SUTTON COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Public Hearing & Board Meeting
September 10, 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

Public Hearing on the 2026 Tax Rate

1. **Call Public Hearing to order and establish a quorum**
   After an invocation, Board President Robert Mayer called the Public Hearing to order at 9:04 a.m. and established a quorum.
2. **Open Public Hearing on 2026 Tax Rate**
   In attendance: Ralph Mayer, Dr. Doug Tolleson
   No public comment on 2026 Tax Rate was given
3. **Adjourn Public Hearing on 2026 Tax Rate**
   A motion was made by Director Wheless Baker to adjourn the Public Hearing at 9:59 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 10:00 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
   Dr. Doug Tolleson, Texas A&M AgriLife
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 and water levels. Galindo and Consulting Manager Meredith Allen continue installing new equipment at monitoring locations.
5. **Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Minutes of the August 11, 2026 Board Meeting.**
   Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2026 Board Meeting with a second by Director Erika Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.
6. **Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Bills and Financial Statements for August 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 August 2026. The motion was seconded by Campbell and passed unanimously.
7. **Action, Discuss or Consider Approval of 2026 Tax Rate**
   Baker made a motion to set the 2026 Tax Rate at 0.044/$100 of property value. The motion received a second from Cahill and passed unanimously.

8. **Action, Discuss, or Consider FY 2025-2026 Budget Amendments**
   After reviewing revenue and expenditures for FY 2025-2026, Campbell made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment for FY 2025-2026. The motion was seconded by Baker and passed unanimously.
9. **Action, Discuss, or Consider Report on Texas A&M Research Project – Dr. Doug Tolleson**
   Dr. Doug Tolleson of Texas A&M AgriLife Research gave the Board a presentation of the results of the research project funded by the District. Dr. Tolleson answered questions from the Directors and agreed to pursue publication of the data from the project.
10. **Consulting Manager's Comments**
    a. GMA 7 Update – Allen let the Directors know that GMA 7 will meet in Sonora on October 22nd to adopt the final DFCs.
    b. TAGD Groundwater Summit – Allen gave a run-down of the TAGD Business meeting and session presentations at the recent Groundwater Summit.
11. **Operation Manager's Comments**
    a. Update on District Activities – Tolleson reminded the Directors that the District's fiscal year will end on September 30th. Please submit any outstanding receipts from the Summit.
12. **Director Comments/Directives to Staff**
    a. Schedule Shade Ball Distributor to make a presentation at the October meeting
    b. Get final report from Dr. Tolleson on the Research Project
    c. Allen to review District rules and present needed updates
13. **Action, Discuss, or Consider meeting adjournment**
    Campbell made a motion to adjourn at 10:47 a.m. with a second by Cahill. The motion passed unanimously.

_____ _____

Presiding Officer Date

_____

Attesting Signature