

MINUTES
EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
JULY 30, 2021- REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

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

Directors Present: Blaine Schorp, President
Frank Kruciak, Vice President
Larry Bartek
Jay Troell
Sherman Posey
Clayton Neal

Directors Absent: Weldon Riggs
Diane Savage, Secretary/Treasurer
Thomas Moy III

Employees Present: Russell Labus, General Manager
Christopher McFarlane, Assistant Manager
Melissa Gonzalez, District Secretary/Bookkeeper
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 9:06 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 9:06 a.m.

b. Public Comments:

None.

c. Drilling/Production Permit Applications:

The Board was presented with one drilling and production permit application for 79 Cattle Co. (Drilling/Production Permit#2974) 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 Tech Farms (Drilling/Production Permit#2975) 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 Peter Mutz (Drilling/Production Permit#2976) for new well to be located in Wilson County for Industrial use. Director Kruciak moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Bartek 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 Vanco Ring Gasket Specialty (Drilling/Production Permit#2977) for new well to be located in Frio County for Irrigation use. Director Posey moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Neal 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 J&B Farms (Drilling/Production Permit#2978) 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. Director Bartek asked for a follow up on the other 22 existing wells.

d. Adjourn

President Schorp called the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Reconvene to Regular Meeting

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

David Morgan thanked President Schorp, Russell Labus and Monique Norman for their work on the rule changes. Mr. Morgan thanked Frank Kruciak for having the rules on this agenda and stated that these rule changes are necessary to protect our aquifers.

Review and Discussion on the Draft Proposed Rule Changes:

General Manager, Russell Labus and Attorney, Monique Norman gave a summary of the proposed rule changes.

Financial Audit by Eric Ede with Ede & Company, LLC:

Mr. Ede presented the financial audit. Director Posey moved to receive and file the financial audit. Director Troell seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Appoint Dawn Polasek Barnett, Wilson County Tax Assessor-Collector, as the Designated Officer to Calculate the No-New Revenue Tax Rate and the Voter-Approval Rate for the 2021 Tax Year, as Outlined in Chapter 26 of the Texas Tax Code:

Director Kruciak moved to appoint Dawn Polasek Barnett as the designated officer to calculate the tax rate for the 2021 tax year. Director Troell seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from the June 25, 2021 Board of Directors Meetings:

The minutes of the June 25, 2021 were presented to the board. Director Neal moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Posey seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Report of Bills Paid, Deposits, and Financial Statements for June 2021:

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

Approval of a One Time Honorable Mention Award for the Amount of \$750.00 each up to 3 Students in Addition to the Scholarship Essay Winners:

Director Troell moved to approve the one-time honorable mention award. Director Posey seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Appoint Budget and Finance Committee:

Directors Troell, Kruciak, Posey, and Neal were appointed as the Budget and Finance Committee.

Discussion on Pump Testing Requirements for New Well Permit Applications:

Technical Specialist, Landon Yosko mentioned that after some discussion he believes it would be best to work with landowners to perform pump tests and not enforcing it in the rules at this time.

Discussion on Section 14 & 15 of the Rules-Investigations, Enforcements, and Fees:

General Manager, Russell Labus suggested that the fee schedule stay the same.

Staff Report on District Activities:

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

June 8,9, 2021- TAGD Budget & Finance Committee Meeting

August 5, 2021- Region L Virtual Meeting

August 19, 2021- Railroad Commission Injection Well Hearing via Zoom

Mr. Labus mentioned that there were fifty-two exempt wells for the month of July and presented the current drought map. Mr. Labus said that after September 1, 2021 virtual meetings will no longer be allowed for open public meetings by order of Governor Abbott. Mr. Labus presented the board with the certified tax values spreadsheet and a copy of a thank you letter for donating to the Texas Brigades.

Legislative Updates:

None.

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

None.

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

- Rules Hearing
- Draft Budget

Set Date and Time for Next Board of Directors Meeting:

The Board agreed to set the next meeting date for Friday, August 27, 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 11:04 a.m.



Blaine Schorp, President

ATTEST:

Diane Savage, Secretary/Treasurer