

MINUTES
EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MAY 26, 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 and by teleconference at (844) 854-2222, Access Code: 221637*.

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

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 9:08 a.m. The meeting was posted and filed as required by law.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Award Presentation for the Kenneth Stephens Memorial Scholarship Program:

President, Blaine Schorp presented the award for the third-place winner Seth Robertson.
1st Place- Madison Yow
2nd Place- Payton Gonzales

Recess to Public Hearings

Public Hearing- Water Well Drilling and Production Permit Applications

a. Call to Order:

President Schorp called the Public Hearing to order at 9:14 a.m.

b. Public Comments:

None.

c. Drilling/Production Permit Applications:

The Board was presented with one drilling and production permit application for Mike Schwarze (Drilling/Production Permit#2965) for new well to be located in Frio County for Irrigation use. Director Savage 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 Chris Wofford (Drilling/Production Permit#2966) for new well to be located in Frio County for Irrigation use. Director Bartek moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Neal seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried.

d. Adjourn:

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

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

David Morgan stated that he is hoping that we pick up where we left off before the pandemic and get the rules changes done and mentioned that NADA is still working hard on protecting our aquifers.

Tina Shearman said that NADA wants to establish a monitor system in their area and asked what they will need to do this in regard to equipment and other supplies to acquire data.

Terrell Graham presented the board with NADA's comments opposing the proposed DFCs for the Gulf Coast Aquifer of 22 feet of drawdown by the year 2080. (Attached)

Statement of Elected/Appointed Officer for Directors:

District Secretary, Melissa Gonzalez read the Statement of Elected/Appointed Office for the new Elected Directors, Clayton Neal, Larry Bartek, Sherman Posey, and Thomas Moy III.

Oath of Office for Directors:

District Secretary, Melissa Gonzalez, being a Notary Public administered the Oath of Office to the new Elected Directors, Clayton Neal, Larry Bartek, Sherman Posey, and Thomas Moy III.

Elect Officers for Board of Directors:

Current Officers:

President: Blaine Schorp

Vice President: Frank Kruciak

Secretary/Treasurer: Diane Savage

Director Moy moved to stay with the current officers. Director Posey seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

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

The minutes of the April 30, 2021 were presented to the board. Director Riggs moved to approve the minutes as presented. 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 April 2021:

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

Discussion and/or Possible Action on the Monitor Well Program:

General Manager, Russell Labus mentioned that we want to drill our own wells on the county right of ways in order to have a better monitoring program in place. Mr. Labus said that he has spoken to County Commissioner Mark Gillespie about drilling these wells and Monique Norman has drafted a contract between the district and county, as of right now the county's attorney still is reviewing the contract. Mr. Labus said that on June 14, 2021, there will be a Commissioners Court Meeting and Evergreen will be giving a presentation.

Discussion and/or Possible Action on Pumping Report Process:

General Manager, Russell Labus went through some questions Director Bartek had on the reporting process that were sent to him by email and went through each step the district follows to get reports in. There was some discussion on requiring meters or having some kind of meter program through the district.

Staff Report on District Activities:

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

May 6, 2021- Region L Meeting

May 11, 2021- TAGD Budget & Finance Committee Meeting

May 11, 2021- Jonathan Jennings Presentation at EAA Meeting for STWMA

May 27, 2021- Staff Meeting with Mark Gillespie

June 11, 2021- GMA 13 Meeting

June 14, 2021- Atascosa County Commissioners Court Meeting

June 23, 2021- STWMA Meeting

Mr. Labus mentioned that there were fourteen exempt wells for the month of May and that the board is not required to take the Cybersecurity training.

Legislative Updates:

Attorney, Monique Norman gave the legislative updates. Spreadsheet attached.

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:

- Public Hearings for GMA 13 & GMA 15
- Discussion-Scholarship Committee
- Donation to Texas Brigades

Set Date and Time for Next Board of Directors Meeting:

The Board agreed to set the next meeting date for Friday, June 25, 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 11:28 a.m.


Blaine Schorp, President

ATTEST:


Diane Savage, Secretary/Treasurer