

MINUTES
EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 22, 2019 – REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD
MEETING

The 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
 Diane Savage, Secretary/Treasurer
 Clifton Stacy
 Jay Troell
 Thomas Moy III
 Weldon Riggs

Directors Absent: Larry Fox
 Sherman Posey

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 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 9:07 a.m.

b. Public Comments:

None.

c. Drilling/Production Permit Applications:

The Board was presented with one drilling and production permit application for Bailey Cattle Co. (Drilling/Production Permit#2698) for new well to be located in Karnes County. Director Savage moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Riggs seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried.

The Board was presented with one drilling and production permit application for James Harden (Drilling/Production Permit#2746) for new well to be located in Atascosa County. Director Troell moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Stacy 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 Tilghman Nalle (Drilling/Production Permit#2745) for new well to be located in Atascosa County. Director Troell moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Stacy seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried.

d. Permit Amendments:

The Board was presented with one amendment for Encana Oil and Gas (Drilling/Production Permit#2685) located at N 28.9035, W -98.0499, in Karnes County for Industrial use. Original acreage claimed was 396.81. New acreage will be 1, 036.81. Original capacity of the well was 800 GPM. New capacity is 925 GPM. New permit allotment will be 1,118.51 acre feet. Director Stacy moved to approve the permit amendment. Director Kruciak seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

e. Adjourn

President Schorp declared the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Reconvene to Regular Meeting

Public Comments on Agenda Items, Limited to 5 Minutes Each:

Tina Sherman extended her gratitude to the board for taking the initiative in making rule changes and having studies done in their area. Ms. Sherman also mentioned that the San Antonio River Authority was asking for a tax increase but was voted down.

Approval of Minutes from the October 25, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting:

The minutes of the October 25th meeting were presented to the Board. Director Savage moved to approve the minutes as amended. Director Moy seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried.

Approval of Report of Bills Paid, Deposits, and Financial Statements for September 2019:

The report of bills paid, deposits, and financial statements for October was presented to the Board. Director Savage moved to receive and file the report. Director Riggs seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Approve the 2020 Essay Question:

Director Troell moved to approve the following 2020 essay question.

“What is the State's preferred method of groundwater management? Who owns the groundwater? With increasing demands on our groundwater, what conservation and management practices could enhance the protection of this resource for all water users? What can you do in your community to learn, encourage, and teach others to conserve and protect our water?”

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

Review of EUWCD DRAFT Rule Changes:

Attorney, Monique Norman briefly went over the key changes within the rules and mentioned that we will look into having a public hearing for rule changes in January.

Staff Report on District Activities:

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

Region L- November 7, 2019

GMA 13- November 8, 2019

GMA 15- November 14, 2019

TAGD Budget & Finance Committee Retreat- November 18, 19, 2019

STWMA- December 4, 2019

Weather Modification Advisory Meeting- December 12, 2019

Region L- January 23, 2020

Mr. Labus wished the Board and audience a Happy Thanksgiving.

Assistant Manager, Chris McFarlane said that he checked monitor wells in all four counties and all well levels are down across the board but is consistent with previous years. Mr. McFarlane presented the Palmer Drought Severity Index.

Technical Specialist, Landon Yosko said that he did not have any new water samples for this month. Mr. Yosko mentioned that he will be ordering five new transducers and for the future wants to utilize the transducers for accurate information instead of manually going out to check monthly monitor wells. Mr. Yosko said that the district is still looking into drilling our own monitor wells.

Director Savage mentioned that the San Antonio River Authority's tax rate will not be going up since it was voted down but said this does not mean that it will not come up again in the future.

Mrs. Savage said that the RiverBend Community Development Corporation's director resigned and the City of Floresville city council appointed Daniel Tejeda as the new director. Mrs. Savage said that it is the four taxing entities, which one is the EUWCD, that are supposed to appoint the directors and not the city council so she will keep us posted.

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:

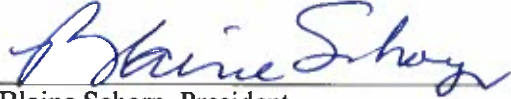
- Discussion on the Draft Rules

Set Date and Time for the Next Board Meeting:

The Board agreed to set the next meeting date for Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 09:00 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 10:13 a.m.



Blaine Schorp, President

ATTEST:



Diane Savage, Secretary/Treasurer