

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

February 13, 2023

Members present: Jack Clark, Chairman of Board, Ruthe Foster, and Cliff Caldwell, General Manager; Diana Thomas and Technician; Ashley Masters.

Visitors present: Accountant, Karen Hodges

The meeting was called to order at 1:12 P.M. by Jack Clark, Chairman of the Board.

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

District accountant Karen Hodges presented the regular bills to the Board. After reviewing the bills as presented, Ruthe Foster moved to transfer \$7,500 from the MMDA to the checking account, to pay all bills. Cliff Caldwell seconded, and the motion passed.

Manager's report included: two TAGD Executive Committee and TWRA/EPA Virtual Meetings, and Irion County Commissioners Court in Mertzon. The TAGD Executive Committee met to discuss final preparations for the February regular meeting and Summit planning for August 2023. TRWA/EPA Virtual meeting attended by District Technician, Ashley Masters. It was an informative meeting about the startup of Texas Rural Water Association describing EPA Private Well Owners Assistance and Education Program their purpose and objectives. TRWA is looking to partner with Water Districts and with Texas Well Owner Network for upcoming events and workshops. Staff presented various options for water availability certifications in subdivision platting rules to the Irion County Commissioners Court. The benefits of such certifications were highlighted and assistance in review from the water district was discussed. The TAGD Executive Committee met to reschedule the cancelled February business meeting due to bad weather in Austin and around the state.

Well Surveillance for January throughout Sterling was completed and the recorded data was presented to the board members.

Rain Gauge Report: 4th quarter rainfall for the county was download and added to yearly rainfall data which was presented to the board members.

A Well Registration was received for the former Oasis Water Station/J. LaFrance well, now owned by S. Johnson and J. Clark.

Discussion and Action to Accept the resignation of Precinct 4 Director Ruthe Foster and Appointment for the Unexpired Term was tabled for a future meeting due to low attendance.

The swearing in of a newly appointed Precinct 4 Director was tabled for a future meeting.

There being no further business Ruthe Foster moved and Cliff Caldwell seconded to adjourn at 1:56 P.M.

Ruthe Foster

Attesting Signature

Cliff Caldwell
Presiding Officer

Date: 3.20.2023