



Minutes February 13, 2018

Call Regular Meeting to Order –The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Edwards-Plateau SWCD Building; 301 S. Crockett; Sonora, Texas. Robert Sol Mayer called the meeting to order; present were directors Erika Campbell, Max Howorth, James Archer and Joe David Ross. District Staff present included Jim Polonis and Meredith Allen.

1. **Call Regular Meeting to Order** - Chairman Robert Sol Mayer called the meeting to order at 9:20 with a quorum present.
2. **Recognize Visitors—Any person or group wishing to speak to the Board on any item on the Agenda will be allowed 5 minutes** – Dr. Butch Taylor was present and did not wish to speak.
3. **Recognize Pump Installers & Drillers—Any person or group wishing to speak on any item on the Agenda will be allowed 5 minutes** – N/A
4. **Rainfall and Water level report** – Operations Manager, Meredith Allen gave the report.
5. **Action Consider Approval of Minutes of January 9, 2018 regular meeting.** – A motion to approve the January 9th minutes was made by Director Erika Campbell. The motion was 2nd by Director Joe David Ross and passed unanimously.
6. **Action Consider Approval of Bills and Financial Statements for January 2018** – A motion was made by Director Max Howorth and 2nd by Director James Archer. The motion passed unanimously.
7. **Action Consider Approval of bid for on Property No. R100991: South Heights, Block 66A, Lot 1-2, MH Label # RAD0944585 [Letter dated January 10, 2018]** – Items 7, 8, and 9 were combined into one consent item and reviewed by the board together. Director Joe David Ross made a motion to approve the bid given to the Appraisal District by public auction for foreclosed property to be placed by on the tax roll. The motion was 2nd by Max Howorth and passed unanimously.
8. **Action Consider Approval of bid for on Property No.R100956: NW 40' of Lot 5 Block 59A South Heights [Letter dated January 26, 2018]** – See motion above.
9. **Action Consider Approval of bid for on Property No.R101528: Lot 7, Block W-35 [Letter dated January 26, 2018]** - See motion above.
10. **Action Consider Approval of proposal for dye test on west side of Sonora, TX** – Director Ross mad a motion to table this item until District staff received participation and support from involved landowners. The motion was 2nd by Max Howorth and passed unanimously.
11. **General Manager's comments** –
 - a. Budget amendment on line item "Aquifer Study" is not necessary there are enough funds left to perform a dye test.
 - b. Robert Mace, Deputy Executive Administrator, TWDB retired from TWDB and is now Chief Water Policy Officer at the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment. John Dupnik, former general manager, at Barton Springs will take Robert Mace's place at TWDB.
 - c. At the TAGD Winter meeting a large segment of time was devoted to proposed increases to dues and fees. TAGD is experiencing growing pains, so decisions must be made to grow and increase dues and fees or stay as is and not have increases. Comments by members expressed a desire to grow; a decision must be made at the May meeting. Any increase will go into effect in 2019.
 - d. A developer purchased 650 acres, near Fredericksburg, and is subdividing it into 180 sites; he applied for two community wells to supply water to these sites. People signed up to participate in the hearing on this application; one individual was late in signing up so he could not participate in the hearing. In order to be heard he ordered a contested case, which held up the application. The day before the case was to be heard the complainant and developer met it was agreed that the developer would not request to increase the pumpage for ten years. This negated the hearing.



Ms. Susana Conseco was one of the lawyers on this case, she noticed the language for a contested case exists in the Water Code, but it is not clear. Water Districts do not have this language in their rules so Susana took it upon herself to write it into our rules – Pro Bono; and make it available to any district that wants to use it.

- e. On April 5 and 6, 2018 at the Annenberg Presidential Conference Center in College Station, TX will be a two-day conference on Texas Water Policy.
- f. This year's TAGD Texas Groundwater Summit will be held at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort in San Antonio, TX August 28 – 30, 2018.

12. Continuation of amended rules workshop. – A rules workshop was scheduled for February 22nd at gam at the Sutton County UWCD office.

13. Director Comments/Directives to Staff:

- Create trend lines for transducers
- Add a summary of investments for the term, return of CDs, and rate
- Prepare for upcoming Elections

14. Action Consider meeting adjournment – A motion to adjourn at 1:04 p.m. was made by Director Joe David Ross. The motion was 2nd by Director Howorth and passed unanimously.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 13, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Edwards-Plateau SWCD Building, 301 S. Crockett Ave.; Sonora, TX.

Presiding Officer

Date

Attesting Signature