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# SUTTON COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## Board Meeting February 9, 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 9:02 a.m. 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

Clark Abel, Abel Water Systems, shared information with the Board on State well plugging requirements.

#### 4. Rainfall and Water level report

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

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

Director Max Howorth made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 regular meeting. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Erika Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 6. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Bills and Financial Statements for January 2021.

Operations Manager Lana Tolleson and Allen presented the January 2021 financial statements. Howorth made a motion to approve the January 2021 bills and financial statements. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Campbell and passed unanimously.

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

Allen presented a risk assessment chart for the District to use when evaluating applications for well plugging assistance. After discussion, Campbell made a motion for the District to set a policy of reimbursing a landowner for 50% of the cost to plug a well by a certified well driller up to \$1,500 per well. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Howorth. The motion carried.

Howorth made a motion to reimburse Ray Glasscock for plugging his abandoned well according to the District policy. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director James Archer and passed unanimously.

#### 8. Action, Discuss or Consider Research Opportunities Presented by Dr. Doug Tolleson, Texas A&M

Dr. Doug Tolleson from Texas A&M University made a presentation to the Board for a potential groundwater related research project. After discussion, Dr. Tolleson was asked to submit a written proposal and budget to be considered at next month's meeting.

#### 9. Action, Discuss or Consider Approval of the Sutton County UWCD Election for Precincts 2, 3 and At Large

Howorth made a motion to order the election for the Sutton County UWCD for Precincts 2, 3 and At Large on May 1, 2021. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Archer. The motion passed unanimously.

**10. Action, Discuss or Consider 2020, Annual Report**

Allen presented the Sutton County UWCD Annual Report for 2020. Campbell made a motion to accept the report. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Butch Taylor and passed unanimously.

**11. Consulting Manager’s comments**

- a. GMA 7 – Allen updated the Board on the upcoming schedule for GMA 7, including DFC draft deadlines and the need for an upcoming public hearing.
- b. Legislative Update – Allen updated the Board on legislative news.

**12. Operations Manager’s comments**

- a. Update on District Activity – Tolleson updated the Board on District activities including:
  - Annual Production Reports have been sent out and we are receiving completed reports.
  - All Directors and staff are required by the State to take the Cybersecurity Training class again this year by June 14<sup>th</sup>. Tolleson will send information on completing the course to the Directors and staff.
  - The annual Groundwater Summit will be held Aug 31 – Sept 2 at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort in San Antonio. Any Board member who would like to attend can let Tolleson know. There will be options for in-person attendance, as well as live stream.

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

- a. Keep Board members updated on significant legislation affecting ground water districts.
- b. Inform Ray Glasscock of well plugging assistance.
- c. The Research Committee will meet to evaluate Dr. Tolleson’s research proposal.

**14. Action, Discuss, or Consider meeting adjournment**

Howorth made a motion to adjourn at 11:39 a.m. with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Archer. The motion passed unanimously.

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Presiding Officer

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Date

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