

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

June 9, 2025

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

Visitors present: Karen Hodges, accountant

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 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.

Accountant Karen Hodges presented the regular bills to the Board. After reviewing the bills as presented, Cliff Caldwell moved to transfer \$7,500 from the MMDA to the checking account, and to pay all bills. Bills included standard monthly bills, quarterly appraisal district invoice, and tax appraisal fees. Evan Canady seconded, and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA in San Angelo, two TAGD Legislative Committee virtual meetings, and Dove Creek Springs Field Day in Irion County. April had limited seeding opportunities but did experience some rainfall due to seeding efforts in the Trans-Pecos Weather Mod service area. One of the previously reported derelict airplanes has been repaired and the other has been cannibalized for parts. An assessment of \$0.048 per acre was adopted for any new joining members of the WTWMA. The legislative session has ended for the Texas House and Senate; bills will be monitored through the month of June for passage or Governor veto. Bills signed into law already were reviewed including a notary education and records retention bill, GCD interlocal contract and use of fees bills, increase in the expenditure needed for a competitive bid, and an inactive well plugging bill. Bills awaiting Governor action were reviewed. Ashley Masters spent the day at Dove Creek Springs with Aquatic Plant Biologist Casey Williams, TWDB Spring Monitoring Hydrologist Cody Bjornson, landowners, and other naturalists. Two District monitor wells on the property were observed by well camera, transducer and flow meter measurements were obtained, and spring and creek flora was identified and evaluated.

Well surveillance included a majority of the monitor well network water levels throughout the county for the month of May. Due to rainfall and wet field conditions, a few monitor wells were unable to be measured.

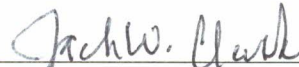
No Notice of Intent to Drill was received for the month. Mineral water analysis and bacterial screening was performed for K. Hodges.

Manager Diana Thomas presented appraisal district valuation estimates from both Sterling and Tom Green County noting that Sterling values are estimated at a significant decrease from the previous year and Tom Green values have increased slightly. Budget workshops for FY 2025-2026 will begin next month.

There being no further business Cliff Caldwell moved and Evan Canady seconded to adjourn at 2:08 PM.



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Attesting Signature



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Presiding Officer

Date: 7-14-2025