
SUTTON COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



**Public Hearing/Board Meeting
September 9, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.
Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District Board Room
301 S. Crockett Ave.
Sonora, Texas**

Minutes

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

Directors Absent: James Archer

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

Public Hearing on the FY 2025-2026 Budget

1. Call Public Hearing to order and establish a quorum

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

2. Open Public Hearing on FY 2025-2026 Budget

In Attendance: Ralph Mayer

No public comment was given.

3. Adjourn Public Hearing on FY 2025-2026 Budget

A motion was made by Director Wheless Baker to adjourn the Public Hearing at 9:17 a.m. The motion was seconded by Director Chacho Cahill and passed unanimously.

Regular Board Meeting

1. Call Regular Board Meeting to Order

After an invocation, Board President Robert Mayer called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 9:17 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 presented the Water Level and Rainfall reports for August and early September.

5. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Minutes of the August 12, 2025 Board Meeting.

Director Erika Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2025 Board Meeting with a second by Baker. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Bills and Financial Statements for August 2025

Operations Manager Lana Tolleson reviewed the financial reports and answered questions from Directors. Baker made a motion to approve the bills and financial statements for August 2025. The motion was seconded by Campbell and passed unanimously.

7. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of 2025 Tax Rate

Campbell made a motion to set the 2025 Tax Rate at 0.0415/\$100 of property value. The motion received a second by Cahill and passed unanimously.

8. Action, Discuss or Consider the FY 2024-2025 Budget Amendments

After reviewing revenue and expenditures for FY 2024-2025, Campbell made a motion to approve the final Budget Amendment for FY 2024-2025. The motion received a second by Baker and passed unanimously.

9. Action, Discuss or Consider Proposal from Alyson McDonald Regarding Hydrological Study of Sutton County and the Desired Future Condition Review

Hydrologist Alyson McDonald with Collier Consulting made a presentation to the Directors and discussed a proposal for a hydrological study of monitoring wells in Sutton County, along with a review of the District's Desired Future Conditions. Campbell made a motion to approve the proposal contingent on the estimated cost of \$18,000 as included in the FY 2025-2026 budget. The motion received a second by Baker and passed unanimously.

10. Consulting Manager's Comments

- a. GMA 7 Update – Consulting Manager Meredith Allen let the Directors know that GMA 7 would be meeting in Sonora on October 23rd at the Civic Center to review proposed DFCs. All Directors are invited to attend.
- b. TAGD Groundwater Summit – Allen gave a recap of sessions from the Groundwater Summit. Cahill also shared information from the Summit.

11. Operation Manager's Comments

- a. Update on District Activities – Tolleson let the Directors know that the annual review of all District policies would be on the October agenda. She will email all policies prior to the meeting for the Directors to review.
There are still three signatures needed for the District's MMA with The Bank & Trust. Directors were asked to watch for the email requesting their signature.
After discussion with the Directors, an appreciation luncheon for former Directors Max Howorth and Butch Taylor will be held following the Board meeting on October 14th.

12. Director Comments/Directives to Staff

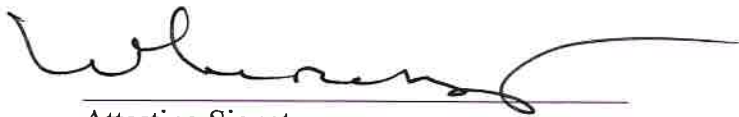
- a. Restructure the financial statements to use percentage of budget that has been utilized to date
- b. Send a reminder email to Directors of the GMA 7 meeting to be held on October 23rd
- c. Invite Max & Butch to an appreciation luncheon following the October Board meeting

13. Action, Discuss, or Consider meeting adjournment

Campbell made a motion to adjourn at 11:26 a.m. with a second by Baker. The motion passed unanimously.


Presiding Officer

10-14-2025
Date


Attesting Signature