

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

October 9, 2023

Members present: Kade Hodges; Vice-Chairman, Ross McCrea, Cliff Caldwell, and Wes Glass, General Manager; Diana Thomas and Technician; Ashley Masters.

Visitors present: Karen Hodges, accountant

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 P.M. by Kade Hodges, Vice-Chairman of the Board.

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

Accountant, Karen Hodges, presented the regular bills to the Board. Bills included annual insurance, approved payroll increases, merit pay, and TAGD annual membership. After reviewing the bills as presented, Ross McCrea moved to transfer \$24,000 from the MMDA to the checking account, to pay all bills. Wes Glass seconded and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA in San Angelo and TAGD virtual executive committee meeting. WTWMA has brought on a new pilot for the 2024 season and is starting training now. Rollercoaster weather is predicted in the short term as seasonal fronts bring cooler wetter weather alternately with persistent dry and warm weather patterns. TAGD is closing the fiscal year and reviewed hotel contracts for the 2024 annual summit.

Well Surveillance Report: water levels within Sterling County monitor wells had 19 well remaining at static levels, 14 well that measured increased water levels, 4 wells that measured decreasing water levels and 3 wells that were unable to be measured due to equipment out for repairs.

No Notice of Intent to Drill was received during the previous month.

Water Analysis was performed for Randy McCrea (2), Ross McCrea, and Kade Hodges.

Cliff Caldwell moved to accept the Application for an irrigation permit for Cathy McEntire located at Section 36, Abstract 758 for no more than 2.5-acre feet of water per acre per year for 25 acres. Ross McCrea seconded, and the motion passed.

After review of changes by the General Manager, Wes Glass motion to accept the Proposed Revised Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District Rules. No additional substantive changes were identified from last month's discussion although corrections to the Table of Contents were completed. Cliff Caldwell seconded the motion passed.

After discussion Cliff Caldwell moved to re-adopt the *Code of Ethics and Polices Relating to Travel Expenditures, District Investments, Professional Services, and Fiscal Management*. No

changes to the policy were proposed for the next fiscal year. Wes Glass seconded, and the motion passed.

Ross McCrea moved to accept the 2023 Q3 Investment Report as presented by the Investment Officer. Changes in bank internet policies were highlighted resulting in one month of interest data for the CD being estimated in the report. Cliff Caldwell seconded, and the motion passed.

Cliff Caldwell moved to accept the Most Recent Drought Index. Wes Glass seconded, and the motion passed.

There being no further business Kade Hodges moved and Ruthe Foster seconded to adjourn at 1:40 PM.



Attesting Signature



Presiding Officer

Date: 11-13-2023