



**Minutes**  
**November 14, 2017**

**Call Regular Meeting to Order** –The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 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 Max Howorth, James Archer and Joe David Ross. District Staff present included Meredith Allen and Jim Polonis.

1. **Call Regular Meeting to Order** – Chairman Robert Sol Mayer called the meeting to order at 9:03 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 – N/A
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 the October 10, 2017 regular meeting.** – Director Howorth motioned to approve the October minutes. Director Archer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed unanimously.
6. **Action Consider Approval of Bills and Financial Statements for October 2017.** – Director Howorth motioned to approve the October financials. Director Ross 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed unanimously.
7. **Action Consider sign 2017 Tax Roll for Sutton County UWCD.** – All five Directors signed the Tax Roll for Sutton County UWCD.
8. **Action Consider approval of the operating permits for the City of Sonora of two municipal water wells at the Loves Travel Stop.** – Director Archer made the motion to approve the operating permits for the City of Sonora’s two municipal water wells to be operated one at a time. Director Campbell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Director Max Howorth recused himself from the vote, and motion passed with four votes in favor.
9. **Action Consider Approval of 2016-2017 Budget amendment** – Director Ross made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 budget amendment and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Howorth. The motion passed unanimously.
10. **General Manager’s comments** – Jim Polonis outlined TML Health Benefits for employees. Director Howorth made the motion to approve the TML Health Benefits Policy at \$400 a month. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Campbell and passed unanimously. A motion was made by Director Howorth to approve the website for public publishing and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Campbell with unanimous pass. Polonis explained the option of cost-sharing the May 2018 election with the City of Sonora, Sonora Independent School District, and the Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Board. Director Howorth made a motion to approve joining and cost sharing with the three entities. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Archer and passed unanimously.
11. **Continuation of amended rules workshop.** – The Directors reviewed the draft rules. Director Howorth made a motion requesting that the Exempt Use be defined as 17.5 gallons per minute or 25,000 gallons per day in all areas where the exempt status is referenced in the rules. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Archer. The motion passed with 4 Directors (Campbell, Archer, Ross, and Howorth) voting in favor and 1 (Mayer) voting in opposition.
12. **Action Consider setting date and time and place for amended rules public hearing** – tabled.



**13. Director Comments/Directives to Staff**

- Review neighboring GCD tax rates
- Switch the mission and guiding principles on the website and add pictures and descriptions of tools
- Review all elections information
- Review the definition of agriculture in ch. 36 of the water code

**14. Action Consider meeting adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm with a motion made by Director Campbell and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Ross. The motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 12, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Edwards-Plateau SWCD Building, 301 S. Crockett Ave.; Sonora, TX.

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Presiding Officer

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Date

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Attesting Signature