

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

September 10, 2018

Members present: Jack Clark, Josh Gaines, Herbert McCaleb, 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.

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

After reviewing the bills as presented by the Accountant, Josh Gaines moved to transfer \$8,500 from the MMDA to the checking account and pay all bills. Ruthe Foster seconded and the motion passed. After discussion Frank Price moved to set the new General Manager salary at \$62,000. Herbert McCaleb seconded and the motion carried. Josh Gaines then moved to award merit pay to both employees. Herbert McCaleb seconded and all voted in favor

The Manager's report included: WTWMA and TWON in San Angelo, TAGD Legislative Committee, TAGD regular meeting, and TAGD Groundwater Summit in San Antonio. WTWMA flew 8 days in July and 19 days for the season. The TWON Event was an education event for water wells owners regionally and a short presentation was given by Diana covering regional issues and GCD services. The TAGD Legislative Committee meeting distributed legislative white papers covering anticipated water issues in the next legislative session including permitting and recovery of lawyer's fees. The Regular TAGD meeting discussed website development of an abandoned well resource page along with invitation to testify in the interim on abandoned wells. This year's summit is also set to be the biggest summit yet as far as sponsorships and income. The TAGD Summit covered a range of topics and speakers over three days including; Senator Perry and Representative Larson discussing next sessions emphasis on surface water post Harvey, Danish diplomat Jacob Vind highlighting Denmark's groundwater policies and successes, groundwater case law update, recommendations on supporting water recycling in the oil and gas industry, difficulties of valuation and establishment of groundwater markets, and more. Well surveillance included: Water levels and rain gauges. Notice of Intent were received from Gregg Johnson and No Step Rch..

After being presented with the Amended FY 2017-18 Budget Josh Gaines moved to adopt the amended budget. Frank Price seconded and the motion carried

Frank Price moved to adopt a FY 2018-19 Budget of \$164,240. Josh Gaines seconded and the motion passed. Josh Gaines then moved to adopt a 2018 tax rate of \$0.01592. Herbert McCaleb seconded and all voted for the motion.

There being no further business, Ruthe Foster moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Herbert McCaleb and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 A.M.

Ruthe Foster

Attesting Signature

Jack W. Clark

Presiding Officer

Date: 11-12-19