
SUTTON COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Board Meeting
May 10, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.
Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District Board Room
301 S. Crockett Ave.
Sonora, Texas

Minutes

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

Directors Absent: Butch Taylor

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

Regular Board Meeting

1. Call Regular Meeting to Order

Board Chairman Robert Mayer called the regular meeting to order at 9:07 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 rainfall and water level reports for the months of March and April.

5. Quarterly Well Registration Report

Galindo presented the Quarterly Well Registration Report

6. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Minutes of the March 8, 2022 regular meeting.

Director Max Howorth made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022 regular meeting.

The motion was 2nd by Director James Archer. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Bills and Financial Statements for March and April 2022.

Operations Manager Lana Tolleson reviewed the expenditures and tax receipts for March and April 2022. Howorth asked for clarification on several expenditures and asked that the \$500 payment made to CC Lynch on March 1, 2022 be moved to Water Level Monitoring Network. Howorth made a motion to approve the March and April 2022 bills and financial statements with the requested change. The motion was 2nd by Director Erika Campbell and passed unanimously.

8. Action, Discuss or Consider Approval of Quarterly Investment Report – 2nd Quarter FY 2021-2022

Campbell made a motion to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the 2nd Quarter of FY 2021-2022 with a 2nd by Howorth. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Action, Discuss or Consider Extension of District Depository Account Agreement

Howorth made a motion to accept the Extension of the District's Depository Account Agreement from Sonora Bank. The motion was 2nd by Campbell and passed unanimously.

10. Action, Discuss or Consider Property Struck Off to the Taxing Jurisdictions for Delinquent Property Taxes. The Property Being Identified as R100939.

Campbell made a motion to accept the bid of \$2,000.00 for Property Number R100939. The motion was 2nd by Howorth and passed unanimously.

11. Action, Discuss or Consider Property Struck Off to the Taxing Jurisdictions for Delinquent Property Taxes. The Properties Being Identified as R17930, R179732, R179734, R179736, R179738, R179740, R179742, R179744 and R179746.

Archer made a motion to accept the bid of \$2,300.00 for Properties Numbered R17930, R179732, R179734, R179736, R179738, R179740, R179742, R179744 and R179746. The motion was 2nd by Campbell and passed unanimously.

12. Presentation of Hydros

Consulting Manager Meredith Allen gave a presentation on the status of the Hydros data base program.

13. Action, Discuss or Consider One Year No-Cost Extension of Research Project with Texas A&M

After reviewing a letter from Texas A&M University requesting a one year no-cost extension of the District's research project with Dr. Doug Tolleson, Campbell made a motion to approve the request. The motion was 2nd by Howorth and passed unanimously.

14. Action, Discuss or Consider 2021 Annual Report

Allen presented the Sutton County UWCD Annual Report for 2021. Howorth made a motion to accept the report with a 2nd by Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Consulting Manager's Comments

- a. GMA 7 – Allen informed the Board that GMA 7 is beginning the next 5-year cycle. They will be contracting with Dr. Bill Hutchinson again.
- b. Legislative Update – Preparations have begun for the next legislative cycle. Allen will be meeting our new Senator soon.

16. Operations Manager's Comments

- a. Cyber Security Awareness Training for 2022 – All staff members are required to complete the annual Cyber Security Awareness Training. The training is optional for Board Members. Compliance must be reported to the Texas Dept of Information Resources by August 31, 2022.
- b. TAGD Boot Camps, PFIA Training and Summit – Campbell, Allen, Galindo and Tolleson participated in the virtual TAGD Boot Camp on April 25th on Open Government, GCD Must-Do's and Board Ethics/Liability. Allen and Tolleson will be going to Arlington on May 17 & 18 for the TAGD Boot Camp on Operational Basics, Business Meeting and PFIA Training. The TAGD Groundwater Summit is scheduled for August 30 – Sept 1 in San Antonio. Tolleson asked any Directors who are interested in attending to let her know.
- c. Update on District Activity – Allen, Galindo and Tolleson participated in the 5th Grade Field Tour that was sponsored by the Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District on April 18th by having students build edible aquifers.
The District received a thank you note for sponsoring the 4-H Water Ambassador Program.

17. Director Comments/Directives to Staff

- a. Send report on Recharge to Directors.
- b. Make a list of all policies that are required for an audit.
- c. Look into water conservation grant opportunities.

18. Action, Discuss, or Consider meeting adjournment

Howorth made a motion to adjourn at 11:46 a.m. with a 2nd by Archer. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer

Date

Attesting Signature