

**STERLING COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
PUBLIC MEETING ON TAX RATE AND BUDGET AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

September 8, 2025

Members present: Vice-Chairman of the Board Kade Hodges, Wes Glass, and Evan Canady
General Manager Diana Thomas and Technician Ashley Masters

Visitors present: accountant Karen Hodges and consultant Amy Bush with RMBJGeo

The Public Meeting on Tax Rate and Budget was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Kade Hodges, Vice-Chairman of the Board. No members of the public in attendance gave comments. The Public Meeting was closed at 1:08 pm.

The regular meeting was called to order by Kade Hodges, Vice-Chairman of the Board.

Wes Glass moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Evan Canady seconded the motion, and it carried.

Accountant Karen Hodges presented the bills and financial statements to the Board. Bills included previously approved merit pay, quarterly appraisal district invoice, bi-annual weather mod invoice, and regular bills. After reviewing the materials as presented, Evan Canady moved to transfer \$34,000 from the MMDA to the checking account and to pay all bills. Wes Glass seconded, and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA in San Angelo, GMA 7 in Sonora, and TAGD business meeting and Summit in San Antonio. The WTWMA did not fly in July but logged 4 flights in early August. Rainmakers is applying for various grants and looking into investing in their own aircraft. The GMA met to review historical DFC comparisons and work out more of this round's DFCs. Diana Thomas was voted to be the TAGD Upper Edwards Area Representative again at the TAGD business meeting. The annual Summit was filled with presentations ranging from the role of DFCs, groundwater case law, TDLR rules and water well standards, and data center water usage.

Monitor well surveillance for August was not completed. The well camera was utilized in Irion County for C. Lindley. A Notice of Intent to Drill was received from Tommy Wright for two livestock wells and from the Sterling County Independent School District for an irrigation well. A permit will be forth coming from the SCISD.

Amy Bush with RMBJGeo presented to the board on District monitoring of DFC achievement. She covered some background on the DFC, previous water level projections from the 2020 analysis, and an updated look at Sterling water levels. The Board asked questions on analysis methods, particular wells influencing projections, and implications of just meeting our DFC. The presentation and all materials from RMBJGeo's analysis was provided via email to the District.

Wes Glass moved to amend the FY 2024-2025 budget. Major budget categories were unaffected but Office Expenses and Professional Fees saw some reshuffling of sub-category funds to better reflect actual expenses. Total operating expenses were amended to equal \$171,000, which is \$2,250 less than originally budgeted. Investment income was increased to reflect actual interest received. Evan Canady seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

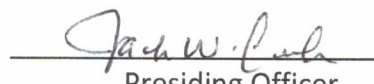
Evan Canady moved to adopt the FY 2025-2026 budget of \$176,250. Compared to the previous fiscal year, Office and Insurance expenses increased nominally, Professional Fees and Payroll increased, and estimated interest income was increased. Wes Glass seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Evan Canady moved to adopt a 2025 Tax Rate of \$0.015588 which is the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate. This tax rate is estimated to raise \$151,497 in funds for the District at a 99% collection rate. Wes Glass seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Wesley Glass moved, and Evan Canady seconded to adjourn at 2:29 P.M.



Attesting Signature



Presiding Officer

Date: 10-13-2025