

**STERLING COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
RULES HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

September 9, 2019

Rules Hearing: Jack Clark called the hearing to order at 8:01 am, and audio recorded, with Ruthe Foster and Ross McCrea,, General Manager Diana Thomas, Consulting Manager Scott Holland and no visitors present. Accountant Karen Hodges arrived during the hearing. Diana Thomas stated that no written or oral comments had been received on the rules. The hearing was closed at 8:05 am.

The public meeting on budget and tax rate was then called to order with same people present. Josh Gaines and Cliff Caldwell arrived during the meeting. No visitors attended the meeting. The meeting was closed at 8:10 am.

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

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

After reviewing the bills as presented by the accountant, Josh Gaines moved to transfer \$8,000 from the MMDA to the checking and pay all bills. Cliff Caldwell seconded and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA and TWDB Flood Implementation Workshop in San Angelo and TAGD Quarterly Meeting, TAGD Groundwater Summit and WTRGA interviews in San Antonio. WTWMA had 4 days in July and is looking to continue research with electrostatic seeding next season with Aqua Sky. The TWDB is hosting a series of workshops to gather input on implementing SB 7 and 8 for flood planning and funding across the state. The TAGD quarterly meeting elected the new slate of officers, including Diana Thomas being the Upper ET Area representative again. This year's TAGD Summit was another good one with notes on specific speakers to be presented at the next board meeting. The WTRGA held 2 of 3 interviews for a new legislative consultant in coordination with the summit, with the last one to come late September. Well surveillance included: Water levels. Two domestic and livestock Intent to Drills were received. Levels were static with several down.

Karen Hodges discussed the addition of her proposed housing development just west of the Sterling City limits. The area is to be annexed into the City for water and sewer but there has been an expressed interest in private yard wells.

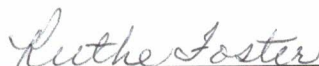
Following discussion on moving the meeting time and day Josh Gaines moved to move the meeting time to 1:00 pm on the same day, the second Monday of the month. Cliff Caldwell seconded and the motion carried.

After the General Manager explained the necessary line changes with no changes overall to amend the FY 2018-19 Budget Cliff Caldwell moved to amend the budget. Josh Gaines seconded and the motion passed.

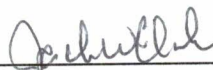
Cliff Caldwell moved to adopt a FY 2019-20 budget of \$165,440. Josh Gaines seconded with all voting in favor. Josh Gains then moved to adopt a 2019 Tax Rate of \$0.01690, which is the effective rate. Cliff Caldwell seconded and all voted in favor.

Ruthe Foster moved to adopt the proposed revised rules. Josh Gaines seconded and the motion carried.

There being no further business Ross McCrea moved and Cliff Caldwell seconded to adjourn at 9:35 AM.



Attesting Signature



Presiding Officer

Date: 11-12-19