
SUTTON COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



**Board Meeting
October 10, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.
Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District Board Room
301 S. Crockett Ave.
Sonora, Texas**

Minutes

Directors Present: Robert Mayer, Butch Taylor, James Archer, and Max Howorth

Directors Absent: Erika Campbell

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

Regular Board Meeting

1. Call Regular Meeting to Order

Board Chairman Robert Mayer called the Board Meeting to order at 9:02.

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 the rainfall report for the 3rd quarter.

5. Quarterly Well Registration Report

Galindo gave the Quarterly Well Registration Report for the 3rd quarter.

6. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Minutes of the September 12, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Director Butch Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. The motion was 2nd by Director Max Howorth and passed unanimously.

7. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Minutes of the September 26, 2023 Tax Rate Hearing

Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2023 Tax Rate Hearing. The motion was 2nd by Howorth and passed unanimously.

8. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Bills and Financial Statements for September 2023.

Operations Manager Lana Tolleson reviewed the revenue and expenditures for September 2023.

Howorth made a motion to approve the September 2023 bills and financial statements. The motion was 2nd by Taylor and passed unanimously.

9. Action, Discuss or Consider Approval of FY 2022-2023 Budget Amendments

Howorth made a motion to approve the FY 2022-2023 Budget Amendments with a 2nd by Director James Archer. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Action, Discuss or Consider Approval of the Quarterly Investment Report – 4th quarter FY 2022-2023

Tolleson was asked to investigate available interest rates if CD 8354 was converted to a 1-year CD when it comes due on November 15th. Taylor made a motion to approve the 4th Quarter FY 2022-2023 Investment Report. The motion was 2nd by Howorth and passed unanimously.

11. Action, Discuss or Consider Approval of the FY 2021-2022 Financial Audit provided by Kuntz, Smith & Co., P.C.

Howorth made a motion to approve the FY 2021-2022 Financial Audit provided by Kuntz, Smith & Co. P.C. The motion was 2nd by Archer and passed unanimously.

12. Action, Discuss or Consider Approval of Engagement Letter for FY 2022-2023 Financial Audit by Kuntz, Smith & Co., P.C.

Taylor made a motion to approve the engagement letter with Kuntz, Smith & Co., P.C. for the District's FY 2022-2023 Financial Audit. The motion was 2nd by Howorth and passed unanimously.

13. Action, Discuss or Consider Property Struck off to the Taxing Jurisdictions for Delinquent Property Taxes. The Property being identified as R100621.

A motion was made by Archer and 2nd by Howorth to accept the bid of \$2,500 for property #R100621. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Action, Discuss or Consider Proposed Rule Changes and Set Public Hearing.

Taylor made a motion to propose the rule changes presented by Consulting Manager Meredith Allen and set the Public Hearing for November 14th, prior to the Regular Board meeting. The motion was 2nd by Archer and passed unanimously.

15. Presentation of Texas Water Development Board's Agriculture Water Conservation Grants

Allen presented information on an opportunity to partner with The Nature Conservancy to apply for Agriculture Water Conservation grants with the Texas Water Development Board. Allen was asked to invite a representative of The Nature Conservancy to our next meeting.

16. Consulting Manager's Comments

- a. AgriLife Rangeland Water Conference – Allen was an invited speaker at the AgriLife Rangeland Water Conference held September 19th at the Civic Center in Sonora.

17. Operations Manager's Comments

- a. Update on District Activities – Tolleson informed the Board that the 4th Grade Water Fair has been scheduled for Thursday, November 2nd at the Civic Center. Also, to take advantage of lower rates, we will be switching our health insurance to Cauthorn, Griffin and Leonard as of December 1, 2023.

18. Presentation of Shade Ball Research Project by Dr. Erika Campbell, Texas AgriLife Research

Dr. Campbell was unable to attend today's meeting, so her presentation will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

19. Director Comments/Directives to Staff

- a. Post the Public Hearing notice as required and include that the scope of the meeting will be limited to the proposed changes only. Gauge public response.

20. Action, Discuss, or Consider meeting adjournment

Howorth made a motion to adjourn with a 2nd by Archer. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer

Date

Attesting Signature