
SUTTON COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Board Meeting
July 14, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.
Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District Board Room
301 S. Crockett Ave.
Sonora, Texas

Minutes

Directors Present: Robert Mayer, Chacho Cahill, Erika Campbell, Wheless Baker

Directors Absent: James Archer

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

Board Meeting

1. Call Regular Board Meeting to Order

Board President Robert Mayer called the Board Meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. with an invocation.

2. 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

Cole Ruiz – Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C.

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 gave the water level and rainfall report. Average rainfall to date has been 11.18". Galindo and Consulting Manager Meredith Allen have been installing new equipment at monitoring locations.

5. Quarterly Well Registration Report

Galindo reported that three wells were completed this past quarter according to the TWDB Submitted Drillers Reports.

6. Action, Discuss, or Consider Repairs to TXDOT/MMR Monitoring Site

Allen discussed safety issues concerning the TXDOT/MMR monitoring site. After discussion, Director Wheless Baker made a motion for Allen & Galindo to camera the well to get a better understanding of repairs that need to be made and bring the information back to the Board for action. The motion was seconded by Director Chacho Cahill and passed unanimously.

7. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Minutes of the June 9, 2026 Board Meeting.

Director Erika Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2026 Board Meeting with a second by Baker. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Bills and Financial Statements for June 2026

Operations Manager Lana Tolleson reviewed the financial reports presented to the Board. Baker made a motion to approve the bills and financial statements for June 2026. The motion was seconded by Campbell and passed unanimously.

9. Action, Discuss or Consider Approval of Quarterly Investment Report – 3rd Quarter FY 2025-26

Tolleson reviewed the Quarterly Investment Report noting additions had been made to the report as a result of the recent PFIA training course. Baker made a motion to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the 3rd Quarter of FY 2025-26 with a second by Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

10. FY 2026-27 Budget Workshop

The Directors reviewed the proposed draft budget.

11. **Action, Discuss, or Consider Proposed Draft Budget for FY 2026-27 and set Public Hearing date**
Baker made a motion to accept the FY 2026-27 Proposed Draft Budget and set the public hearing for Tuesday, August 11th prior to the regular Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Cahill and passed unanimously.
12. **Action, Discuss, or Consider Setting Public Hearing to Increase Export Fees**
A discussion concerning export fees was held with Cole Ruiz, the District's attorney. Changes to Chapter 36 regarding export fees were reviewed by District Manager Meredith Allen. During discussion, it was generally agreed that the District should revisit this subject pending potential changes in the State regulations. No action was taken and therefore no public hearing was set by the Board. Ruiz has been asked to redline the District's current rules for compliance and defensibility
13. **Executive Session: Deliberations about Personnel Matters: In Accordance with Texas Government Code 551**
The Board of Directors convened into Executive Session at 10:37 a.m.
14. **Action: reconvene into Open Session and Consider Action, if any, retarding decisions discussed in Executive Session**
The Board of Directors reconvened into Open Session at 11:12 a.m. No action was taken.
15. **Consulting Manager's Comments**
- GMA 7 Update – Allen reminded the Directors that we are currently in the 90-day comment period for proposed DFCs. Districts in GMA 7 are currently having hearings. The next GMA 7 meeting will be held in October.
 - 4-H Water Ambassadors Dolan Falls Visit – July 28 – The Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors will make their annual trip to Dolan Falls that is sponsored by our District. There will be 11 students and counselors attending.
16. **Operation Manager's Comments**
- Update on District Activities – Tolleson reminded the Directors that the TAGD Groundwater Summit will be September 1-3 in San Antonio. The Preliminary Agenda has been published. Conference registration and hotel reservations have been confirmed for Directors Campbell, Baker and Cahill. Staff members attending will be Allen, Galindo and Tolleson.
17. **Director Comments/Directives to Staff**
- Camera the monitoring well at TXDOT/MMR to determine extent of necessary repairs
 - Ensure upcoming public hearings for budget and tax rate are posted according to recent changes in State law
18. **Action, Discuss, or Consider meeting adjournment**
Baker made a motion to adjourn at 11:29 a.m. with a second by Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer

Date

Attesting Signature