

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

March 20, 2023

Members present: Jack Clark, Chairman of Board, Ruthe Foster, Ross McCrea and Kade Hodges, General Manager; Diana Thomas and Technician; Ashley Masters.

Visitors present: District Accountant Karen Hodges, and Wesley Glass

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 P.M. by Jack Clark, Chairman of the Board.

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

District accountant Karen Hodges presented the regular bills to the Board, including the bi-annual WTWMA assessment and a quarterly appraisal district payment. After reviewing the bills as presented, Ross McCrea moved to transfer \$21,500 from the MMDA to the checking account and to pay all bills. Ruthe Foster seconded, and the motion passed.

Manager's report included: RMBJGeo Training in Sterling City, Region F in Big Spring, Virtual TAGD Bootcamp, Cybersecurity Training, Legislative Meeting, Streamline Sales Pitch, and SAWRA Committee Hearing, and TAGD Business Meeting and Legislative Meeting in Pflugerville. Amy with RMBJGeo provided training at the Sterling office on updating the spreadsheets for the well monitor network that allow for evaluation of management to the DFC. Region F consultants reviewed the estimated irrigation water use and mining water use numbers for the next regional water plan. Efforts are being undertaken to have Ashley replace Scott as the alternate voting member to Rhetta Hector representing GMA 7. The make-up TAGD Bootcamp for Elections and Taxation was held virtually. It was a great learning experience with some necessary alterations identified for staff to implement. TAGD 2023 Cybersecurity Awareness Training was completed by District Technician, Ashley Masters. A local government website service out of California scheduled a sales pitch with staff; although some features were cool, the increased price is not justified for our local use. The House and Senate committees are getting ready to begin hearing all the 7,800 or so bills that have been filed. Staff are diligently watching a handful of water and election bills, some new and some refiled, as they work through the legislative process. The make-up TAGD meeting in Pflugerville was briefed by Adam Foster with TDLR on well drilling standards, as well as from GCDs and industry on additional considerations in setting well standards. A legal panel reviewed all filed legislation affecting GCDs, provided a bit of insight and analysis, and even made a few predictions.

Senator Charles Perry has already successfully passed his Ch. 36 omnibus legislation out of the Senate Ag, Water, and Rural Affairs committee, and is likely to zoom out of the Senate as well.

Well surveillance for March throughout Sterling was completed and presented to the Board.


No Notice of Intent to Drill was received for the month.

After receiving a letter of resignation from Ruthe Foster recommending Wesley Glass as her replacement, Kade Hodges moved to accept the resignation of Precinct 4 Director Ruthe Foster thanking her for her service. Ross McCrea seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

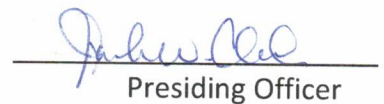
Ross McCrea motioned to appoint Wesley Glass as Precinct 4 Director for the Unexpired Term. Kade Hodges seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Newly Appointed Precinct 4 Director, Wesley Glass was administered the Oath of Office by General Manager, Diana Thomas.

After receiving the Certificate of Unopposed Candidates, Ross McCrea moved to cancel the May 6th election and declare Clifton Caldwell Pct. 2, Wesley Glass Pct. 4, and Kade Hodges At Large duly elected. Kade Hodges seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Ross McCrea moved and Kade Hodges seconded to adjourn at 2:06 P.M.



Attesting Signature


Presiding Officer

Date: 4-10-2023