
SUTTON COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



**Board Meeting/Public Hearing
September 14, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.
City Council Chambers
201 E. Main Street
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 Proposed 2021 Tax Rate

1. Call Public Hearing to Order and Establish Quorum

Board Chairman Robert Mayer called the public hearing to order at 9:02 a.m. with a quorum in attendance.

2. Open Public Hearing on the proposed 2021 Tax Rate

There were no comments from members of the public.

3. Adjourn Public Hearing on the proposed 2021 Tax Rate

Mayer adjourned the public hearing at 9:12 a.m.

Regular Board Meeting

1. Call Regular Meeting to Order

Mayer called the regular meeting to order at 9:12 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

None Present

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 rainfall and water level reports for the month of August.

5. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Minutes of the August 10, 2021 regular meeting and public hearing.

Director Max Howorth made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021 regular meeting and public hearing. The motion was 2nd by Director James Archer. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Bills and Financial Statements for August 2021.

Operations Manager Lana Tolleson and Consulting Manager Meredith Allen reviewed the expenditures for August 2021, along with projected final expenditures for FY 2020-2021. Howorth made a motion to approve the August 2021 bills and financial statements. The motion was 2nd by Director Erika Campbell and passed unanimously.

7. Action, Discuss or Consider Approval of the 2021 Tax Rate

Archer made a motion to approve the 2021 tax rate as the No New Revenue (Effective) rate of 0.04593 per \$100 of property value. The motion was 2nd by Howorth and passed unanimously.

8. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of the FY 2019-2020 Financial Audit provided by Neffendorf & Blocker, P.C.

Howorth made a motion to approve the FY 2019-2020 Financial Audit provided by Neffendorf & Blocker, P.C. The motion was 2nd by Archer and passed unanimously.

9. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of the Sutton County Appraisal District Contract for Assessment and Collection Services effective January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023.

Archer made a motion to approve the Sutton County Appraisal District Contract for Assessment and Collection Services effective January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023. The motion was 2nd by Campbell and passed unanimously.

10. Action, Discuss or Consider Approval of the Hydros Service Agreement

Howorth made a motion to approve the Hydros Service Agreement based on the contingency of a legal review by the District’s attorney. The motion was 2nd by Archer and passed unanimously.

11. Executive Session: Deliberations about Personnel Matters: In Accordance with Texas Government Code 551.074

The Board of Directors convened into Executive Session to deliberate on personal matters at 9:46 a.m.

12. Action Reconvene into Open Session and Consider Action, if any, regarding decisions discussed in Executive Session.

The Board of Directors reconvened into open session at 10:03 a.m. Campbell made a motion to provide Dental and Vision insurance through TML Health to the District’s two full-time employees. The motion was 2nd by Howorth and passed unanimously.

13. Action, Discuss or Consider TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool Declaration of Coverage for FY 2021-2022

Archer made a motion to set the District’s Errors & Omissions liability limit with TML IRP at \$3,000,000 per occurrence with a \$1,000 deductible per occurrence. The motion was 2nd by Howorth and passed unanimously.

14. Consulting Manager’s Comments

- a. GMA 7 – Allen informed the Board that GMA7 approved the draft of the DFCs at their August meeting and they have been sent to TWDB for administrative review. Upon completion of the review, they will be sent back to the Districts for approval.
- b. Legislative Update – Allen noted that the Legislature is currently in the 3rd round of special sessions, with no groundwater legislation on the agenda. Allen and other GMA 7 representatives will be meeting with Senator Perry and Representative Darby’s staff in San Angelo next week.
- c. TAGD Groundwater Summit – Allen and Galindo attended the Groundwater Summit in San Antonio in person, with Campbell and Tolleson participating virtually. The sessions were very informative and videos of the sessions will be available on the website soon.

15. Operations Manager’s comments

- a. Update on District Activity –Tolleson shared comments on the Groundwater Summit and updated the Board on preparations for ending FY 2020-2021 and beginning FY 2021-2022.

16. Director Comments/Directives to Staff

- a. Purchase a desktop scanner for use with Hydros.
- b. Get a legal review of the Hydros Service Agreement

17. Action, Discuss, or Consider meeting adjournment

Howorth made a motion to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. with a 2nd by Archer. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer

Date

Attesting Signature