

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

November 13, 2017

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

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

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

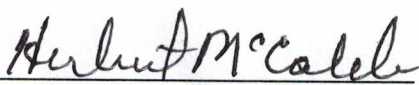
After reviewing the bills as presented by the accountant, Frank Price moved to transfer \$5,000 from the MMDA to the checking account and pay all bills. Herbert McCaleb seconded and the motion passed.


The Manager's report included: WTWMA in San Angelo, GMA 7 in Fredericksburg, SPE Environmental - Midland and TAGD Leadership Training in Ft Stockton. WTWMA flew 1 day in September which makes 25 operation days for the season. Average rainfall over the target area is 18.55". Research with USDA has concluded for the season and will continue next year. The GMA 7 consultant discussed editing needs before final report submission to the TWDB. Dr. Green spoke on a recent Devil's River study highlighting the dependence on the Edwards Trinity Aquifer as a sole water source and emphasizing the sensitivity of the upper watershed to pumping in Sutton and Schleicher counties. Diana Thomas and Meredith Allen (Sutton County GCD) gave an informative (and quite fantastic I must emphasize) presentation on their efforts to compare all GCD rules within GMA 7 and discussed the future direction the study may take. The SPE topic covered the pre-engineering and drilling techniques used for a recent horizontal water well drilled in the Ogallala Aquifer. Advantages and restrictions were discussed, along with water data from the actual well that was drilled. The TAGD Leadership Training targeted new staff and board members covering a range pf topics from meeting etiquette, water level measurements, management plans, groundwater science, and introduction to your GMA. A panel of local GCD staff and managers (including Diana Thomas) spoke on their rules and took questions from the audience. The interim Legislative Charges were discussed, with water items identified for further surveillance. Well surveillance included: Water levels, rain gauges, water quality: K. Duncum, J. Durham, and two M. Blanek. The December meeting will be the annual joint meeting in San Angelo.

Diana Thomas presented the bid for performing the annual financial audit from Richard Bowman since the current auditor is no longer available. Ruthe Foster moved to accept the proposal and Herbert McCaleb seconded. All voted in favor.

A brief discussion on changes to current rules was held with more discussion to be held next regular meeting.

There being no further business, Frank Price moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Herbert McCaleb and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

  
Attesting Signature

  
Presiding Officer

Date: 1-8-18