
SUTTON COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Public Hearing & Board Meeting
August 11, 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, James Archer

Directors Absent: Wheless Baker

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

Public Hearing on the FY 2026-2027 Budget

1. Call Public Hearing to order and establish a quorum

After an invocation, Board President Robert Mayer called the Public Hearing to order at 9:07 a.m. and established a quorum.

2. Open Public Hearing on FY 2026-2027 Budget

In attendance: Ralph Mayer

No public comment was given

3. Adjourn Public Hearing on FY 2026-2027 Budget

A motion was made by Director James Archer to adjourn the Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m. The motion received a second from Director Chacho Cahill and passed unanimously.

Board Meeting

1. Call Regular Board Meeting to Order

Board President Robert Mayer called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 9:30 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

Ralph Mayer

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 updated the Directors on recent rainfall. Average rainfall to date in town has been 20 – 25 inches. In-town rain gauges measured between 5 – 11 inches during the week of the flood in July.

5. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Minutes of the July 14, 2026 Board Meeting.

Director Erika Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2026 Board Meeting with a second by Cahill. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Bills and Financial Statements for July 2026

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

7. Action, Discuss or Consider Approval of FY 2026-2027 Budget

After a discussion of the areas where the budget increased, Campbell made a motion to approve the FY 2026-2027 budget with a second by Cahill. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Action, Discuss, or Consider the Proposed 2026 Tax Rate

The Directors reviewed the No New Revenue tax rate and the Voter Approval tax rate that was calculated by the Sutton County Appraisal District, along with other rates that fell between the two rates. After discussion, Campbell made a motion to set the Proposed 2026 Tax Rate at 0.044/\$100 value. The motion was seconded by Cahill and passed unanimously.

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

The Public Hearing for the FY 2026 Tax Rate will be held prior to the September regular board meeting.

10. Action, Discuss, or Consider Possible Action to Approve Enforcement Action for Rules Violation for Dominion Ranch LP and Hill Country Well Service

Consulting Manager Meredith Allen presented information to the Directors concerning a rules violation for Dominion Ranch LP and Hill County Well Service. After discussion and consideration, Archer made a motion to dismiss three of the complaints, issue a citation for two of the complaints and levy a fine of \$500 each. The motion was seconded by Cahill and passed unanimously.

11. Executive Session: Deliberations about Personnel Matters: In Accordance with Texas Government Code 551

The Board of Directors convened into Executive Session at 11:27 a.m.

12. 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 11:37 a.m. No action was taken.

13. Consulting Manager's Comments

- a. GMA 7 Update – Allen let the Directors know that the 90-day comment period for proposed DFCs has ended. Comments received by districts in GMA 7 have been sent to the GMA 7 hydrologist. The next meeting to either adopt or change the DFCs will be held in October.
- b. 4-H Water Ambassadors – July 28 – Due to excessive flooding of the Devils River, the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors annual trip was relocated to South Llano State Park in Junction and the Texas A&M Research Station.

14. Operation Manager's Comments

- a. Update on District Activities – Due to the TAGD Groundwater Summit being held Sept 1-3 and Labor Day falling on Sept 7, the September Tax Rate Hearing and Board meeting will need to be rescheduled. Thursday, September 10th was selected as the alternate date.

15. Director Comments/Directives to Staff

- a. Schedule Shade Ball Distributor to make a presentation at the October meeting
- b. Ask Dr. Doug Tolleson to present an update on the Research Project at the September meeting
- c. Continue to investigate necessary repairs at TXDOT/MMR monitoring site
- d. Send Board decision of rules violation to Dominion Ranch LP and Hill Country Well Service

16. Action, Discuss, or Consider meeting adjournment

Mayer made a motion to adjourn at 11:46 a.m. with a second by Cahill. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer

Date

Attesting Signature