

STERLING COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

August 11, 2025

Members present: Jack Clark Chairman of Board, Wesley Glass, Cliff Caldwell, and Evan Canady,
General Manager Diana Thomas, and Technician Ashley Masters.

Visitors present: Karen Hodges, accountant.

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 P.M. by Jack Clark, Chairman of the Board.

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

Accountant Karen Hodges presented the bills and financial statements to the Board. Bills included standard monthly invoices. After reviewing the materials as presented, Cliff Caldwell moved to transfer \$8,000 from the MMDA to the checking account and to pay all bills. Evan Canady seconded, and the motion passed.

Manager's report included: WTWMA in San Angelo, 4H Water Ambassadors at Dolan Falls, August Pfluger Townhall in Mertzon, and TAGD Legislative, Executive, and Summit Planning Committees virtually. The WTWMA had 6 operational days in June, but the fourth of July flood in central Texas halted the program. Rainmakers is investigating a more efficient delivery system for the seeding material (currently flares) but will still utilize aircraft. Updated Interlocal Agreement and Bylaws were adopted and will go to all member boards for approval. Diana joined the 4H youth for a day learning about groundwater, conservation, and the Devil's River ecosystem at Dolan Falls. August Pfluger held a town hall at the Mertzon courthouse where he highlight federal accomplishments including the recently passed 'Big Beautiful Bill.' He committed to finding information on Marjorie Taylor Greene's recently filed bill banning weather manipulation. The TAGD Legislative Committee met to discuss Cody Harris's 4 filed groundwater bills. They are currently not on the call list for the special session, but they could be added. The TAGD Executive committee met to discuss proposed changes to organization documents and the impending Summit event. The TAGD Summit Planning Committee reviewed the final agenda and speaker set noting that changes may occur with the legislative panel due to availability during the special-called session.

Well surveillance for July was completed and reviewed with the Board. The rain gauge network data download was attempted but widespread equipment failure resulted in few data points. Full replacement of gauges has been initiated and will continue over this and the next fiscal years. The well camara was utilized in Irion County for the Bar None Ranch. A Notice of Intent to Drill was received from F. Price for a replacement livestock well.

Diana Thomas reviewed West Texas Weather Modification Association efforts over the past few months to update the Interlocal Participation Agreement and Bylaws. Changes to both documents included formatting and grammar, updating participating entities, unifying the procedure to leave the agreements, and bringing in-line the duties with how the association actually operates. After discussion, Wesley Glass directed Diana Thomas to request Rainmakers attend the October board meeting to inform the Board on their activities and answer any questions. Cliff Caldwell moved to approve the Interlocal Participation Agreement of the West Texas Weather Modification Association and sign as a participant. Wesley Glass seconded the motion and the motion passed with two votes in favor and one vote in opposition.

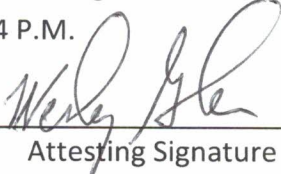
Wesley Glass moved to approve the Bylaws of the West Texas Weather Modification Association and sign as a participant. Cliff Caldwell seconded the motion and the motion passed with two votes in favor and one vote in opposition.

Diana Thomas presented the Board with a draft Budget reflecting the previously adopted payroll changes. Adjustments due to the dropping of the District fax line resulted in a decrease in Office Expenses while Professional Fees increased due to accounting, auditing, and tax appraisal fees going up. The completed TNT Worksheet was presented to the Board, with the NNR and Roll-back tax rates highlighted. Diana answered questions on the calculation of tax rates in general and reviewed the NNR tax rate specifically.

Wesley Glass moved to propose a FY2025-2026 Budget totaling \$176,250 in expenses. Compared to the previous year, Payroll increased, Professional Fees increased, Insurance increased slightly, and Office Expenses decreased resulting in a net \$3,000 increase over the previous FY budget. Cliff Caldwell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Diana Thomas reviewed the TNT Worksheet and presented tax rates at various amounts starting at the NNR rate up to the Roll-back rate and the revenues each one generated. The Board compared presented values with the proposed budget and after discussion Evan Canady moved to propose a tax rate of 0.015588, which is the No New Revenue rate. Wesley Glass seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Wesley Glass moved and Evan Canady seconded to adjourn at 2:24 P.M.


Attesting Signature


Presiding Officer

Date: 9/18/2025