

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

February 14, 2022

Members present: Jack Clark, Ruthe Foster, Ross McCrea, Cliff Caldwell, and Kade Hodges
General Manager; Diana Thomas, Consulting Manager; Scott Holland, and
Technician; Ashley Masters.

Visitors present: Accountant Karen Hodges

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Jack Clark, Chairman of the Board.

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

After reviewing the bills as presented, Cliff Caldwell moved to transfer \$10,500 from the MMDA to the checking account and to pay all bills. Ross McCrea seconded, and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: Sunset Commission Virtual Meeting with WTRGA, TAGD Executive Committee Virtual Meeting, GMA 7 meeting in Sonora, TAGD GCD Boot Camp in Bee Cave, TAGD Regular Business Meeting in Bee Cave, and Legislative Committee Meeting in Bee Cave. The WTRGA participated in a review of the TWDB for the Sunset process they are undergoing this interim. The TAGD Executive Committee meeting met to shore up details for the impending business meeting and retreat. They also announced the allocation of millions of federal dollars in the infrastructure bill for the plugging of abandoned oil and gas wells. GMA 7 received notice that additional documentation was needed in regard to declaring aquifers not relevant for joint planning. The requested documentation was approved for submission by the GMA representatives. The TAGD bootcamp was attended by newly hired technician Ashley Masters, who appreciated the review and overview of important water legislation, groundwater modeling basics, and the numerous agencies we interact with in the course of our work. The regular TAGD meeting was held in Beecave, Texas. The meeting covered TAGD rollout of weekly updates for articles, legislation, conferences and training that will be available. The importance of outreach by water districts to professional organization such as real estate and well drillers to ensure awareness of water district and provide valuable information. New model information for GAMS and updated case law was reviewed. The TAGD Legislative Committee approved new members and established internal quorum and voting rules for the next legislative interim and session. The committee awaits the announcement of legislative interim topics before further action.

Well Surveillance included: Water levels and Rain Gauges. Water levels remain static overall. Yearly rain fall varied from 15.2 inches to 22.28 inches across the monitoring locations. Lower rainfall values were recorded in the south-eastern portion of the county while higher rainfall amounts were recorded in the north-central part of the county.

Ross McCrea motioned to accept the Interlocal Agreement For Hydrogeological Services with Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District for GMA 7 Administrative Services. Kade Hodges Seconded motion and it carried.

Ruthe Foster motioned to approve the Appointment of Diana Thomas as Designated Representative for the Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District to Groundwater Management Area 7 and approve technician Ashley Masters as alternate. Cliff Caldwell seconded, and the motion passed.

There being no further business Kade Hodges moved and Ross McCrea seconded to adjourn at 1:40 P.M..

Ruthe Foster

Attesting Signature

Jack W. Clark
Presiding Officer

Date: 3-14-2022