
SUTTON COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Board Meeting
July 13, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.
The Bank & Trust
229 Highway 277 N.
Sonora, Texas

Minutes

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

Directors Absent: Butch Taylor

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

1. Call Regular Meeting to Order

Board Chairman Robert Mayer called the meeting to order at 9:08 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

Pam Thorp – County/District Clerk

Alyson McDonald – Collier Consulting

Brandon Gartrell – Collier Consulting

Jonathon Jennings – West TX Weather Mod. Association

Craig Funke – West TX Weather Mod. Association

Scott Holland – Irion County UWCD/Sterling County UWCD/WTWMA

Carlos A. Stapper – Sutton County landowner/Crockett Co. GCD

3. Swearing in Ceremony for newly re-elected Board Members: James Archer, Butch Taylor and Max Howorth

County/District Clerk Pam Thorp administered the Oath of Office to James Archer, Director at Large and Max Howorth, Director-Precinct 2. Butch Taylor will be sworn in at a later date.

4. Presentation by representatives of WeatherMod

Jonathon Jennings, WTWMA Project Meteorologist, gave a presentation on the benefits Sutton County receives from the investment with the West Texas Weather Modification Association. He was assisted by Craig Bunke, Project Manager, and board members Scott Holland and Carlos Stapper.

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

Director Erika Campbell made a motion to reelect the previous slate of officers by acclimation. The motion was 2nd by Director Max Howorth and passed unanimously.

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

None Present

7. Water Level and Rainfall Report

Technician Sofia Galindo presented rainfall and water level reports for the months of May and June.

8. Quarterly Well Registration Report

Galindo presented the Quarterly Well Registration Report.

9. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Minutes of the May 11, 2021 regular meeting.

Howorth made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021 regular meeting. The motion was 2nd by Director James Archer. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Bills and Financial Statements for May and June 2021.

Operations Manager Lana Tolleson presented the May and June 2021 bills and financial statements.

Howorth made a motion to approve the May and June 2021 bills and financial statements, along with the Quarterly Investment Report. The motion was 2nd by Campbell and passed unanimously.

11. Action, Discuss or Consider Approval of Quarterly Investment Report – 3rd Quarter FY 2020-2021

Tolleson presented the Quarterly Investment Report for the 3rd quarter of FY 2020-2021. See above for approval.

12. Action, Discuss or Consider Database Program from Collier Consulting

Brandon Gartrell and Alyson McDonald of Collier Consulting gave a presentation of the Hydros Groundwater Data Management and Integrated Mapping System. After discussion, this item was tabled for more information.

13. Review of FY 2021-2022 Draft Budget

Consulting Manager Meredith Allen reviewed the draft budget for FY 2021-2022 and received input from Board members. A public hearing for the budget will be scheduled in conjunction with the regular August 10 Board meeting.

14. Consulting Manager’s Comments

- a. GMA 7 – Allen informed the Board that resolutions for the DFCs would be considered at the next GMA 7 meeting that is scheduled for July 29th in Sonora
- b. Legislative Updates - Allen gave the Board an update on legislative activity concerning groundwater management

15. Operations Manager’s comments

- a. Update on District Activity – Tolleson updated the Board on District activities including:
 - All Board members and staff completed the annual Cyber Security Training, and the District has been certified with the State for 2021.
 - Tolleson is working with the Texas A&M Office of Sponsored Research on invoicing and payment process for the research grant.

16. Director Comments/Directives to Staff

- a. Make adjustments to the draft budget for next month’s public hearing.
- b. Get additional information from Collier Consulting regarding payment and contract process.

17. Action, Discuss, or Consider meeting adjournment

Howorth made a motion to adjourn at 12:58 p.m. with a 2nd by Archer. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer

Date

Attesting Signature