
SUTTON COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



**Public Hearing/Board Meeting
November 14, 2023 – 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, James Archer, and Max Howorth

Directors Absent: Butch Taylor

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

Public Hearing on Proposed Rule Changes

1. Call Public Hearing to order and establish a quorum

The public hearing was called to order by Board Chairman Robert Mayer at 9:04 a.m. and a quorum was established.

2. Open Public Hearing on Proposed Rule Changes

There were no comments from the public on the proposed rule changes. A motion was made by Director Max Howorth to accept the proposed rule changes with a second by Director James Archer. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Adjourn Public Hearing on Proposed Rule Changes

A motion was made by Archer to adjourn at 9:54 and seconded by Director Erika Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Board Meeting

1. Call Regular Meeting to Order

Board Chairman Robert Mayer called the regular Board Meeting to order at 9:54.

2. Recognize Visitors—Any person or group wishing to speak to the Board on any item on the Agenda will be allowed 5 minutes

Visitors Present: Joe David Ross, Katy Wardlaw and Jessica Dudak

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 and water level report for October.

5. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Minutes of the October 10, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Howorth made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting with a second by Archer. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Bills and Financial Statements for October 2023.

Operations Manager Lana Tolleson reviewed the revenue and expenditures for October 2023. Howorth made a motion to approve the October 2023 bills and financial statements. The motion was seconded by Campbell and passed unanimously.

7. Action, Discuss or Consider Approval of Reinvestment of CD 8354

As requested in the October 2023 Board meeting, Tolleson presented available rates on reinvesting CD 8354 for 6 months and one year from Sonora Bank and The Bank & Trust. After discussion, the Directors asked Tolleson to make the decision based on the best rate available.

8. Action, Discuss or Consider Approval of 2023 Tax Roll for SUTUWCD for Sutton County Appraisal District

Archer made a motion to approve the 2023 Tax Roll for SUTUWCD for Sutton County Appraisal District with a second by Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Action, Discuss or Consider Property Struck off to the Taxing Jurisdictions for Delinquent Property Taxes. The Property being identified as R100623.

A motion was made by Howorth with a second by Archer to accept the bid of \$1,200 by Griselda Martinez for property #R100623. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Action, Discuss or Consider Property Struck off to the Taxing Jurisdictions for Delinquent Property Taxes. The Property being identified as R101573.

A motion was made by Howorth with a second by Archer to not accept the bid of \$500 for property #R101573. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Consulting Manager’s Comments

- a. 4th Grade Water Fair – Allen informed the Board that the District’s staff participated in the 4th Grade Water Fair held at the Civic Center on November 2nd. Allen presented information about our aquifer and the importance of protecting it. She was assisted by Galindo and Tolleson.

12. Operations Manager’s Comments

- a. Update on District Activity – Tolleson informed the Board that the FY 2022-2023 audit is well underway and should be completed much earlier this year. Discussion was held about the need for a December Board meeting.

13. Director Comments/Directives to Staff

- a. Schedule a Board meeting in December if TWDB has returned the review of the District’s Management Plan in time to post the public hearing properly. If the review is not received in time, it will be considered in January, if received in time to post properly.
- b. Invite WeatherMod to the January Board meeting.

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

Dr. Erika Campbell presented information about the Shade Ball research project conducted at the Sonora Research Station to the Directors, staff, and guests.

15. Action, Discuss, or Consider meeting adjournment

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

Presiding Officer

Date

Attesting Signature