

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

August 13, 2018

Members present: Jack Clark, 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. Frank Price seconded the motion and it carried.

After reviewing the bills as presented by the Accountant, Frank Price moved to transfer \$20,000 from the MMDA to the checking account and pay all bills. Ruthe Foster seconded and the motion passed.


The Manager's report included: WTWMA in San Angelo, Region F in Big Springs and the 4-H Ambassadors Program in Menard. WTWMA flew 5 days in June and has updated the webpage. Region F elected voting members for the retiring county and small business categories and reviewed draft Chapter 2. John Grant gave a presentation on how "Conservation by Price" has reduced usage over the past 15 years. The 4-H Ambassadors Program has 29 new kids participating this year with one from Brady. Well surveillance included: Water levels, rain gauges, L Glass, R Stewart and C Barber. One Notice of Intent was received from Allison Barbee.

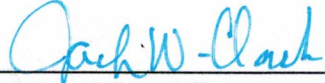
Following personnel discussion, Frank Price moved to promote Diana Thomas to General Manager and move the current GM to Consulting Manager effective with the new fiscal year October 1, 2018. Ruthe Foster seconded and the motion carried.

After the budget workshop Frank Price moved to propose a FY 2018-19 Budget of \$164240. Ruthe Foster seconded and the motion passed. Ruthe Foster moved to propose a 2018 tax rate of \$0.01592 which is 3% below the effective rate. Ruthe Foster seconded and all voted for the motion.

The spacing and production rules for the Edwards Trinity Aquifer across the GCDs of GMA 7 were presented. Discussion was held on the possibility of calculating spacing rules based on state model transmissivity and conductivity values to reduce cone of influence overlap between wells. Updates to the Permit Application in accordance to our Rules were presented.

There being no further business, Frank Price moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ruthe Foster and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 A.M.


Attesting Signature


Presiding Officer

Date: 9-10-18