

STERLING COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

October 13, 2025

Members present: Chairman Jack Clark, Evan Canady, Wes Glass, General Manager Diana Thomas and Technician Ashley Masters.

Public present: Todd Flanigan and Chase Browne

The meeting was called to order at 1:13 P.M. by Jack Clark, Chairman of the Board.

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

General Manager Diana Thomas presented the bills and financial statements to the Board. After reviewing the bills as presented, Evan Canady moved to transfer \$19,500 from the MMDA to the checking account and to pay all bills. Bills included standard monthly invoices, annual insurance premium, and the invoice for RMBJGeo's consulting work. Wes Glass seconded, and the motion passed. Individual rain gauge cost and the impact of replacing the entire network on district savings was also discussed with the Board agreeing it was a worthwhile investment.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA and TWON Event in San Angelo, Region F in Big Spring, August Pfluger Townhall in Sterling City, and WWTX5 in Ft. Stockton. The WTWMA had a very busy August with over 20 flights in all participating counties. Average rainfall across the target area was 1.3 inches for the month. Diana spoke at the TWON event that brought well owners together from across multiple counties for water analysis and education. She highlighted the Irion and Sterling Districts and the services they provide to landowners. Region F has approved their state water plan, closing this 5-year cycle and are preparing for the next iteration. August Pfluger spoke to Sterling County residents about Charlie Kirk and the impending government shutdown. The WWTX5 was another great event this year with geologists, landowners, research scientists looking at produced water, and representatives from companies that clean-up produced water all presenting. Video of the event will be available online at a later time.

Well Surveillance included the water level monitor network. Dramatic decreases in the water table since the start of 2025 were highlighted in a handful of wells in the northern and western part of the county, as well as a few measured increases in the southern part of the county.

No Notice of Intent to Drill were received in the past month. Mineral water analysis was performed for K. Wright and two J. Hicks wells. Bacterial analysis was performed for K. Hodges, J. Horwood, and J. Hicks.

The Board welcomed Todd Flanagan, Project Meteorologist with Rainmakers, and Chase Browne, Pilot Program Manager/Chief Pilot also with Rainmakers. They gave a presentation covering Rainmakers as a company, cloud seeding science and techniques, and program activities specific to Sterling County. Questions were received throughout the presentation with much discussion.

Consideration and action on West Texas Weather Modification Association agreements was tabled. The Board expressed a desire for annual updates on cloud seeding activities like the one received today.

Diana Thomas presented the *Code of Ethics and Policies Relating to Travel Expenditures, District Investments, Professional Services, and Fiscal Management* to the Board. No changes in the policy are being proposed. Wes Glass re-adopted by resolution the *Code of Ethics and Policies Relating to Travel Expenditures, District Investments, Professional Services, and Fiscal Management* and re-appointment of Diana Thomas as Investment Officer. Evan Canady seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Investment Officer Diana Thomas presented the 2025 Q3 Investment Report to the Board. Evan Canady moved to receive the 2025 Q3 Investment Report. The Sonora Bank CD will be renewing shortly, and likely lower interest rates were discussed. Wes Glass seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Diana Thomas presented the late September and early October drought indexes for Sterling County, noting that there was very little change despite no rainfall received. The state wide drought index map was also shared. Evan Canady moved to accept the most recent drought index. Wes Glass seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Wes Glass moved and Evan Canady seconded to adjourn at 3:11 PM.



Attesting Signature
Presiding Officer

Date: 11-10-25