

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

February 10, 2020

Members present: Jack Clark, Ruthe Foster and Josh Gaines
General Manager; Diana Thomas and Consulting Manager; Scott Holland
Visitors present: None

The meeting was called to order by Jack Clark, Chairman of the Board.

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

After reviewing the bills as presented by the accountant, Josh Gaines moved to transfer \$20,100 from the MMDA to the checking and pay all bills. Ruthe Foster seconded and the motion passed.

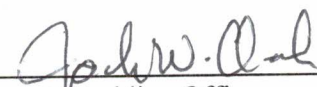
The Manager's report included: TAGD Exe Comm conference call, RMBJ Geo in Mertzon, Senator Perry, GMA 7 and WTRGA in San Angelo, Senate Rural and Water Affairs Committee Joint Hearing online, TAGD regular meeting and legislative committee meeting in Austin, and Drew Darby at FNB Sterling City. The TAGD EC conference call reviewed some internal policy changes and reviewed upcoming testimony before a senate committee. RMBJ Geo came to Mertzon to review district data and put together a proposal for DFC tracking analysis. Senator Perry took some time before the GMA meeting to discuss water districts and legislative matters for his office through the interim. At the GMA meeting Senator Perry addressed produced water issues he is studying in the interim. The joint Senate committee hearing covered two interim charges; water supply in view of produced water re-use and GCD regulatory framework. The joint committee heard from government, industry, landowners, and an excellent testimony from TAGD on permitting, lawsuits, and GCD funded science. The WTRGA met with their new consultant and heard a legislative update from her. Consultant transition issues were cleared up and short term legislative goals were outlined. TAGD conducted a regular business meeting with speakers covering the joint planning process, how to maximize education and outreach, and agency updates including legislatively mandated studies. The TAGD Legislative committee ironed out internal sub-committee organization and registration for the interim. Drew Darby made a campaign stop to discuss local city/county issues, anticipated changes from the 2020 census and redistricting, the Ports to Plains Highway study, and more. Well surveillance included: Water levels. Water quality analysis was performed for Davis Water Station. Levels remain mostly static.

Following discussion on the Irrigation Permit application by Steven Foster, Josh Gaines moved that the application was a noncontested application and to approve the permit. Ruthe Foster seconded and all voted in favor.

There being no further business Ruthe Foster moved and Josh Gaines seconded to adjourn at 2:15 PM.



Attesting Signature



Presiding Officer

Date: 3-9-20