
SUTTON COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Public Hearing/Board Meeting
August 27, 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, Max Howorth and Butch Taylor

Directors Absent: None

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

Public Hearing on the FY 2024-2025 Budget

1. Call Public Hearing to order and establish a quorum

Board Chairman Robert Mayer called the Public Hearing on the FY 2024-2025 Budget to order at 9:06 a.m. and established a quorum.

2. Open Public Hearing on FY 2024-2025 Budget

No public comments were made on the FY 2024-2025 Budget

3. Adjourn Public Hearing on FY 2024-2025 Budget

A motion was made by Director Butch Taylor to adjourn the Public Hearing on the FY 2024-2025 Budget at 9:45 a.m. The motion was seconded by Director James Archer and passed unanimously.

Regular Board Meeting

1. Call Regular Meeting to Order

Board Chairman Robert Mayer called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 9:45 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

Cecilia Burtnett

Shelly McAfee – Gave public comment on a recent meeting of the Edwards Plateau Alliance

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 water level and rainfall reports through the third week of August 2024.

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

Director Max Howorth made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2024 Board Meeting with a second by Archer. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Operations Manager Lana Tolleson reviewed the revenue and expenditures for July 2024. Howorth made a motion to approve the July 2024 bills and financial statements. The motion was seconded by Director Erika Campbell and passed unanimously.

7. Action, Discuss, or Consider Approval of FY 2024-2025 Budget

Archer made a motion to approve the FY 2024-2025 Budget with a second by Howorth. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Action, Discuss or Consider the Proposed 2024 Tax Rate

The Directors reviewed information provided by the Sutton County Appraisal District on the County’s 2024 Adjusted Taxable Value, the District’s 2024 No New Revenue Rate and The Voter Approval Tax Rate. Howorth made a motion to propose the No New Revenue Rate of 0.041125 as the District’s 2024 Tax Rate. The motion was seconded by Campbell and passed unanimously.

9. Action, Discuss or Consider Date for Public Hearing on Tax Rate

Campbell made a motion to set the Public Hearing for the 2024 Tax Rate for Tuesday, September 10th prior to the regular Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Archer and passed unanimously.

10. Action, Discuss or Consider TML Cyber Interlocal Agreement

After the Board discussed the necessity of the new Cyber Interlocal Agreement with TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool, Campbell made a motion to approve the Cyber Interlocal Agreement and designate Lana Tolleson as the Fund Contact. The motion was seconded by Archer and passed unanimously.

11. Presentation of Water Levels During Recent Pumping of City of Sonora Well

Consulting Manager Meredith Allen gave a presentation of the City of Sonora’s water levels during recent pumping for water sales to Select Water. The pumping apparently had no effect on the water level in the City’s wells.

12. Consulting Manager’s Comments

- a. Meeting with Senator Flores’s Staff - Recap – Allen recently met with members of Senator Flores’s staff and other groundwater managers to discuss the importance of legislation that affects groundwater.
- b. TAGD Groundwater Summit – Recap - Allen gave a detailed recap of various sessions she attended at the TAGD Groundwater Summit August 20 - 22.
- c. Update on RFQ for Legal Services – Allen reported that she has received one response to date for the RFQ for Legal Services but expects to receive others before the deadline.

13. Operations Manager’s Comments

- a. Withdrawal of Interlocal Agreement Between the Sutton County UWCD and the City of Sonora – Tolleson reported that the Interlocal Agreement between the District and the City of Sonora has been withdrawn, so no further action will be necessary.
- b. Update on District Activities – Tolleson reminded the Directors that she will need to certify Cyber Security training by August 31st. She presented the TML IRP ballot for Director elections. The ballot will be completed by Board Chair Mayer.

14. Director Comments/Directives to Staff

- a. Complete the exposure summary for the Cyber Coverage upon execution of the Interlocal Agreement.
- b. Put a budget amendment on the September Agenda to cover the increased costs of coverage of the TML IRP policies received after the FY 2024-2025 budget was approved.

15. Action, Discuss, or Consider meeting adjournment

Howorth made a motion to adjourn at 11:21 a.m. with a second by Archer. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer

Date

Attesting Signature