

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

May 12, 2025

Members present: Chairman Jack Clark, Cliff Caldwell, Kade Hodges, Evan Canady, General Manager; Diana Thomas and Technician; Ashley Masters.

No members of the public were present.

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 P.M. by Jack Clark, Chairman of the Board.

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

General Manager, Diana Thomas, presented the regular bills to the Board including Austin tolls and annual website security certificate. After reviewing the bills as presented, Kade Hodges moved to transfer \$7,000 from the MMDA to the checking account, and to pay all bills. Evan Canady seconded, and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA in San Angelo, TSLAC Webinar, four TAGD Legislative Committee Virtual Meetings, WTRGA Consultant Virtual Meeting, TAGD Summit Planning Committee Virtual Meeting, and Update on Subdivision Rules with Irion Co Judge. The Mayor of Robert Lee attended the WTWMA April meeting to learn more about seeding activities and potential membership requirements. Two of four WTWMA airplanes have been identified as being in a derelict condition and options for sale are being explored. Carlon Stapper was elected chairman of the WTWMA board. Diana Thomas attended the TSLAC webinar for a review of records management policies and best practices. Many meetings were attended in keeping up with the legislature. A letter of opposition to HB 638 that was shared with representative Darby was presented to the Board. Bills to get rid of May elections, increase fines under Ch. 36, prevent lobbying with public funds, notice of export permit application to surrounding counties, consideration of exempt wells in permit applications, changes to the TNT forms, and changes to the public information act were all discussed. Ashley Masters attended the TAGD Summit Planning Committee Virtual Meeting which included discussion finalizing the agenda and speakers. Ashley Masters met with the Irion Co Judge for an update on subdivision rules and a discussion on the current state and desired future conditions of local aquifer resources.

Well surveillance was not completed due to much needed rain creating poor field conditions.

A Notice of Intent to Drill was received for RT&J Ranches for a domestic well.

Diana Thomas administered the Oath of Office for newly elected officers Jack Clark and Evan Canady.

Cliff Caldwell moved to re-elect Jack Clark as Chairman, Kade Hodges as Vice-Chairman, and Evan Canady as Secretary. Kade Hodges seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

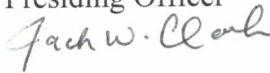
After presentation of the permit application and review of the map attachments, Cliff Caldwell moved to approve the application for an irrigation permit by the Montvale Cemetery Association located at Section 14 Block 12 for 24 acre feet of water per year. Evan Canady seconded, and the motion passed with Jack Clark abstaining due to his position on the Montvale Cemetery Association Board of Directors.

There being no further business Evan Canady moved and Kade Hodges seconded to adjourn at 1:51 PM.



Attesting Signature

Presiding Officer


Date: 6-8-2025