



**Minutes
December 13, 2016**

Call Regular Meeting to Order –The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 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. Meredith Earwood, Jacqui Thomas and Jim Polonis were also present.

1. **Call Regular Meeting to Order**
Chairman Robert Sol Mayer called the meeting to order at 9:05 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** – Jacqui Thomas gave the report
1. **Action swearing in ceremony for James Archer and photo event with newspaper photographer.**
Mrs. Rachel Duran presided the swearing in ceremony for James Archer. A member of the Devil’s River News took a photo of the new board.
2. **Action Consider Approval of Minutes of the November 8, 2016 regular meeting.**
Director Howorth motioned to approve the November 8 minutes. Director Ross 2nd the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. **Action Consider Approval of Bills and Financial Statements for November, 2016**
Director Howorth motioned to approve bills and financial statements. Director Archer 2nd the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **Action Consider Approval of Permitted well for Clark Abel at property on IH-10 South Service Rd. in equipment yard of one acre. This well will be used for small office and 5k gallon storage tank.**
The District’s counsel provided a memorandum addressing the District’s current rules. The memorandum was discussed in length. The Directors reviewed the new application filed as a commercial use permit under 10 acres. Chairman Mayer directed that the memorandum from counsel be filed with the application. Discussion ensued on previous permitted wells and their process of receiving a permit from the District. Director Howorth made a motion to approve Abel’s application as a commercial well with the ability to produce not more than 1 (one) gallons per minute annually or 1 acre-foot per year, in accordance with the attached memorandum. The motion was 2nd by Director Archer, and the motion passed unanimously.
5. **Action Consider information brochures authored by Meredith Earwood.**
The Board directed Ms. Earwood to make suggested changes and have available to the Board for the next scheduled meeting.
6. **General Manager’s comments**
GM Polonis provided the Board with information on a scheduled presentation in San Angelo by Dr. James Ward to learn more about the geology of the Edwards-Trinity Aquifer. He also informed the Board that the Texas Legislative Council is recodifying of the District’s enabling legislation to bring it up to date.
7. **Continuation of amended rules workshop**
The Board continued to revise the rules. Director Ross made a motion to include Chapter 9.4.3 in a clause in Chapter 5.3.1d. Discussion

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ensued and it was determined there was not a need to make that change. The motion did not receive a 2nd, and subsequently died.

8. Director Comments/Directives to Staff

Make additional classes in the legal section to show more detail of what category the legal fee is subject to; Send language of current bond to Directors for further review; print brochures on glossy paper in house; contact City of Sonora for losses due to leaks; Request to be on mailing list for City Council to receive their agendas for their meetings.

9. Action Consider meeting adjournment

Chairman Mayer asked for motion to adjourn meeting at 12:04. Max Howorth made the motion to adjourn, James Archer seconded, motion passed.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 10, at 9:00a.m. in the conference room of the Edwards-Plateau SWCD Building, 301 S. Crockett Ave.; Sonora, TX.

Presiding Officer

Date

Attesting Signature

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