

STERLING COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 13, 2023

Members Present: Chairman of Board; Jack Clark, Kade Hodges, Cliff Caldwell, Ross McCrea, Diana Thomas, General Manger; Ashley Masters, Technician.

Public Present: Karen Hodges, Accountant

The public hearing on the proposed revisions to the Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District Rules was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Jack Clark, Chairman of the Board. No public was in attendance. Manager Diana Thomas stated that no written comments were received by the Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District. The public hearing was closed at 1:10 P.M.

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

Cliff Caldwell moved, and Kade Hodges seconded to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

After reviewing the bills as presented by the accountant, Ross McCrea moved to transfer \$10,000 from the money market account and to pay all bills. Monthly bills were standard plus the annual WTRGA invoice. Kade Hodges seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA in San Angelo, WWTx3 in Pecos, SHS Senior Class in Sterling City, virtual WTRGA, Region F in Big Spring, and virtual TAGD Executive Committee. The 2023 WTWMA season looks to be over, as is common in October. Two completed financial audits were presented as well as a potential DBA name change to reflect the emphasis on rain enhancement activities. WWTx3 saw a number of great presentations from ongoing research into the San Solomon Springs complex, to RRC rule changes on oil and gas waste pits, to mitigating risk at SWD sites. Diana Thomas spoke to the SHS senior class as a part of their groundwater science unit, sharing classroom applications they are learning to the very water wells that supply their homes. The WTRGA met virtually to discuss renewing the two-year interlocal agreement as well as the consultant agreement with Burklund Consulting. All participants agreed in the continuation of both. Region F met to discuss water availability regionally including a proposed change to the Dockum here in Sterling County based on city well field data. The TAGD Executive Committee met to review year end finances, annual summit performance metrics, and discuss some staffing changes within the legislature.

Well Surveillance was not completed for the month of October due to muddy field conditions and personal matters. No Notice of Intent to Drill was received for the month.

Water quality tests were performed for C. Smith, G. Johnson, and L. Horwood.

Manager Diana Thomas reviewed the proposed changes to the Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District Rules and reviewed the lack of public written or oral comments. Cliff Caldwell moved to adopt the Proposed Revised Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District Rules as presented. Ross McCrea seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Ross McCrea moved and Cliff Caldwell seconded to adjourn at 1:30 PM.

  
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Attesting Signature

  
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Presiding Officer

Date: 1-8-2024