

STERLING COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 14, 2025

Members present: Chairman Jack Clark, Cliff Caldwell, Wes Glass, Evan Canady, General Manager; Diana Thomas and Technician; Ashley Masters.

No members of the public present.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Jack Clark, Chairman of the Board.

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

General Manager, Diana Thomas, presented the regular bills to the Board including replacement of the well camera battery, ATGD summit registration, and the biannual WTWMA assessment. After reviewing the bills as presented, Cliff Caldwell moved to transfer \$22,000 from the MMDA to the checking account, and to pay all bills. Wes Glass seconded, and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: five TAGD Legislative Committee virtual meetings, WTRGA virtual meeting, TAGD Conference Planning Committee virtual meeting, Tom Green Tax Education Seminar in San Angelo, and GMA 7 in Sonora. The legislative session is in full swing with many tracked bills going through committee hearings. Notably several bills covering taxation, notaries, public information, notice, and lobbying have reached the halfway point and have made it to the alternate chamber from their start. Water related bills are beginning to make their way to the floor in their first chamber and are being closely monitored. The TAGD Summit Planning Committee discussed confirmed speakers and more topics related to technology, legislative, and GCD business for the upcoming August event. The Tom Green Tax Education Seminar was two days of in depth training on Truth in Taxation forms, tax rate calculations, and legal requirements of hearing and adopting tax rates. GMA 7 met in Sonora to review management plans, review non-relevant aquifer designations, and directed consultant Dr. Bill to conduct a review of how GMA 7 is meeting the Edwards Trinity DFC to potentially direct any needed adjustments to the DFC.

Well surveillance included water levels for monitor wells throughout county; 22 wells maintained static levels, 12 wells measured decreased water levels, 5 well measured increased water levels, and 2 wells were unable to be measured. The Board reviewed individual wells and discussed the varied levels.

Rain gauge data was evaluated for the remaining 3rd and 4th quarters of 2024 and partial 1st quarter data for 2025. The rain gauge network was noted to have multiple no-data events,

despite Ashley Master's best efforts to mitigate at various points of failure. Several rain gauges have been moved to areas for better correlation with monitor wells and will be further evaluated for replacement and repair options.

A Notice of Intent to Drill was received for the Forest Creek Wind Farm Project. They requested 43 grounding wells for turbines, which are essentially plugged wells with a grounding wire and no perforated casing. The wells were approved by manager Diana Thomas, and drilling logs will be provided once completed.

Evan Canady moved to accept the Most Recent Drought Index as presented. Cliff Caldwell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Diana Thomas reviewed the 2025 Q1 Investment Report with the Board. Evan Canady moved to accept the 2025 Q1 Investment Report as presented. Wes Glass seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Wes Glass moved and Evan Canady seconded to adjourn at 1:41 PM.



Attesting Signature
Presiding Officer

Date: 5-12-2025