

STERLING COUNTY UNGROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 9, 2026

Members Present: Chairman of the Board Jack Clark, Kade Hodges, Evan Canady, Cliff Caldwell, and Wes Glass, General Manager Diana Thomas, and Technician Ashley Masters

Visitors Present: accountant Karen Hodges

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM. by Jack Clark, Chairman of the Board.

Evan Canady moved and Kade Hodges seconded to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Accountant Karen Hodges presented the financial report and bills to the Board. The bills included standard monthly bills, GMA 7 annual payment, and SKG Engineering water analysis. After reviewing the bills as presented, Kade Hodges moved to pay all bills and transfer \$39,000 to the MMDA account. Evan Canady seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA in San Angelo, Irion Agrilife Seminar and Commissioner's Court in Mertzon, TWDB Grant Webinar, and TAGD Education Committee Virtual Meeting. The WTWMA met in an effort to get the program operational for the 2026 season. There were no successful leads on finding a meteorologist so far and the program license needs to be renewed in March. The Irion Agrilife New & Small Acreage Landowner Seminar covered USDA grants available, the USDA small acreage wildlife program, and Wildlife and Rangeland Ecology and Management programs. Irion County Commissioners Court was attended by Ashley Masters for county updates on subdivision rules and logistics on carrying out the WAC agreement for the impending plat submission. The TWDB hosted a webinar to outline their new GCD grant program aimed at research, science, and data. The TAGD Education Committee reviewed topics for development of an online Texas Groundwater Resource Document, various networking events for the year were developed and confirmed, a quarterly met up date was set, and upcoming GCD index and salary study was discussed.

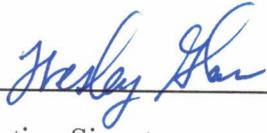
Monitor well network surveillance was not completed for January due to weather and poor field conditions. Average 2025 water levels were discussed and compared to previous years averages. A selection of graphs displaying water levels over time for individual wells were presented. The well camera was utilized for Cravens windmill well and Apache monitor well in Irion County. No Notice of Intent to Drill was received for the month.

Replacement of the old rain gauge network is scheduled to begin towards the end of February. Landowner rain gauge submissions for 2025 were presented and discussed with the Board.

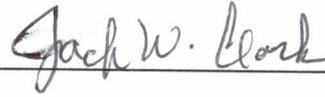
Diana Thomas reviewed proposed changes as presented in the previous rules workshop. No additional edits were received from the Board. Cliff Caldwell moved to propose the revising of the Rules of the Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District as presented. Diana Thomas discussed the required posting and public hearing set forth in TWC Ch. 36 for rule

changes. It was noted that a red line copy would be posted on the District website as well. Wes Glass seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Evan Canady moved and Kade Hodges seconded to adjourn at 2:05 PM.



Attesting Signature



Presiding Officer

Date: 3-9-2026