
SUTTON COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



**Board Meeting
May 14, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.
Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District Board Room
301 S. Crockett Ave.
Sonora, Texas**

Minutes

Directors Present: Robert Mayer, James Archer, Erika Campbell and Butch Taylor

Directors Absent: Max Howorth

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 9:03 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

Cindy Cawley

Steve Williams

Scott Holland

Shelley McAfee

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 reported that the water level and rainfall reports are delayed due to Water Quality testing this past month.

5. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Minutes of the April 9, 2024 Board Meeting.

Director James Archer made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2024 Board Meeting with a second by Director Butch Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of Bills and Financial Statements for April 2024.

Operations Manager Lana Tolleson reviewed the revenue and expenditures for April 2024. Taylor made a motion to approve the April 2024 bills and financial statements. The motion was seconded by Archer and passed unanimously.

7. Action, Discuss or Consider Approval of Available CD Rates for the District's Maturing CDs.

Tolleson presented available CD rates from The Bank & Trust and Sonora Bank. She read a statement from Treasurer Max Howorth recommending that the Board approve the highest CD rate available, even if it is for a shorter time frame due to market uncertainties. Archer made a motion to approve the rate of 5.15% for 180 days from Sonora Bank for all maturing CDs. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed unanimously.

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

After reviewing the two bids received for Property #R100621, Archer made a motion to accept the bid of \$2,850.00 from Manuel Martinez. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed unanimously.

9. Action, Discuss or Consider Agreement with West Texas Weather Modification Association

Director Erika Campbell presented research that has been published on previous results for West Texas Weather Modification Association. A discussion was held between the Directors, Cindy Cawley, Steve

Williams and Scott Holland. After discussion, Campbell made a motion to table the decision for further investigation with a second by Taylor. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Consulting Manager's Comments

- a. Potential Groundwater Project – Consulting Manager Meredith Allen reported that an application has been received by Allsups to drill a test well.
- b. District Educational Updates – Our District will once again help host the 4-H Water Ambassadors on a trip to Dolan Falls on July 30th. Allen will be speaking at a Leadership Program in Rocksprings on May 16th on how Groundwater Districts work with county officials.

11. Operations Manager's Comments

- a. Public Funds Investment Act Training–June 6th – Tolleson reported that she and Allen will be participating virtually in the Public Funds Investment Act Training provided by TAGD on June 6th as required by state law.

12. Director Comments/Directives to Staff

- a. Get Legal counsel on WTWMA Bylaws and Interlocal Agreement.
- b. Send July, August and September meeting dates to Directors
- c. Put Employee Compensation Forecast on July Agenda

13. Action, Discuss, or Consider meeting adjournment

Archer made a motion to adjourn at 11:29 a.m. with a second by Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer

Date

Attesting Signature