

STERLING COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING

October 11, 2021

Members present: Jack Clark, Kade Hodges and Ruthe Foster
General Manager; Diana Thomas and Consulting Manager; Scott Holland

Visitors present: None

The regular meeting was called to order by Jack Clark, Chairman of the Board.

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

After reviewing the bills as presented, Kade Hodges moved to transfer \$17,000 from the MMDA to the checking and pay all bills. Ruthe Foster seconded and the motion passed.


The Manager's report included: WTWMA and Rep Darby and Sen Perry staff in San Angelo and Reeves Co. GCD Water of West Texas Symposium in Pecos. WTWMA received one of three \$100k USDA-ARSx Challenge Grant for further research in electrostatic seeding. WTRGA consultant Adam Burklund, Meredith Allen of Sutton Co UWCD, and Diana all sat down with the San Angelo office staff of Rep. Darby and Sen. Perry. It was a great opportunity to meet with local staff members, introduce ourselves and the WTRGA, and discuss the areas of legislation we follow like tax code, open meetings act, Ch. 36 water code, and more. The Waters of West Texas Symposium in Pecos, Texas was an inaugural event with the expectation for it to occur yearly. Dr. James Ward touched on the intricacies of the geology in western Texas, resulting in highly localized unique aquifer conditions often overlooked by computer models. Representatives from the New Mexico Produced Water Consortium, Chevron, and RETCO all spoke about emerging technologies and efforts to reuse and reduce water use particularly in the oil and gas industry. Notice of Intent to Drill were received from T. Pitcock for a Domestic & Livestock well. Well surveillance included: water levels which were static and water quality for Frank Price.

After being presented with the Q3 2021 investment report Ruthe Foster moved to accept the report. Kade Hodges seconded and all voted in favor. The board accepted the latest Drought Report as presented.


In the annual review of the *Code of Ethics and Policies Relating to Travel Expenditures, District Investments, Professional Services, and Fiscal Management* the General Manager noted that no changes were necessary to the policy. Kade Hodges then moved to approve the resolution adopting the policy and maintaining the GM as Investment Officer. Ruthe Foster seconded and the motion carried.

After reviewing the FY 2019-20 Financial Audit, Ruthe Foster moved to accept the audit. Kade Hodges seconded and the motion passed.

There being no further business, Kade Hodges moved and Ruthe Foster seconded to adjourn at 2:25 PM.



Attesting Signature



Presiding Officer

Date: 11-8-2021