

MINUTES
EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MARCH 31, 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
Frank Kruciak, Vice President
Diane Savage, Secretary/Treasurer
Sherman Posey
Clayton Neal
Weldon Riggs
Thomas Moy III
Jay Troell

Directors Absent: Larry Bartek

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 9:07 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 9:08 a.m.

b. Public Comments:

None.

c. Drilling/Production Permit Applications:

The Board was presented with two drilling and production permit applications for Keystone Ranch LLC (Drilling/Production Permit#3052&3053) for new wells to be located in Frio County for Irrigation use. Director Neal moved to approve the drilling and production permits. 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 Keystone Ranch LLC (Drilling/Production Permit#3054) for a new well to be located in Frio County for Irrigation use. Director Neal 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 Don Rackler (Drilling/Production Permit#3056) 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. Permits on Existing Wells:

The Board was presented with one production permit for Wyatt Willis (Production Permit #3055) for an existing well located in Wilson County for Irrigation use. Director Savage moved to approve the production permit. Director Posey seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

e. Adjourn:

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

Reconvene to Regular Meeting

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

None.

Approval of Minutes from the February 15, 2023 Board of Directors Meetings:

The minutes of the February 15, 2023 meeting were presented to the board. Director Moy moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Neal seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Accept Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the May 6, 2023 Election:

Director Neal moved to accept the Certification of Unopposed Candidates. Director Kruciak seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Approve Resolutions #050623-01 and #050623-02 Canceling the Elections for Frio and Wilson Counties:

Director Moy moved to approve the resolutions canceling the elections for Frio and Wilson Counties. Director Posey seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.

General Manager's Annual Report on District Activities for 2022:

General Manager, Russell Labus gave a presentation on the 2022 annual report. Director Riggs moved to receive and file the annual report. Director Troell seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.

Education Committee Update:

Director Riggs mentioned that he has not received an update from Region 20 but they are still working on it.

Discussion on Hiring/Developing an Education Coordinator:

Item was tabled.

Update on Texas Water Development Board Ag Conservation Grant Meter Program:

Landon Yosko gave an update on the meter program. Mr. Yosko said that McCrometer sent out postcards informing the residents of each county about the meter program. Mr. Yosko mentioned that he will get with McCrometer to resend the postcards only to permittees. Mr. Yosko also informed the farmers of the program when he gave a presentation at the Peanut Growers Association's annual meeting.

Staff Report on District Activities:

March 7, 2023- Peanut Growers Association Meeting-Landon gave a presentation
March 29, 2023- STWMA Meeting
April 13, 2023- GMA 15 Meeting

*The Board went into Executive Session at 10:03 a.m.
The Board reconvened into Regular Meeting at 10:25 a.m.*

Legislative Updates:

None.

Other District Activities:

Landon Yosko gave a slide presentation of the water levels in Frio County and expressed his concerns for that area.

General Manager, Russell Labus presented the drought map and mentioned that there were seven exempt wells for the month.

Legislative Updates:

None.

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

- Education Committee Update
- Scholarship Committee Update

Set Date and Time for Next Board of Directors Meeting:


The Board agreed to set the next meeting date for Friday, April 28, 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 10:40 a.m.


Blaine Schorp, President

ATTEST:


Diane Savage, Secretary/Treasurer