
SUTTON COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Board Meeting
May 13, 2025 – 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, James Archer, and Erika Campbell

Directors Absent: Wheless Baker

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

Board Meeting

1. Call Meeting to Order

Board Chairman Robert Mayer called the Board Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Swearing In Ceremony for newly elected Board Members: James Archer, Wheless Baker and Charles A. Taylor

Sutton County Judge Jody Harris was present to administer the Statement of Office and Oath of Office for Directors James Archer and Charles (Butch) Taylor. Wheless Baker was unable to attend and will be sworn in at a separate time.

3. Action, Discuss, or Consider Election of Officers for the Board of Directors

Director Erika Campbell made a motion to elect the following slate of Officers:

President – Robert Mayer

Vice President – James Archer

Secretary/Treasurer – Wheless Baker

The motion received a second from Director James Archer and passed unanimously.

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

Ralph Mayer

County Judge Jody Harris

City Manager Art Fuentes

Chacho Cahill

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

None Present

6. Presentation on “City of Sonora Proposed Water Infrastructure Improvements” by Art Fuentes, City Manager

Sonora City Manager Art Fuentes updated the Directors on steps underway to improve the City’s water infrastructure to reduce leaks and eliminate water loss.

7. Water Level and Rainfall Report

Consulting Manager Meredith Allen presented the water level and rainfall reports.

8. Quarterly Well Registration Report

Allen presented the Quarterly Well Registration report.

9. Presentation on Water Quality Network by Erika Sullivan

Erika Sullivan, an independent contractor for the District from March 17 – April 11, 2025, gave a presentation to the Board on her experience assisting District Technician Sofia Galindo with the Water Quality Network.

10. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Minutes of the February 11, March 11, and April 15, 2025 Board Meetings

Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, March 11, and April 15, 2025 Board meetings with a second by Archer. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Bills and Financial Statements for February, March and April 2025

Campbell made a motion to approve the bills and financial statements for February, March, and April 2025 with a second by Archer. The motion passed unanimously

12. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Quarterly Investment Report – 2nd Quarter FY 2024-2025

Archer made a motion to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the 2nd Quarter of FY 2024-2025. The motion was seconded by Campbell and passed unanimously.

13. Action, Discuss, or Consider Board Discussion on Financial Policies

This item was tabled pending receipt of a draft policy from legal counsel.

14. Consulting Manager's Comments

- a. **GMA & Meeting** – Allen reported that GMA 7 held a meeting in Sonora at the Civic Center on April 10th. Dr. Bill Hutcheson gave an update on the current joint planning status.
- b. **Legislative Update** – Allen gave the Directors an update on legislative bills dealing with groundwater.

15. Operations Manager's Comments

- a. **TAGD Groundwater Summit – August 19-21** – Tolleson reminded the Directors that the annual Groundwater Summit will be held in San Antonio August 19 – 21. She will be registering all attendees on behalf of the District.
- b. **5th Grade Field Tour** – Tolleson reported that the District participated in the 5th Grade Field Tour sponsored by the Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District. Allen helped the students learn about the structure of an aquifer by building edible aquifers.

16. Director Comments/Directives to Staff

There will be no Board Meeting in June.

17. Action, Discuss, or Consider meeting adjournment

Archer made a motion to adjourn at 11:22 a.m. with a second by Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer

Date

Attesting Signature