

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

April 12, 2021

Members present: Jack Clark, Ruthe Foster, Josh Gaines and Cliff Caldwell
General Manager; Diana Thomas, Consulting Manager; Scott Holland and
Accountant; Karen Hodges.

Visitors present: Kade Hodges

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

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

After reviewing the bills as presented by the Accountant, Josh Gaines moved to transfer \$21,000 from the MMDA to the checking and pay all bills. Cliff Caldwell seconded and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: Virtual House Natural, House State Affairs, House County Affairs, Senate Ag, Water and Rural Affairs, Senate Business and Commerce, Senate Committee on Local Government Committees, TAGD Legislative Committee virtual meetings, GMA 7 in Sonora, and Sterling County Commissioners Court in Sterling City. Many legislative committees have been working hard to push out various bills to the full body consideration. Those bills of interest that have completed one half of the deliberative process include a produced water study bill, an omnibus GCD regulation bill of concern, an update to the cybersecurity training requirement of board members, and an exemption to the publishing of private home addresses of public servants. A host of virtual public meeting bills and access to public information bills are being watched as well. The members of GMA 7 adopted the proposed DFCs and started the 90 public comment period on the proposed DFCs. The DFC for Sterling County did not change from the last cycle and is set at 7 feet of decline in the Edwards Trinity from 2010 to 2070. Past interest in District water studies from the Commissioners Court prompted Diana Thomas to present the results from our recent collaboration with RMBJGeo. Well surveillance included: water levels which are static overall. Notice of RRC application by Maverick Operating for a disposal well was presented with no action needed.

After receiving a letter of resignation from Josh Gains recommending Kade Hodges as his replacement, Ruthe Foster moved to accept the resignation and appoint Kade Hodges to fill the unexpired term. Cliff Caldwell seconded and all voted in favor. Diana Thomas then administered the Oath of Office to Kade Hodges.

Following presentation by the manager of an irrigation permit application for 2 acre feet per acre for 10 acres by Jud Coxey, Cliff Caldwell moved to approve the application with completed spacing exemption. Ruthe Foster seconded and the motion passed. The manager then presented an irrigation permit application for 2 acre feet per acre for 70 acres for Cody Madrid. Ruthe Foster moved and Cliff Caldwell seconded to approve the application. Motion carried.

After being presented with the Q1 2021 investment report Cliff Caldwell moved to accept the report. Ruthe Foster seconded and all voted in favor. The board accepted the latest Drought Report as presented.

There being no further business, Kade Hodges moved and Cliff Caldwell seconded to adjourn at 1:55 PM.



Attesting Signature



Presiding Officer

Date: 5-10-21