

MINUTES
EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
OCTOBER 30, 2020- REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

The public meeting of the Board of Directors of the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District, pursuant to notice, was held by teleconference at (844) 854-2222, Access Code: 221637*, Online Meeting ID: info38353.

Directors Present: Blaine Schorp, President
Frank Kruciak, Vice President (call-in)
Diane Savage, Secretary/Treasurer (call-in)
Thomas Moy III (call-in)
Jay Troell (call-in)
Weldon Riggs

Directors Absent: Larry Bartek
Sherman Posey

Employees Present: Russell Labus, General Manager
Christopher McFarlane, Assistant Manager
Melissa Gonzalez, District Secretary/Bookkeeper
Landon Yosko, Technical Specialist

Guests Present: Monica Jacobs, Kelly Hart & Hallman
Steven Siebert, SAWS
Kerwyn Texeira, STWMA
Craig Funke, STWMA

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.

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 Michael Traugott (Drilling/Production Permit#2908) for new well to be located in Atascosa County for Irrigation use. Director Troell moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Savage 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 Gary Deskin (Drilling/Production Permit#2909) for new well to be located in Karnes County for Livestock use. Director Kruciak 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 two drilling and production permit applications for 4 J Land LTD (Drilling/Production Permit#2910, 2911) for new wells to be located in Karnes County for Industrial use. Director Riggs moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Kruciak 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 Zach Yanta (Drilling/Production Permit#2912) for new well to be located in Karnes County for Industrial use. Director Savage moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Riggs 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 Zach Yanta (Drilling/Production Permit#2913) for new well to be located in Karnes County for Industrial use. Director Savage moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Riggs seconded the motion, Director Moy abstained, and there being no further discussion the motion carried.

d. Permit Amendments:

The Board was presented with one permit amendment for Zach Yanta (Drilling/Production Permit #2789) located N 28.033706, W -97.767573, in Karnes County for Industrial use. Original Aquifer was Carrizo. New Aquifer will be Jasper. Director Kruciak moved to approve the permit amendment. Director Riggs seconded, Director Moy abstained, and there being no further discussion the motion carried.

The Board was presented with one permit amendment for Zach Yanta (Drilling/Production Permit#2788) located at N 28.936030, W -97.750947, in Karnes County for Industrial use. New location will be N 28.933930, W -97.766851. Original Aquifer was Carrizo. New Aquifer will be Yegua. Director Riggs moved to approve the permit amendment. Director Savage seconded the motion, Director Moy abstained, and there being no further discussion the motion carried.

e. Adjourn:

President Schorp called the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

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

None.

Approval of Minutes from the September 25, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting:

The minutes of the September 25, 2020 were presented to the board. Director Riggs moved to approve the minutes with addition of guest present, Steven Siebert. Director Kruciak seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Report of Bills Paid, Deposits, and Financial Statements for September 2020:

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

South Texas Weather Modification Association Meteorologist Report on the 2020 Season:

Meteorologist, Kerwyn Texiera gave a report presentation. Report is attached.

Approval to Pursue Grant Funding Through USDA to Explore New Weather Modification Technology:

Craig Funke gave an explanation of the technology this grant can provide for the STWMA Cloud Seeding Program. Director Troell moved to pursue the grant funding through the USDA. Director Savage seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of a new Frio County Board Member to the Evergreen UWCD Board:

Director Riggs moved to appoint Clayton Neal to the Evergreen UWCD board. Director Kruciak seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Possible Future Projects & Studies for Evergreen UWCD Board:

General Manager, Russell Labus mentioned that one study that was previously discussed is to extend the Gulf Coast Aquifer study in Karnes County to the Yegua Aquifer in Wilson and Atascosa Counties.

Director Troell asked if there are any aquifers that need to be studied in Frio County. Technical Specialist, Landon Yosko said that the minor aquifer systems in Frio County are not that relevant, but the issue in Frio County is going to be the future of agriculture in the Carrizo Aquifer and a study of the Carrizo Aquifer will definitely benefit the district and its constituents in Frio County.

Monica Jacobs with Kelly Hart & Hallman suggested that the district work with other districts in GMA 15 to address the issue with the Conceptual Model of GAM and study brackish zones within the district.

November 5, 2020- Virtual TAGD Legislative Committee Meeting

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 Future Projects and Studies.
- STWMA Grant Funding Update

Set Date and Time for Next Board of Directors Meeting:

The Board agreed to set the next meeting date for Friday, November 20, 2020 at 9 a.m. at the District Office in Pleasanton, TX 78064 or by Teleconference.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Schorp declared the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.



Blaine Schorp, President

ATTEST:



Diane Savage, Secretary/Treasurer