

MINUTES
EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
JANUARY 29, 2021- REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

The public meeting of the Board of Directors of the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District, pursuant to notice, was held by teleconference at (844) 854-2222, Access Code: 221637*,
Online Meeting ID: info38353.

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

Directors Absent: Clayton Neal

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

Guests Present: Monique Norman (call-in)
Monica Jacobs (call-in)
Steve Siebert (call-in)
Scott McClelland (call-in)

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 9:06 a.m. The meeting was posted and filed as required by law.

Recess to Public Hearings

Public Hearing-Proposed District Management Plan

a. Call to Order:

President Schorp called the Public Hearing to order at 9:06 a.m.

Attorney, Monique Norman mentioned that the District Management Plan is required to be renewed and adopted every five years. The District Management Plan is a general philosophy of the district and state information is compiled into the plan. The plan presented today is the draft plan that was approved by the Texas Water Development Board.

b. Public Comments on the Proposed District Management Plan:

None.

c. Adjourn:

President Schorp called the Public Hearing to order at 9:16 a.m.

Public Hearing- Water Well Drilling and Production Permit Applications

a. Call to Order:

President Schorp called the Public Hearing to order at 9:16 a.m.

b. Public Comments:

None.

c. Drilling/Production Permit Applications:

The Board was presented with one drilling and production permit application for JL Brush Country Partners LLC (Drilling/Production Permit#2929) for new well to be located in Frio County for Irrigation use. Director Savage moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Bartek seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried.

The Board was presented with one drilling and production permit application for G&M Farms (Drilling/Production Permit#2930) for new well to be located in Frio County for Irrigation use. Director Riggs moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Posey seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried.

The Board was presented with one drilling and production permit application for Iron Oak Ranch (Drilling/Production Permit#2931) for new well to be located in Atascosa County for Irrigation/Livestock use. Director Troell moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Riggs seconded the motion, Director Moy abstained, and there being no further discussion the motion carried.

The Board was presented with one drilling and production permit application for Bladerunner Inc. (Drilling/Production Permit#2932) for new well to be located in Atascosa County for Irrigation use. Director Bartek moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Riggs seconded the motion, Director Moy abstained, and there being no further discussion the motion carried.

The Board was presented with one drilling and production permit application for Humberto Montalvo (Drilling/Production Permit#2933) for new well to be located in Karnes County for Industrial use. Director Savage moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Bartek seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried.

d. Adjourn:

President Schorp called the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

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

None.

Approval of Minutes from the December 18, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting:

The minutes of the December 18, 2020 were presented to the board. Director Savage moved to approve the minutes with a minor correction. Director Riggs seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Report of Bills Paid, Deposits, and Financial Statements for December 2020:

The report of bills paid, deposits, and financial statements for December 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.

Approve Resolution #2021-01-29 to Adopt the District Management Plan:

After some discussion and a couple of corrections Director Troell moved to approve Resolution #2021-01-29 to adopt the District Management Plan. Director Savage seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Order Election of Directors for Atascosa, Frio, Karnes, and Wilson Counties:

Director Riggs moved to Order the election for Atascosa, Frio, Karnes, and Wilson Counties. Director Bartek seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Appoint Scholarship Committee and Approve 2021 Scholarship Essay Question:

Directors Moy, Troell, Posey, and Savage were appointed for the Scholarship Committee.

The approved essay question:

What is the State of Texas's preferred method of groundwater management? Who owns the groundwater? How does a groundwater district manage and protect the groundwater resources for the landowners and all other water users?

Staff Report on District Activities:

General Manager, Russell Labus mentioned that the Senate Proclamation was delivered to Clifton Stacy and the board received a copy of the newspaper articles.

Meetings:

January 8, 2021- TAGD Budget & Finance Committee Meeting

January 14, 2021- GMA 15 Meeting

January 26 & 27, 2021- Quarterly TAGD Business Meeting & TAGD Legislative Committee Meeting.
February 4, 2021- Region L Meeting
February 5, 2021- GMA 13 Meeting

Mr. Labus presented the Drought Monitor Map. Mr. Labus said that there were fifty five (55) exempt well registrations entered into the database and five (5) permits were approved for the month of January.

Attorney, Monique Norman gave a brief legislative update. Summary of update is attached.

Public Comments on Other District Business, Limited to 5 minutes each:

Scott McClelland with the CVLGC mentioned that they are now split from Schertz Seguin and are now managing themselves separately.

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

None.

Set Date and Time for Next Board of Directors Meeting:

The Board agreed to set the next meeting date for Friday, February 26, 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 10:23 a.m.



Blaine Schorp, President

ATTEST:



Diane Savage, Secretary/Treasurer