

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

October 10, 2016

Members present: Jack Clark, Josh Gaines and Ruthe Foster
Manager; Scott Holland, Assistant Manager; Diana Thomas and Accountant; Karen
Hodges.
Visitors present: Mark Flowers and Julie Thomason

The meeting was called to order by Jack Clark, Chairman.

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

After reviewing the bills as presented by the accountant, Josh Gaines moved to transfer \$15,000 from the MMDA to the checking account and pay all bills. Ruthe Foster seconded and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA and GMA 7 in San Angelo, House Natural Resources Committee in Ft Stockton/Del Rio and TML and Senate Natural Resource and Economic Development Committee live stream. WTWMA flew 7 days in Aug and is below average for the season. GMA 7 met and adopted DFC's for all the aquifers within the GMA except the Edwards/Trinity (Plateau) which due to a public comment will require more model runs. The House Natural Resource Committee held in Ft Stockton heard concerns of the MPGCD delaying permit approvals. The meeting discussed past failed efforts to create a GCD for Val Verde county, various legislative changes for GCDs in general, and local aquifer conditions. The Senate Natural Resource and Economic Development Committee meeting discussed the EPA Waters of the U. S. rule and its potential implications for Texas. TML held two webinars discussing Affordable Care Act reporting requirements, dates, and their role in assisting us in compliance. Three Notice of Intent to Drill were received from Arvil Kinsey and Larry Horwood for domestic/livestock wells. Well surveillance included: Water levels, McDonald, Foster, Blanek, Durham, Thomas and Glass. Two irrigation permits for C Madrid and were declared administratively complete and were accepted. The investment officer presented the board with the third quarter investment report. The board was presented with the drought monitor and outlook.

After discussion to include vehicle purchase using reserves Josh Gaines moved to amend the FY 2016-17 Budget to reflect those changes. Ruthe Foster seconded and all voted in favor.

Mark Flowers gave a presentation on the 33.11 delinquent tax collection agreement the County had entered into to shorten the time delinquent personal property taxes refer for collection. Josh Gaines moved to approve the agreement for the District. Ruthe Foster seconded and all voted in favor. The City and School will be given presentations and are expected to approve the agreement as well.

There being no further business, Ruthe Foster moved and Josh Gaines seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 A.M.



Attesting Signature



Presiding Officer

Date: 11-14-16