

MINUTES  
EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
AUGUST 27, 2021- 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 and by teleconference at (844) 854-2222, Access Code: 221637\*, Online Meeting ID: info38353.

Directors Present: Blaine Schorp, President  
Frank Kruciak, Vice President  
Diane Savage, Secretary/Treasurer (call-in)  
Larry Bartek  
Jay Troell  
Sherman Posey  
Clayton Neal (call-in)  
Weldon Riggs  
Thomas Moy III

Employees Present: Russell Labus, General Manager  
Christopher McFarlane, Assistant Manager  
Melissa Gonzalez, District Secretary/Bookkeeper  
Landon Yosko, Technical Specialist (call-in)

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 9:05 a.m. The meeting was posted and filed as required by law.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

(Moment of silence for our fallen soldiers)

***Recess to Public Hearing***

**Public Hearing-Proposed District Rule Changes**

***a. Call to Order:***

President Schorp called the Public Hearing to order at 9:07 a.m.

***b. Public Comments:***

David Morgan mentioned that he is glad that we have reached this point and thanked the board for the Gulf Coast Study and their diligence in seeing these rule changes through to protect our aquifers.

***c. Adjourn:***

President Schorp called the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

***Reconvene to Regular Meeting***

**Approve Resolution #2021-08-27 Adopting the Proposed District Rule Changes:**

Director Troell moved to approve Resolution #2021-08-27 Adopting the Proposed District Rule Changes. Director Kruciak seconded the motion and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

***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 9:20 a.m.

***b. Public Comments:***

None.

***c. Drilling/Production Permit Applications:***

The Board was presented with one drilling and production permit application for Ruben Ortiz (Drilling/Production Permit#2979) for new well to be located in Frio County for Irrigation use. Director Bartek moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Posey seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

The Board was presented with one drilling and production permit application for Gilbert Salinas (Drilling/Production Permit#2980) for new well to be located in Atascosa County for Irrigation use. Director Bartek moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Posey seconded the motion, Director Troell abstained, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

***d. Adjourn***

President Schorp called the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

***Reconvene to Regular Meeting***

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

None.

**Resolution #2021-22-01 to Adopt the District Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022:**

Director Troell moved to adopt Resolution #2021-22-01 to adopt the District Tax Rate at \$0.0063 per \$100 valuation. Director Bartek seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes from the July 30, 2021 Board of Directors Meetings:**

The minutes of the July, 2021 were presented to the board. Director Neal made a correction. Director Posey moved to approve the minutes as corrected. 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 July 2021:**

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

**Discussion/Possible Action on Nueces River Authority Invoices for Education Services:**

Director Troell moved to table this item and see if the Nueces River Authority can give a presentation at next months' meeting. Director Riggs seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

**Review of the DRAFT 2021-2022 District Budget:**

General Manager, Russell Labus gave a review of the draft budget.

**Staff Report on District Activities:**

Assistant Manager, Chris McFarlane gave an update on J&B Farms. Mr. McFarlane mentioned that he reached out to J&B Farms and received an email response stating that they will produce to the district all information that is needed and to be current. The total of wells for J&B Farms is 14 and not 22 since some were sold to Jimmie Lothringer who has been reporting on those wells.

General Manager, Russell Labus gave a list of meetings attended this month and upcoming meetings:

August 19, 2021- Railroad Commission Hearing

August 24, 2021- EAA Committee Meeting. No quorum.

August 31-September 2, 2021- TAGD Summit

September 17, 2021- GMA 13 Meeting

September 22, 2021- STWMA Meeting

Mr. Labus stated that there were 12 exempt wells for the month of August and presented the current drought map.

Director Riggs reminded all those present that beginning August 31, 2021 you need to re-register your brand for cattle.

**Legislative Updates:**

Attorney, Monique Norman said the Legislature is in special session and there were no groundwater bills filed.

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

- Amend 20-21 Budget
- Approve 21-22 Budget
- Public Funds Investment Policy
- Approve District Holidays
- Nueces River Authority Presentation & Invoices

**Set Date and Time for Next Board of Directors Meeting:**

The Board agreed to set the next meeting date for Thursday, September 30, 2021, 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 10:52 a.m.

  
Blaine Schorp, President

**ATTEST:**

  
Diane Savage, Secretary/Treasurer