

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

September 14, 2020

Members present: Jack Clark, Ruthe Foster, Ross McCrea and Cliff Caldwell
General Manager; Diana Thomas and Consulting Manager; Scott Holland

Visitors present: None

The Public Meeting on the FY 2020-21 Budget and 2020 Tax Rate was called to order by Jack Clark, Chairman of the Board at 1:00 pm. 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. Cliff Caldwell seconded the motion and it carried.

After reviewing the bills as presented, Cliff Caldwell moved to transfer \$8,700 from the MMDA to the checking and pay all bills. Ross McCrea seconded and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: Moving West Texas Forward Conference and WTWMA in San Angelo, Lindy Harris Retirement Luncheon in Brownfield , TAGD Groundwater Virtual Summit and TAGD Executive Committee Conference Call. The Moving West Texas Forward Conference covered topics of renewable energy, oil and gas, economics, agriculture, and infrastructure with an emphasis on regional analysis, statistics, projects, and implications. WTWMA staff were eagerly anticipating the large storm system moving into the region, predicting at least 3 inches of rainfall over the following days. Year to date flight days are lower than average, but flare use is on par with past years. The 3 month outlook is still looking dry for our region. Lindy Harris retired after 28 years as both Secretary and Manager with the South Plains UWCD and was presented a honorary TAGD membership by Scott Holland. The TAGD annual Summit was held virtually this year and while the in-person interaction was missed it was still a great event. Most interesting was a panel on reuse of produced water, mainly multi-use within the oil and gas industry. A keynote on maintaining public participation and operational transparency was enlightening. The TAGD EC call reviewed ongoing analytics of the recent virtual summit resulting in expected meeting of all organizational goals for the event. Drafting of responses to legislative inquiries was discussed, as many GCDs and planning groups will be preparing statements of their own. A Notice of Intent to Drill was received from Andi Davis. Well surveillance included: water levels which were down throughout the district.

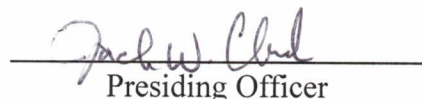
After the General Manager explained the necessary line changes resulting in a \$3850 increase in expenditures in amendments to the FY 2019-20 Budget Cliff Caldwell moved to amend the budget. Ross McCrea seconded and the motion passed.

Cliff Caldwell moved to adopt a FY 2020-21 budget of \$165,440. Ruthe Foster seconded with all voting in favor. Ross McCrea then moved to adopt a 2020 Tax Rate of \$0.01826, which is the no new revenue rate. Ruthe Foster seconded and all voted in favor.

There being no further business, Ross McCrea moved and Cliff Caldwell seconded to adjourn at 2:10 PM.



Attesting Signature


Presiding Officer

Date: 10-12-2020