

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

November 14, 2022

Members present: Ruthe Foster, Cliff Caldwell and Kade Hodges, General Manager; Diana Thomas and Technician; Ashley Masters.

Visitors present: Accountant, Karen Hodges

The meeting was called to order at 1:21P.M. by Kade Hodges, Vice Chairman of the Board.

Ruthe Foster moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Cliff Caldwell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

District accountant Karen Hodges presented the regular bills, annual membership dues and fees, and annual insurance premiums to the Board. After reviewing the bills as presented, Ruthe Foster moved to transfer \$15,000 from the MMDA to the checking account and to pay all bills. Cliff Caldwell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Manager's report included: Irion Co. Commissioner's Court and Matterhorn Pipeline Reps. in Mertzon, WTWMA twice in San Angelo, WWTX2 in Pecos, GMA 7 in Sonora, SHS Senior Class in Sterling City, and a virtual TAGD Executive Committee meeting. District staff spoke to the Irion County Commissioners in an effort to catalogue all utilized wells and begin the process of permitting wells as needed. Matterhorn Pipeline representatives delivered proposed route maps and were notified of the incredible proximity of the pipeline to Seven Springs. WTWMA proposed and adopted a 2023 budget, amended the 2022 budget, highlighted the closing season's activities, and discussed the improving spring climate outlook. The second WWTX seminar was held in Pecos bringing together SWRI researchers, frack water recyclers, hydrogeologists specializing in the Edwards Trinity, and oil and gas lawyers all discussing water resources in West Texas. GMA 7 met to discuss ongoing TWDB model updates and problems identified in the recharge and pumping model additions recently completed. District staff were invited to speak to the SHS senior class about aquifer dynamics in general and our local water resources. Students were dazzled and baffled! A virtual TAGD Executive Committee meeting was held to discuss strategies on how to fill the recently vacated Vice-Presidential position within the organization both temporarily and permanently.

Well Surveillance Report: Water levels within Sterling County monitor wells had variations in levels with a few wells showing increased or static levels and a large number of wells decreasing in water level.

Rain Gauge Report: Most of the County Averaged 2 to 4 inches of rain for 3rd quarter, with above average rainfall recorded at McClellan. This brought the yearly average for most of the county to around 6 inches of rainfall.

The District Well Camara was utilized for A. Smith Monitor Well, and Bunton Monitor Well.

A Notice of Intent to Drill was received for Scot Long- livestock well, Cody Madrid- irrigation well, Zane Foster- domestic well, Johnny Copeland- replacement livestock well, Frank Price- plugged irrigation well, and Frank Price- well rework for irrigation.

After discussion Cliff Caldwell moved to accept the Irrigation Permit for Cody Madrid Located at Section 10, Abstract 1034 for no more than 140-acre feet of water per year. Ruthe Foster seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ruthe Foster moved to accept the Renewal Without Changes for Irrigation Permit for Cody Madrid, Located at Section 9, Abstract 221, for no more than 85-acre feet of water per year. Cliff Caldwell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

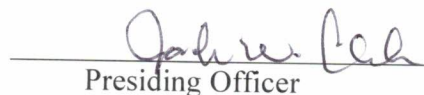
Cliff Caldwell moved to accept the Renewal Without Changes for Irrigation Permit for Cody Madrid, Located at Section 10, Abstract 1034, for no more than 115-acre feet of water per year. Ruthe Foster seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Cliff Caldwell moved to accept the 2020-2021 Financial Audit. Ruthe Foster seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The District CD at the Sonora Bank renewed in mid-October at a new rate of 1.10%.

There being no further business Cliff Caldwell moved and Ruthe Foster seconded to adjourn at 2:33 P.M.



Attesting Signature



Presiding Officer

Date: 1-9-2023