

MINUTES
EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MAY 25, 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
Amanda Wheeler
Darrell Brownlow
Edward Griffin
Larry Bartek

Directors Absent: Jay Troell
Sherman Posey

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 and called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. The meeting was posted and filed as required by law.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Award Presentation for the Kenneth Stephens Memorial Scholarship Program:

The following students were present to receive their certificate and check:
Tindel Dziuk (#1 Essay Winner) and Cindy Escamilla (#2 Essay Winner)

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 9:13 a.m.

b. Public Comments:

None.

c. Drilling/Production Permit Applications:

The Board was presented with a drilling and production permit application for Del Flores Jr. (Drilling/Production Permit#3059) for a new well to be located in Atascosa County for Irrigation use. Director Neal moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Kruciak seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

The Board was presented with a drilling and production permit application for Forum Industrial Properties LLC (Drilling/Production Permit#3058) for a 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 unanimously.

d. Adjourn:

President Schorp called the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Reconvene to Regular Meeting

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

None.

Approval of Minutes from the April 28, 2023 Board of Directors Meetings:

The minutes of the April 28, 2023 meeting were presented to the board. Director Moy moved to approve the minutes as presented. 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 April 2023:

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

Canvass Election Returns from the May 6, 2023 Board of Directors Election in Atascosa and Karnes Counties:

Director Neal moved to certify election results and canvass votes for the May 6, 2023 election. Director Riggs seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Recognition of Service on the EUWCD Board for Diane Savage, Frank Kruciak, and Jay Troell:

Directors Savage and Kruciak were given plaques for their years of service on the board.

Statement of Elected/Appointed Officer for Directors:

District Secretary, Melissa Gonzalez read the Statement of Elected/Appointed Office for the new Elected Directors, Amanda Wheeler, Darrell Brownlow, and Edward Griffin.

Oath of Office for Directors:

District Secretary, Melissa Gonzalez, being a Notary Public administered the Oath of Office to the new Elected Directors, Amanda Wheeler, Darrell Brownlow, and Edward Griffin.

Elect Officers for the EUWCD Board:

Director Riggs moved to appoint the following officers for the EUWCD Board:

President- Blaine Schorp

Vice President- Darrell Brownlow

Secretary/Treasurer- Clayton Neal

Director Bartek seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Education Committee Update:

Report Attached.

Staff Report on District Activities:

May 4, 2023- Region L Meeting

May 8, 2023- TAGD Budget & Finance Zoom Meeting

June 6 & 7, 2023- TAGD Business Meeting

General Manager, Russell Labus mentioned that the newly elected board members have been bonded as of today, their names will need to be submitted to TCEQ, they will need to do the Open Meetings Act Training online and was thinking of having a workshop. Mr. Labus said he has received all the preliminary taxable values from all the counties and will have the spreadsheet at next month's meeting. Mr. Labus said there were seven exempt wells for the month of May and went over the drought map.

Landon Yosko said he had a meeting with the Wilson County Commissioner in regard to the locations he is looking at in the county's right of ways for the monitor wells. Mr. Yosko also gave a short summary of our monitor well program to the new board members. Mr. Yosko informed the board that he received a complaint on Wednesday about the grass farms irrigating nonstop and that her well has been depleted. Mr. Yosko said that sooner or later we will need to confront the issue of the ones who utilize the 2-acre feet and impact neighboring wells.

Legislative Updates:

Attorney Monique Norman gave legislative updates and provided a report.

Other District Activities:

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

- Management Plan
- Mission Statement

Set Date and Time for Next Board of Directors Meeting:

The Board agreed to set the next meeting date for Friday, June 30, 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 11:10 a.m.



Blaine Schorp, President

ATTEST:



Clayton Neal, Secretary/Treasurer