

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

May 10, 2021

Members present: Jack Clark, Ruthe Foster, Ross McCrea and Kade Hodges
General Manager; Diana Thomas, Consulting Manager; Scott Holland and
Accountant; Karen Hodges.

Visitors present: None

The Public Meeting to accept public comment on proposed Desired Future Condition of District Aquifers
The public hearing to receive public input on proposed desired future conditions (DFCs) of groundwater
resources located within Sterling County and surrounding areas located within Groundwater Management
Area (GMA) 7 was called to order by Jack Clark, Chairman of the Board at 1:00 pm. A copy of proposed
DFCs was provided as well as a review of newspaper postings and notices. There being no public in
attendance the meeting was closed at 1:10 pm.

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

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

After reviewing the bills as presented by the Accountant, Ross McCrea moved to transfer \$7,000 from the
MMDA to the checking and pay all bills. Ruthe Foster seconded and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA in San Angelo, TAGD Legislative and Executive Committee
Conference Calls, and online Senate Finance, AWRA and State Affairs Committee meetings and House
Natural Resources, State Affairs and County Affairs Committee meetings. TAGD will begin in person
meetings again and is discussing some of the logistics to making these meetings a reality. The legislative
session is reaching its final few weeks with many bills already dying in committee. Two bills that have
reached the governor's desk include one limiting the board members that are required to take a yearly
cybersecurity training and one that would allow the home address of public officials to be kept private. The
groundwater omnibus bill is being closely watched as it moves through the House legislative process, but
ultimate passage status remains unclear as the house version differs from the passed Senate version. Well
surveillance included: water levels and rain gauges. Levels are down a little overall with rainfall year to
date from 1-2.5".

Diana Thomas administered the Oath of Office to Jack Clark and Ross McCrea.

Ruthe Foster moved to elect Jack Clark, Chairman; Kade Hodges, Vice-Chairman and Ross McCrea
Secretary. Ross McCrea seconded and all voted in favor.

In order to account for the new deadline for adopting budgets and tax rates a budget workshop was held
utilizing estimated taxable values.

There being no further business, Ross McCrea moved and Kade Hodges seconded to adjourn at 2:05 PM.

Ruthe Foster
Attesting Signature

Jack W. Clark
Presiding Officer

Date: 6-14-21