

MINUTES
EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
APRIL 28, 2023- REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

The public meeting of the Board of Directors of the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District, pursuant to notice, was at the District Office, 110 Wyoming Blvd., Pleasanton, Atascosa County, Texas.

Directors Present: Blaine Schorp, President
Diane Savage, Secretary/Treasurer
Sherman Posey
Clayton Neal
Weldon Riggs
Thomas Moy III
Jay Troell

Directors Absent: Larry Bartek
Frank Kruciak, Vice President

Employees Present: Russell Labus, General Manager
Melissa Gonzalez, Secretary/Bookkeeper
Christopher McFarlane, Assistant Manager
Landon Yosko, Technical Specialist

Guests Present: Attached.

Agenda: Attached.

Declaration of Quorum and Call to Order:

President Schorp declared a quorum present by roll call and called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. The meeting was posted and filed as required by law.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Recess to Public Hearing

Public Hearing- Water Well Drilling and Production Permit Applications

a. Call to Order:

President Schorp called the Public Hearing to order at 9:10 a.m.

b. Public Comments:

None.

c. Drilling/Production Permit Applications:

The Board was presented with a drilling and production permit application for The GR Alston Family Trust (Drilling/Production Permit#3057) for a new well to be located in Wilson County for Irrigation use. Director Posey moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Savage seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

d. Adjourn:

President Schorp called the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

Reconvene to Regular Meeting

Public Comments on Agenda Items, Limited to 5 minutes each:

None.

Approval of Minutes from the March 31, 2023 Board of Directors Meetings:

The minutes of the March 31, 2023 meeting were presented to the board. Director Riggs moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Moy seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Report of Bills Paid, Deposits, and Financial Statements for March 2023:

The report of bills paid, deposits, and financial statements for March were presented to the Board. Director Savage moved to receive and file the reports. Director Riggs seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Scholarship Committee Update:

Director Savage read the winners of the essay contest. Winners are to be presented at the next board meeting. (#1-Tindel Dawn Dziuk, #2- Cindy Escamilla, #3- Layne Preston Dowdy, Honorary- Sadie McAda)

Education Committee Update:

Director Riggs mentioned that he spoke to a representative from Region 20 and they said we are still on their radar but right now no updates. Landon Yosko mentioned that he spoke to the Education Coordinator for the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District, and he will be speaking to her next week about their education program and their process.

Staff Report on District Activities:

April 13, 2023- GMA 15
May 4, 2023- Region L

General Manager, Russell Labus said he attended the senate hearing yesterday, presented the drought map, and mentioned that there were fifty-three exempt wells for the month.

Legislative Updates:

Attorney Monique Norman gave legislative updates. Mrs. Norman mentioned that the bill having to do with the export fee increase went to a senate hearing yesterday and there was no opposition and gave the board a copy of the amended language for that bill.

Other District Activities:

Landon Yosko said he is providing information to TAGD to help them with putting together content for a Bootcamp Program for field technicians on data collection and the importance of it, which will be presented at the June TAGD meeting. Landon said he attended an Agriculture Rejuvenation Conference and was able to speak to the Grant Coordinator for the TWDB, about the meter program.

Chris McFarlane said that he received a complaint about an unlicensed driller drilling shallow wells in Frio County. Chris said he went out to the property but was not able to see any activity going on. Chris mentioned that he spoke to Adam Foster with TDLR and informed him about this issue as well.

Legislative Updates:

None.

Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Items to be Placed on the Next Agenda:

- Elections-Canvass
- Officer Elections
- Education Committee Update
- Scholarship Presentations

Set Date and Time for Next Board of Directors Meeting:

The Board agreed to set the next meeting date for Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 9 a.m. at the District Office in Pleasanton, TX 78064.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Schorp declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.


Blaine Schorp, President

ATTEST:


Diane Savage, Secretary/Treasurer