

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

April 10, 2023

Members present: Jack Clark, Chairman of Board, Cliff Caldwell, Wesley Glass, Ross McCrea and Kade Hodges, General Manager; Diana Thomas and Technician; Ashley Masters.

Visitors present: No Public in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 P.M. by Jack Clark, Chairman of the Board.

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

General Manager, Diana Thomas presented the regular bills to the Board. After reviewing the bills as presented, Ross McCrea moved to transfer \$9,000 from the MMDA to the checking account and to pay all bills. Cliff Caldwell seconded, and the motion passed.

Manager's report included: 4 TAGD Legislative Committee Virtual Meetings, Onset HOBO Water Level Logger Virtual Training, and WTRGA and Reagan County Ag Day in Big Lake. The Legislature is halfway through session and activities are ramping up. Senator Perry has pushed a series of water bills out of the Senate and they are beginning the process through the House. An additional bill prohibiting lobbying by entities funded by tax money has left the Senate and is being tracked as it moves through the House. Various bills attempting to help with the abandoned and deteriorated oil and gas well problem in west Texas are being watched as they make their way through the house. The Onset HOBO Water Level Logger Virtual Training was attended by District Technician, Ashley Masters. Basic training was provided on HOBO field equipment and a direct company contact was established for future trouble shooting. The WTRGA met in Big Lake to discuss all filed bills with the potential to affect the operation of member GCDs and put together a legislative strategy. The Regan County Ag Day organizers invited Diana to come and speak on Bitcoin Mining by providing a primer on cryptocurrency, discussing the experience of the SCUWCD in preparing for a potential bitcoin mine, and making a few predictions on the viability of these currencies.

Well surveillance for March throughout Sterling was completed and presented to the Board with a majority of wells in Sterling County maintaining static levels, 4 wells decreasing water levels and 1 well increasing water level.

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

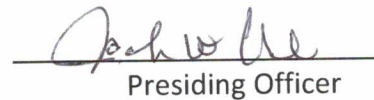
Wesley Glass moved to accept the most recent Drought Index, Kade Hodges seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ross McCrea motioned to accept in 2023 Q1 Investment Report. Cliff Caldwell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Ross McCrea moved and Kade Hodges seconded to adjourn at 1:43 P.M.



Attesting Signature


Presiding Officer

Date: 6-12-2023