

STERLING COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 13, 2026

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

No Visitors Present

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.

District manager Diana Thomas presented the financial report and bills to the Board. The bills included standard monthly bills, bi-annual WTWMA assessment, and SKG chemical analysis. After reviewing the materials as presented, Kade Hodges moved to pay all bills and no financial transfer was required. Evan Canady seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA in San Angelo, GMA 7 in Sonora, TAGD Executive Committee retreat in Granbury, TDLR field day, and WTRGA virtual meeting. The WTWMA entered into a contract with Recast Systems for meteorological services for a 6 month seeding season. The 2025 season evaluation was presented, with operations being rated excellent. GMA 7 met in Sonora to discuss actual water level data to modeled water levels to evaluate how effectively DFCs are being met across the region. Kinney County GCD presented an alternative method of calculating their DFC due to known problems in the model for their area. The next meeting will run pumping scenarios for the Edwards Trinity Aquifer. The TAGD Executive Committee met for a full day of future planning for the organization as a whole and the upcoming legislative session. There is a huge interest in management of groundwater this interim with a wide range of proposed solutions, leading to some very interesting discussions. General house make-up and the potential for a big democrat-republican shift was also discussed. Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) associates and Ashley completed field work in Irion County assessing wells believed to be comingling and assessing surface completions. Multiple wells were examined and failed to have proper surface completion. TDLR will follow up with well owner for plugging and will come back to evaluate additional wells throughout county. The WTRGA met virtually with their consultant to formalize our stance on recent House Natural Resource discussions focused on groundwater management. Two main positions were prioritized that could be beneficial state-wide and not just in our area: the ability of local GCDs to set permit conditions based on local needs, allowing for both more or less restrictive conditions as warranted and the updating of legislative terms "waste" and "beneficial use."

Water level network well surveillance was completed and reviewed. Rain gauge network replacement has been completed with the exception of one location. To ensure proper deployment Ashley Masters downloaded two Irion gauges and determined deployments were

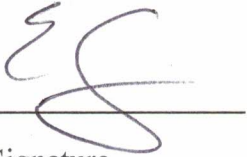
successful! A Notice of Intent to Drill was received for a domestic well for T. Bynum and two livestock wells for L. Horwood.

Diana Thomas presented the emailed SCAD notification of retainer of FY 2025 remaining funds. No reasoning for retainer was given and past notifications of retainer were discussed. Evan Canady moved to request return of excess funds to the SCUWCD. Wes Glass seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

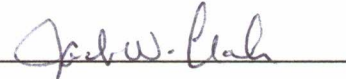
Diana Thomas presented the drought indexes for Sterling County, noting there was an increase in drought conditions across the state from March to April. Evan Canady moved to receive the most recent drought index as presented. Kade Hodges seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Investment Officer Diana Thomas presented the 2026 Q1 Investment Report to the Board, highlighting the receipt of a majority of income and a return of the Pinnacle MMDA to the higher interest rate account status. Evan Canady moved to receive the 2026 Q1 Investment Report as presented. Kade Hodges seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Wes Glass moved and Kade Hodges seconded to adjourn at 1:50 PM.



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Attesting Signature



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Presiding Officer

Date: 5-11-2026