

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

October 10, 2022

Members present: Jack Clark, Ruthe Foster, and Kade Hodges, General Manager; Diana Thomas and Technician; Ashley Masters.

Visitors present: Wes Glass

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 P.M. by Jack Clark, Chairman of the Board.

Ruthe Foster moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Kade Hodges seconded the motion and it carried.

District General Manager, Diana Thomas, presented the regular bills, pre-paid dues, and insurance annual payments to the Board. After reviewing the bills as presented, Ruthe Foster moved to transfer \$13,000 from the MMDA to the checking account, to pay all bills. Kade Hodges seconded and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA San Angelo, ICWCD Public Hearing and Texas Association of Counties Active Threat Training in Mertzon, TSLAC Managing Social Media and Records Management Virtual Webinars, and Winton Milliff Birthday and Retirement Parties in Robert Lee. WTWMA has seen 25 operational days so far this season and is participating in a water tour of the state by the Comptroller Glenn Hegar. The ICWCD held a public hearing on consideration of a public water supply permit for the city of Mertzon. The Active Threat Training hosted by Texas Association of Counties for the County of Irion gave insight of what to expect and planning tools for being prepared in case of an active threat situation. TSLAC hosted a Managing Social Media webinar focusing on what to do with all those records generated in the maintenance of a social media account. The take-away was that we don't need a social media account. TSLAC also cohosted a webinar with TAGD reviewing records management policies and best practices. Long-time manager of the Coke County UWCD Winton Milliff celebrated his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday and retirement all in the same week!

Well Surveillance Report: water levels within Sterling County monitor wells had variations in levels with few wells increasing and large number of wells static or decreasing. Water quality analysis included L Field and G. Johnson.

No Notice of Intent to Drill was received.

Kade Hodges moved to accept the Renewal Without Changes of the Public Water Supply Permit for the City of Sterling City Located at Section 9, Abstract 405 for no more than 1,291 acre feet of water per year. Ruthe Foster seconded and the motion passed.

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Ruthe Foster moved to accept the Application for an Irrigation Permit for the City of Sterling City Located at Section 8, Abstract 1106 for no more than 97 acre feet of water per year. Kade Hodges seconded and the motion passed.

Ruthe Foster moved to accept the 2022 Q3 Investment Report. Kade Hodges seconded and the motion passed.

Kade Hodges moved to re-adopt the *Code of Ethics and Polices Relating to Travel Expenditures, District Investments, Professional Services, and Fiscal Management*. Ruthe Foster seconded and the motion passed.

Ruthe Foster moved to accept the Most Recent Drought Index. Kade Hodges seconded, and the motion passed

There being no further business Kade Hodges moved and Ruthe Foster seconded to adjourn at 2:35 PM.

Ruthe Foster

Attesting Signature

Kade Hodges  
Presiding Officer

Date: 11/14/2022