

Minutes
August 14, 2018

Call Regular Meeting to Order –The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room located in the Edwards-Plateau SWCD Building (NRCS Office), 301 S. Crockett Avenue, Sonora, Texas. Robert Sol Mayer called the meeting to order; present were directors Erika Campbell, Max Howorth, James Archer, and Butch Taylor. District Staff present included Meredith Allen and Jim Polonis.

1. **Call Regular Meeting to Order** - Chairman Robert Sol Mayer called the meeting to order at 9:15 with a quorum present.
2. **Recognize Visitors**— Any person or group wishing to speak to the Board on any item on the Agenda will be allowed 5 minutes – N/A
3. **Recognize Pump Installers & Drillers** wishing to speak on any item on Agenda will be allowed 5 mins – N/A
4. **Rainfall and Water level report** –Meredith Allen gave the report.
5. **Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Minutes of July 17, 2018 regular meeting.** – A motion to approve the July 17th minutes was made by Director Max Howorth. The motion was 2nd by Director James Archer and passed unanimously.
6. **Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Bills and Financial Statements for July, 2018** – A motion was made to approve the financial statements for July 2018 by Director Max Howorth and 2nd by Director James Archer. The motion passed unanimously.
7. **Action, Discuss, or Consider Field Technician Position** – Director Max Howorth made a motion to hire Abel Gamez part time from September 1 – the end of December, and to start full time January 2nd 2019. The motion was 2nd by Director Butch Taylor and passed unanimously.
8. **Budget Hearing on the FY 2018-2019 Budget, start at 09:30** - The public hearing for the 2018-2019 Budget was opened at 9:33 am.
9. **Action Consider Approval of FY 2018-2019 budget** - After discussion and review of the proposed FY 2018-2019 Budget, a motion was made by Director James Archer to approve the proposed budget. The motion was 2nd by Director Erika Campbell and passed unanimously. The budget hearing was closed at 9:52 am.
10. **Tax Rate Hearing for FY 2018 – 2019, start at 09:45** - The Public Hearing for the 2018-2019 Tax Rate was opened at 9:53 am.
11. **Action Consider Approval of FY 2018 - 2019 tax rate** - Director Butch Taylor made a motion to approve the tax rate at \$0.05 per \$100 valuation. The motion was 2nd by Director Max Howorth. The motion passed unanimously and the tax rate hearing closed at 10:25 am.
12. **Action Executive Session: Deliberations about Personnel Matters: In Accordance with Texas Government Code 551.074.**
- Directors convened into executive session to deliberate on personnel matters at 10:30 am.
13. **Action Reconvene into Open Session and Consider Action, if any, regarding decisions discussed in Executive Session** -
Directors reconvened into open session at 10:40 am. No action was taken.
14. **General Manager’s comments**
TAGD Groundwater Summit August 27th -29th
15. **Action, Discuss, or Consider draft rules.** – Rules were reviewed and a motion was made by Director Max Howorth to approve the proposed rules to be posted for public review. The motion was 2nd by Director James Archer and passed unanimously.
16. **Action, Discuss, or Consider setting date and time for amended rules public hearing** – tabled.
17. **Director Comments/Directives to Staff**
Send letter officially offering technician job to Abel Gamez
Review requirements to increase tax rate cap
Publicize proposed rules on website
18. **Action Consider meeting adjournment** – Director Max Howorth made a motion to adjourn and the motion was 2nd by Director James Archer. The motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Edwards-Plateau SWCD Building, 301 S. Crockett Ave.; Sonora, TX.

Presiding Officer

Date

Attesting Signature



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