

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

November 14, 2016

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

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.

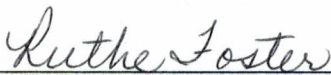
After reviewing the bills as presented by the accountant, Josh Gaines moved to transfer \$15,000 from the MMDA to the checking account and pay all bills. Ruthe Foster seconded and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA in San Angelo (2), TML Webinar, House Natural Resources and Joint House Natural and Ag Committees live stream, Perry/Darby and Mike Conaway town hall meetings in Mertzson, PBPA Annual meeting and SPE in Midland (2). WTWMA flew 13 days in Sept and 2 in Oct. TML held two webinars discussing Affordable Care Act reporting requirements, dates, and their role in assisting us in compliance. The PBPA meeting heard from legislators that the upcoming session will be about the budget. This was echoed at the Perry/Darby town hall meeting. Mike Conaway discussed waters of the US. TML has opened access to the Affordable Care Act reporting spreadsheet, submissions must be completed by Jan 06, 2017. The Joint House Natural and AG Committee meetings reviewed irrigation technologies, conservation, statistics, and cost sharing programs. The House Natural Resource Committee meeting reported on the most recent round of SWIFT funding through the TWDB, the statewide water cycle from flows to evaporation and infrastructure loss, and water conservation. The first SPE luncheon was presented by Pioneer about their contract with the City of Odessa. In exchange for an updated wastewater treatment plant, Pioneer receives all the treated wastewater from Odessa for use in the oil field. The treated water is piped to a central Pioneer facility, resulting in a removal of 1800 trucks a day from the roads. The second SPE luncheon was presented by Dr. Ward from San Angelo State University. He and his students are studying various native species that best survive in saltwater spill kill zones with very little amendments (such as no irrigation, no fertilizer, etc.). With sites across Tom Green, Reagan, Irion, and Coke counties, they are finding every site has differing species success rates. Some successful species include Four-Wing Salt Bush, Bermuda and Giant Bermuda, and Alkali and Giant Sacaton. Several articles concerning water from a real estate industry magazine were presented, more out of interest than applicability. Well surveillance included: Water levels, rain gauges, S. Foster, Foster Cemetery and G Johnson. The December meeting will be the annual joint meeting in San Angelo.


After reviewing changes Frank Price moved to adopt the amended Investment Policy. Josh Gaines seconded and the motion passed.

Ruthe Foster moved to adopt the updated Personnel Policy. Frank Price seconded and all voted in favor.

There being no further business, Frank Price moved and Ruthe Foster seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 A.M.



Attesting Signature


Presiding Officer

Date: 1-9-~~16~~17