

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

November 12, 2018

Members present: Jack Clark, Josh Gaines, Herbert McCaleb, Ruthe Foster and Frank Price
Diana Thomas, General Manager; Scott Holland, Consulting Manager; and Accountant; Karen
Hodges.
Visitors present: Cliff Caldwell

PUBLIC HEARING

The Hearing was called to order by Jack Clark, Chairman.
There being no visitors the hearing was closed at 8:10 A.M.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

Ruthe Foster moved to accept the resignation of Frank Price and nominated Cliff Caldwell to fill the unexpired term. Herbert McCaleb seconded and all voted in favor. Cliff Caldwell was then administered the Oath of Office by Diana Thomas.

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

After reviewing the bills as presented by the accountant, Herbert McCaleb moved to transfer \$5,000 from the MMDA to the checking and to pay all bills. Josh Gaines seconded and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: two WTWMA, GMA 7 and San Angelo Water Advisory Board in San Angelo, three HNRC Interim Hearings and TML Webinar livestream, WTWMA flew 3 days in Aug and 2 in Sept due to frequent flood warnings. The season ended with 22 seeding days and 10 hours of electrostatic seeding. GMA 7 is preparing for the next planning cycle by putting together an RFQ for consultant work and combining the GMA secretary and administrative positions into one. Consultants at the San Angelo Water Advisory Board determined that pumping groundwater from Schleicher and Sutton Counties was not feasible because of low volume and quality. The first HNRC meeting in Del Rio discussed the threat of abandoned wells to aquifer resources. The second HNRC meeting in Brownsville heard testimony on the disastrous effects if major changes were to be made to chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code and how the determination of fair share is the exclusive purview of the judicial branch. The final HNRC meeting in Waco discussed the status of water markets in Texas along with some lessons learned from California's recent conversion to a local groundwater management structure that could benefit Texas. The TML webinar reviewed Affordable Care Act reporting compliance and deadlines for 2018. Well surveillance included: Water levels, rain gauges, Kyla Bahlman, G. Johnson and K.D. Duncum. Notice of Intent to Drill included the U Ranch. With the recent rainfall water levels are up an average of 3.7 inches.

After the 2018-2023 Amended Management Plan was presented Herbert McCaleb moved and Josh Gaines seconded to adopt the amended plan. All voted for the motion.

Investment Officer Diana Thomas presented the Q3 Investment report and review of the District Investment Policy. Josh Gaines moved to accept both the report and the review. Herbert McCaleb seconded and the motion carried.

The rules workshop included discussion on what criteria would trigger the need for a hydrogeological report for permits and generated several questions to be discussed with legal counsel.
There being no further business, Herbert McCaleb moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Cliff Caldwell and the meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.



Attesting Signature



Presiding Officer

Date: 1-14-19