
SUTTON COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Board Meeting
January 12, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.
Meeting Held Virtually
Sonora, Texas

Minutes

Directors Present via Videoconference: Robert Mayer, Butch Taylor, Erika Campbell, James Archer and Max Howorth

Directors Absent: None

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

1. Call Regular Meeting to Order

Board Chairman Robert Mayer called the meeting to order at 9:07 am with a quorum in attendance.

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

None present.

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. Rainfall and Water level report

Technician Sofia Galindo and Consulting Manager Meredith Allen presented rainfall and water level reports for the month of December.

5. Quarterly Well Registration Report

The District did not receive any Well Registration reports during this quarter.

6. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Minutes of the December 8, 2020 regular meeting.

Director Max Howorth made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2020 regular meeting. The motion was 2nd by Director Butch Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Bills and Financial Statements for December 2020.

Operations Manager Lana Tolleson presented the December 2020 financial statements. Director James Archer made a motion to approve the December 2020 bills and financial statements. The motion was 2nd by Howorth and passed unanimously.

8. Action, Discuss or Consider Approval of Quarterly Investment Report – 1st Quarter FY 2020-2021

Tolleson presented the Quarterly Investment Report for the 1st Quarter of FY 2020-2021.

9. Action, Discuss or Consider Approval of Joint Election Agreement

Allen presented the Joint Election Agreement between Sonora ISD, Sutton County UWCD, Sutton County Hospital District and the Sutton County Clerk (see attached agreement). A motion was made by Howorth to approve the agreement. The motion was 2nd by Archer and passed unanimously.

10. Action, Discuss or Consider Application for Plugging Abandoned Well by Glasscock

Allen presented an application for plugging an abandoned well submitted by Ray Glasscock. After discussion, this item was tabled until additional information is obtained.

11. Action, Discuss or Consider 2020 Annual Report

Tabled until February meeting.

12. Possible Action Regarding Research Opportunities

Directors Erika Campbell and Taylor presented possible research ideas to the Board. After discussion, they were asked to present a formal proposal with cost estimates.

13. 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 10:57 a.m.

14. 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 11:36. Howorth made a motion to raise Lana Tolleson's salary by 7%, and a 3% raise in salary for both Meredith Allen and Iris Garza, effective January 1, 2021. The motion was 2nd by Archer and passed unanimously.

15. Consulting Manager's comments

- a. GMA 7 – Allen informed the Board that Groundwater Management Area #7 will have their next meeting in Sonora at the Sutton County Civic Center on January 21st at 10:00 a.m.
- b. Legislative Update – Allen also discussed upcoming legislation that would impact the District and noted that the 87th Session began today, January 12 and will end its regular session May 31.

16. Operations Manager's comments

- a. Update on District Activity – Tolleson updated the Board on District activities including tracking all requirements for the May 1st election, completing annual State Comptroller Reports and other State reporting requirements.

17. Director Comments/Directives to Staff

- a. Inform local well drillers of the wells we monitor
- b. Get additional information from Ray Glasscock for Plugging Assistance request
- c. Keep Board members apprised of significant legislation affecting ground water districts

18. Action, Discuss, or Consider meeting adjournment

Howorth made a motion to adjourn at 12:03 p.m. with a 2nd by Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer

Date

Attesting Signature