

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

September 13, 2021

Members present: Jack Clark, Ruthe Foster, and Cliff Caldwell  
General Manager; Diana Thomas and Consulting Manager; Scott Holland

Visitors present: None

The Public Meeting on the FY 2021-22 Budget and 2021 Tax Rate was called to order by Jack Clark, Chairman of the Board at 1:00 pm. There being no public in attendance the meeting was closed at 1:10 pm.

The regular meeting was then 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, Cliff Caldwell moved to transfer \$15,000 from the MMDA to the checking and pay all bills. Ruthe Foster seconded and the motion passed.


The Manager's report included: TAGD Executive Committee Call, WTWMA in San Angelo, GMA 7 in Sonora, TAGD Regular Business Meeting in San Antonio and virtual TAGD Groundwater Summit. The TAGD Executive Committee Call included an update on the Texas Supreme Court that the groundwater community was eagerly watching. The court had finally declined to take up a case involving a GCDs ability to enforce their rules, thus leaving case law to reflect appellate support of the GCD in the case. WTWMA flew 12 days in July and 25 days YTD with area getting 90-200+% of normal rainfall this season. GMA 7 officially adopted DFCs, effecting no change from the previous DFC adoption in 2017 for Sterling County. After submission and review by the TWDB, the District will hold a public hearing and officially adopt the DFC as well. TAGD held their regular business meeting and elected officers for the 2021-23 term. TAGD held another informative Summit in San Antonio, and virtually, with presentations from legislators, lawyers, professors, and researchers. The loss of rural working lands, employee demographics in the water industry, redistricting, future legislative priorities, and federal versus state court actions were all discussed in depth. Notice of Intent to Drill were received from Tommy Wright/Willow Creek Invest (2), Jason Cox (2) and Lonnie Horwood for Domestic & Livestock wells. Well surveillance included: water levels which were static and water quality for M. Thompson (3), E. Castro, G. Johnson and S. Foster.


After the General Manager explained the necessary line changes in amendments to the FY 2020-21 Budget Cliff Caldwell moved to amend the budget. Ruthe Foster seconded and the motion passed.

Cliff Caldwell moved to adopt a FY 2021-22 budget of \$165,800. Ruthe Foster seconded with all voting in favor. Ruthe Foster then moved to adopt a 2021 Tax Rate of \$0.01681, which is the no new revenue rate. Cliff Caldwell seconded and all voted in favor.

After discussion on opening a CD at the Sonora Bank Ruthe foster moved to open a CD with all board members on the signature card and two signatures required. Cliff Caldwell seconded and the motion passed.

There being no further business, Cliff Caldwell moved and Ruthe Foster seconded to adjourn at 2:20 PM.

  
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Attesting Signature

  
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Presiding Officer

Date: 10-11-21