

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

September 11, 2017

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

The public hearing to consider adoption of the proposed 2016 tax rate of \$0.02046 was opened at 8:00 am by Jack Clark, Chairman. There being no visitors present Jack Clark, Chairman, closed the hearing at 8:15 am.

The regular meeting was then 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, Josh Gaines moved to transfer \$10,000 from the MMDA to the checking account and pay all bills. Ruthe Foster seconded and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: TWDB data collection in the Sterling Office, TWDB Stakeholder Meeting in Midland and TAGD annual summit in San Marcos. The TWDB BRACS team stopped by the Sterling office to view many of our paper water quality records for the current mapping project for the Edwards-Trinity and Dockum Aquifers. They appreciated us opening our files and were able to utilize some new data points. The BRACS team also gave a presentation in Midland reviewing their current status and efforts in the mapping study. The TAGD Summit covered a wider array of topics over previous years and was enjoyed. Speakers covered active water litigation and implications, responsibilities of board members, GMA rules studies, O&G law application to water, and much more. Well surveillance included: Water levels and S Foster. Levels remain fairly constant with the southwest corner of the district having the most decline.

After discussing line item changes and other reductions Frank Price moved to amend the FY 2016-17 Budget to \$176,890 to reflect those changes. Josh Gaines seconded and the motion passed.

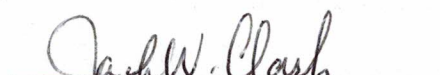
Josh Gaines moved to adopt a FY 2017-18 budget of \$159,390. Frank Price seconded and all voted in favor. Josh Gaines then moved to adopt a 2017 tax rate of \$0.02046 (1% above the effective rate) to fund the proposed budget. Ruthe Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Josh Gaines moved to concur with Irion Co WCD and increase Manager by 3% and Assistant Manager by 5% effective October. Ruthe Foster seconded and all voted in favor.

Frank Price moved to accept the FY 2015-16 Audit as presented. Josh Gaines seconded and the motion passed.

The Rules are still being updated by staff and the workshop will continue next month.

There being no further business, Ruthe Foster moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Josh Gaines and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

  
Attesting Signature

  
Presiding Officer

Date: 10-9-17