
SUTTON COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Board Meeting
August 9, 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

Public Hearing on the FY 2022-2023 Budget

1. Call Public Hearing to order and establish a quorum

Board Chairman Robert Mayer called the Public Hearing to order at 9:00 a.m. and established a quorum

2. Open Public Hearing on FY 2022-2026 Budget

No members of the Public were present

3. Adjourn Public Hearing on FY 2022-2023 Budget

A motion was made by Director Max Howorth to adjourn the Public Hearing with a 2nd by Director Erika Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Board Meeting

4. Call Regular Meeting to Order

Board Chairman Robert Mayer called the regular meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

5. 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

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 month of July.

8. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Minutes of the July 12, 2022 regular meeting.

Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2022 regular meeting. The motion was 2nd by Howorth. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Bills and Financial Statements for July 2022.

Operations Manager Lana Tolleson reviewed the expenditures and tax receipts for July 2022. Howorth made a motion to approve the July 2022 bills and financial statements. The motion was 2nd by Director James Archer and passed unanimously.

10. Action, Discuss or Consider Approval of FY 2022-2023 Budget

Archer made a motion to approve the FY 2022-2023 Budget with a 2nd by Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Action, Discuss or Consider the Proposed 2022 Tax Rate

After discussion, Howorth made a motion to set the Proposed 2022 Tax Rate at \$0.04399 which will bring in an estimated \$316,983.70 in tax revenue. The motion was 2nd by Campbell and passed unanimously.

12. Action, Discuss or Consider Date for Public Hearing on Tax Rate

A public hearing on the proposed 2022 tax rate will be held prior to the September Board meeting on September 13, 2022.

13. Action, Discuss or Consider Approval of the FY 2020-2021 Financial Audit provided by Neffendorf & Blocker, P.C.

The Board reviewed the FY 2020-2021 financial audit provided by Neffendorf & Blocker, P.C. A motion was made by Archer to accept the audit with a 2nd by Howorth. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Action, Discuss or Consider Property Struck Off to the Taxing Jurisdictions for Delinquent Property Taxes. The Property being identified as R100966.

Campbell made a motion to accept the bid of \$300 from Luis Lira for Property #R100966. The motion was 2nd by Archer and passed unanimously.

15. Action, Discuss or Consider Proposed District Policies

Tolleson presented a Code of Ethics Policy and a Travel Expenditures Policy for the Board to consider. Board members asked that additional policies required by Chapter 36 be presented to the Board for consideration, then all policies sent to the District’s Attorney for review.

16. Consulting Manager’s Comments

- a. 4-H Water Ambassador Trip to Devil’s River – Allen reported that on August 2nd the 4-H Water Ambassadors took a field trip to Dolan Falls on the Devil’s River. Allen gave a presentation to the group about protecting our water resources. The District provided lunch for the group.
- b. Legislative Update – Allen provided an update on legislative activities.

17. Operations Manager’s Comments

- a. Update on District Activity – Tolleson showed the Board an article published in the Devil’s River News written by Allen entitled “Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District on Protecting Your Water Well During Drought”. Tolleson also reminded the Board that she would be attending the Groundwater Summit in San Antonio at the end of August, along with Allen, Galindo and Campbell.

18. Director Comments/Directives to Staff

- a. Investigate Sensor Measurement Spacing

19. Action, Discuss, or Consider meeting adjournment

Howorth made a motion to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. with a 2nd by Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer

Date

Attesting Signature