative session needs to promote the work GCDs accomplish. The ICAD discussed and ultimately denied two requests for a re-evaluation of past year's appraisal roles for their company's holdings within the county. The 4H Water Ambassadors and chaperones had a great time exploring the Menard Irrigation Canals, the Presidio, and the headwater springs of the San Saba River at Fort McKavitt. They were all very appreciative of GMA 7's donation and involvement. The TAGD EC Committee conferenced to discuss the upcoming TAGD Summit, officer nominations from the Nominating Committee, and budgetary items. Well surveillance included: Water levels and S. Ortiz. Three domestic and livestock Intent to Drills were received. Levels were mostly static with the SE corner of the district and Hwy 87N wells down a little.

Following discussion during the Personnel evaluation Cliff Caldwell moved to increase the General Manager's salary by 3% and leave the Consulting Manager the same effective October 1st. Ruthe Foster seconded and the motion carried.


After the Budget Workshop Josh Gaines moved to propose a FY 2019-20 budget of \$165,440. Cliff Caldwell seconded with all voting in favor. Josh Gains then moved to propose a 2019 Tax Rate of \$0.0169, which is the effective rate. Ruthe Foster seconded and all voted in favor.

The consensus of the board was to hold the rules hearing at the September 9 meeting along with the budget and tax rate hearing and regular meeting.

There being no further business Cliff Caldwell moved and Josh Gaines seconded to adjourn at 9:25 AM.



Attesting Signature



Presiding Officer

Date: Sept 9-19