
SUTTON COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



**Public Hearing/Board Meeting
February 13, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.
Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District Board Room
301 S. Crockett Ave.
Sonora, Texas**

Minutes

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

Directors Absent: None

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

Public Hearing on Proposed 2023-2028 SUTUWCD Management Plan

1. Call Public Hearing to order and establish a quorum.

Board Chairman Robert Mayer called the Public Hearing to order at 9:03 a.m. and established a quorum.

2. Open Public Hearing on Proposed 2023-2028 SUTUWCD Management Plan

Consulting Manager Meredith Allen reviewed the proposed 2023-2028 Management Plan. No members of the public were present.

3. Adjourn Public Hearing on Proposed 2023-2028 SUTUWCD Management Plan

A motion was made by Director Max Howorth to adjourn the public hearing at 9:38 a.m. with a second by Director James Archer. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Board Meeting

1. Call Regular Meeting to Order

Board Chairman Robert Mayer called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 9:38 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

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. Water Level and Rainfall Report

Technician Sofia Galindo presented the rainfall and water level report for January.

5. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Minutes of the January 9, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Director Erika Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting with a second by Archer. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Bills and Financial Statements for January 2024.

Operations Manager Lana Tolleson reviewed the revenue and expenditures for January 2024. Howorth made a motion to approve the January 2024 bills and financial statements. The motion was seconded by Campbell and passed unanimously.

7. Action, Discuss or Consider Resolution Adopting the 2023-2028 SUTUWCD Management Plan

Archer made a motion to approve the resolution adopting the 2023-2028 SUTUWCD Management Plan with the proviso that the District: 1) remove support of the West Texas Weather Modification Association as a goal; and 2) change the wording “Brush Control” to “Brush Management”. The motion was seconded by Director Butch Taylor and passed unanimously. Allen will resubmit the management plan with the changes.

8. Action, Discuss or Consider Property Struck off to the Taxing Jurisdictions for Delinquent Property Taxes. The Property being identified as R100614.

Howorth made a motion to accept the bid of \$3,000.00 from Juan Cesareo Moreno Sosa for property #R100614. The motion was seconded by Campbell and passed unanimously.

9. Action, Discuss or Consider 2023 Annual Report

Allen presented the District’s 2023 Annual Report to the Board. A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Taylor to accept the 2023 Annual Report. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Action, Discuss or Consider Update to District Website

Allen met with the District’s website designer to discuss updates that need to be made. There will be no charge for these updates.

11. Action, Discuss or Consider Annual Report on Texas A&M Research Project

The Board reviewed the annual report provided by Dr. Doug Tolleson of Texas A&M AgriLife for the research project funded by the District. Dr. Tolleson will be invited to attend an upcoming meeting.

12. Consulting Manager’s Comments

- a. TAGD Winter Business Meeting & Boot Camp – Allen attended the TAGD Winter Business Meeting and GCD Boot Camp on Aquifer Science on January 30 & 31 in Round Rock. It was announced at the meeting that Adam Foster has been hired as the new Executive Director for TAGD.

13. Operations Manager’s Comments

- a. Meeting of Taxing Entities on Vacant & Abandoned Property – Tolleson gave a recap of a meeting of the taxing entities that she and Galindo attended to discuss a program in association with Perdue Brandon on addressing vacant and abandoned property in Sonora. More information will be provided in the future.
- b. 5th Grade Field Tour – This year’s 5th Grade Field Tour has been set for Thursday, April 25th at the Harter Ranch.

14. Director Comments/Directives to Staff

- a. Invite Dr. Doug Tolleson to attend an upcoming meeting
- b. Send WeatherMod 2022 Annual Report to Board
- c. Submit Management Plan to TWDB for approval
- d. No meeting in March

15. Action, Discuss, or Consider meeting adjournment

Taylor made a motion to adjourn at 10:58 a.m. with a second by Howorth. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer

Date

Attesting Signature