
SUTTON COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Board Meeting
December 14, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.
Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District Board Room
301 S. Crockett Ave.
Sonora, Texas

Minutes

Directors Present: Robert Mayer, Butch Taylor, and Erika Campbell

Directors Absent: James Archer and Max Howorth

District Staff Present: Meredith Allen, Sofia Galindo, and Lana Tolleson

Regular Board Meeting

1. Call Regular Meeting to Order

Mayer called the regular meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

2. Recognize Visitors—Any person or group wishing to speak to the Board on any item on the Agenda will be allowed 5 minutes

David Wallace addressed the Board concerning his request to amend his existing commercial permit to include irrigation use.

3. Recognize Pump Installers & Drillers—Any person or group wishing to speak on any item on the Agenda will be allowed 5 minutes

None Present

4. Water Level and Rainfall Report

Technician Sofia Galindo presented rainfall and water level reports for the months of October and November.

5. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Minutes of the October 12, 2021 regular meeting.

Director Butch Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021 regular meeting. The motion was 2nd by Director Erika Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Bills and Financial Statements for October and November 2021.

Operations Manager Lana Tolleson reviewed the expenditures for October and November 2021. Campbell made a motion to approve the October and November 2021 bills and financial statements. The motion was 2nd by Taylor and passed unanimously.

7. Action, Discuss or Consider Amending Existing Commercial Permit to Include Irrigation Use

After discussion, Campbell made a motion to amend David Wallace's existing commercial permit to include irrigation use. The motion was 2nd by Taylor and passed unanimously.

8. Action, Discuss, or Consider Property Stuck Off to the Taxing Jurisdictions for Delinquent Property Taxes by Multiple Bidders. The Properties Being Identified as R100965 and R101576.

Campbell made a motion to accept the bid of \$11,800.00 for Property Number R100965. The motion was 2nd by Taylor and passed unanimously.

Taylor made a motion to accept the bid of \$5,991.65 for Property Number R101576. The motion was 2nd by Campbell and passed unanimously.

9. Presentation by District Technician on Recent Updates to Monitoring Network Field Technology

Galindo and Consulting Manager Meredith Allen gave a presentation to the Board on recent updates to our monitoring network field technology. Mayer asked that they give the presentation again when all Board members are present. Taylor made a motion to purchase the new equipment for the District's Drought Contingency Well located at the Golf Course and for a new monitoring well on Robert Malone's property. The motion was 2nd by Campbell and passed unanimously.

10. Executive Session: Deliberations about Personnel Matters: In Accordance with Texas Government Code 551.074

The Board of Directors convened into Executive Session to deliberate on personnel matters at 10:46 a.m..

11. Action Reconvene into Open Session and Consider Action, if any, regarding decisions discussed in Executive Session.

The Board of Directors reconvened into open session at 11:44 a.m. Campbell made a motion to approve a retirement bonus of \$3,500 for Iris Garza. The motion was 2nd by Taylor and passed unanimously.

12. Consulting Manager’s Comments

- a. GMA 7 – Allen informed the Board that GMA 7 will meet again in Sonora on Thursday, January 20th.
- b. Legislative Update – Allen updated the Board on legislative activity.
- c. 4th Grade Water Festival – November 18th – The District participated in the annual 4th Grade Water Festival with approximately 50 students in attendance
- d. Hydros Update – Allen informed the Board that we are on track to begin the on-boarding process with Hydros in January.

13. Operations Manager’s Comments

- a. SEP-IRA Contributions – Tolleson informed the Board that there are potential issues for employees upon retirement with the current FICA Replacement Plan of making contributions to SEP-IRAs. More information will be gathered and presented to the Board at a future meeting.
- b. Update on District Activity – TAGD will be presenting a series of “GCD Boot Camps” to help GCD staff and Board members learn more about the essentials of operating a GCD and managing groundwater resources. The first Boot Camp will be held in Austin on February 8th.

14. Director Comments/Directives to Staff

- a. Hold a retirement/relocation party for Iris and Nick Garza on Tuesday, January 25th.
- b. January Board meeting to be held prior to the retirement party.
- c. Galindo to give Monitoring Network presentation at a future meeting with a full Board.

15. Action, Discuss, or Consider meeting adjournment

Taylor made a motion to adjourn at 12:05 p.m. with a 2nd by Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer

Date

Attesting Signature