

STERLING COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

October 12, 2020

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

Visitors present: None

The meeting was 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 \$11,500 from the MMDA to the checking and pay all bills. Ruthe Foster seconded and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: GMA 7 at Sonora Caverns, Region F, CC Lynch and TAGD Regular Business virtual meetings and Capstone conference call. The GMA met in person at a beautiful new facility to review two new draft aquifer reports and a proposed response to the HNRC's request for information. Region F virtually approved the draft initially prepared plan and has opened up a public comment period on the draft approved plan. Preparations for the next planning cycle were also initiated. CC Lynch made a virtual marketing presentation; reviewing our current monitoring program equipment, discussing potential new needs or replacements, and showcasing some new technology available in water level and quality monitoring. The virtual TAGD meeting completed regular quarterly business activities and celebrated Winton Milliff's 92nd birthday! Capstone, a policy and research firm out of Washington D.C, on behalf of an unnamed client was interested in our local permitting rules, general aquifer characteristics, clarification on the joint planning process and a GCD's role in it, and standards in chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code versus a local GCD's ability to adopt more stringent rules. They were interested in how these all applied to or affected oil and gas activities in particular. Well surveillance included: water levels which were up in the north eastern part of the district, down in the north western and static in the rest of the district.

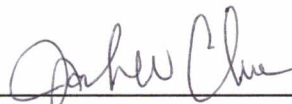
After receiving the 2020 Q3 Investment Report as presented by the General Manager, Cliff Caldwell moved to accept the report. Ruthe Foster seconded and the motion passed

In the annual review of the *Code of Ethics and Policies Relating to Travel Expenditures, District Investments, Professional Services, and Fiscal Management* the General Manager explained the necessary changes in adding an indemnification clause. Ruthe Foster then moved to approve the review and addition. Cliff Caldwell seconded and the motion carried. The board accepted the latest Drought Report as presented.

There being no further business, Cliff Caldwell moved and Ruthe Foster seconded to adjourn at 2:30 PM.



Attesting Signature



Presiding Officer

Date: 11-9-2020