

MINUTES
EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021- 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
Larry Bartek
Jay Troell
Sherman Posey
Clayton Neal
Weldon Riggs
Thomas Moy III

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

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 9:07 a.m. The meeting was posted and filed as required by law.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Recess to Public Hearing

Public Hearing-Proposed 2021-2022 District Budget

a. Call to Order:

President Schorp called the Public Hearing to order at 9:08 a.m.

b. Receive Public Comments on Proposed 2021-2022 District Budget:

None.

c. Adjourn:

President Schorp called the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Public Hearing- Water Well Drilling and Production Permit Applications

a. Call to Order:

President Schorp called the Public Hearing to order at 9:08 a.m.

b. Public Comments:

None.

c. Drilling/Production Permit Applications:

The Board was presented with one drilling and production permit application for Devine Grass (Drilling/Production Permit#2981) for new well to be located in Atascosa County for Irrigation 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 Marathon Oil (Drilling/Production Permit#2982) for new well to be located in Atascosa County for Industrial 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 unanimously.

The Board was presented with one drilling and production permit application for Three Oaks Water Supply (Well #4) (Drilling/Production Permit#2983) for new well to be located in Wilson County for Public Supply use. Director Troell moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Posey seconded the motion, Director Moy abstained, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

d. Permits on Existing Wells:

The Board was presented with two permits for Three Oaks Water Supply (Well # 2 & 3)(Production Permits #2984 & #1312) on existing wells located in Wilson County for Public Supply use. Director Troell moved to approve the two permits. Director Posey seconded the motion, Director Moy abstained, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

e. 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:

None.

Amend Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget:

Director Neal moved to approve the amended fiscal year budget 2020-2021. Director Moy seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Items Amended:

5365- Computers/Software-From \$10,000 to \$20,000

Tools/Lab Equipment- From \$0-\$19,000

5320-Water- From \$900-\$1,200

5010-Payroll- From \$278,434-\$278,434.10

5425-Board Meeting Expense- From \$200-\$600

5470- Election Expenses- From \$40,000-\$0

5800- Projects & Studies- From \$50,000-\$62,000

5820- GMA 13 Expenses- From \$0-\$15,000

Resolution #2021-22-02 to Adopt the District Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022:

Director Troell moved to adopt the 2021-2022 District Budget. Director Savage seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2021-22-03 to Adopt the District Public Funds Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2021-2022:

Director Troell moved to adopt the Public Funds Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Director Moy seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from the August 27, 2021 Board of Directors Meetings:

The minutes of the August 27, 2021 meeting were presented to the board. Director Riggs moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Neal seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Discuss/Approve 2021-2022 District Holidays:

Director Troell moved to approve the 2021-2022 District Holidays. Director Moy seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Nueces River Authority Invoice for Education Services:

Director Bartek moved to approve the invoice for Education Services for the amount of \$20,000.00. Director Moy seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Danial B. Stephens and Associates Contract for Development of Bid Specifications and Hydrogeological Construction Oversight for Installation of Atascosa County District Owned Monitoring Wells:

Director Troell move to approve the contract with Daniel B. Stephens and Associates for the amount of \$42,624.00 & \$6900.00. Director Savage seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Staff Report on District Activities:

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

September 14, 2021- EAA Board Meeting- Approved STWMA contract.

September 15, 2021- Conference call with Daniel B. Stephens

September 17, 2021- GMA 13 Meeting

September 29, 2021- STWMA Meeting

October 14, 2021- GMA 15 Meeting

November 4, 2021- Region L Meeting

Mr. Labus stated that Melissa Gonzalez processed 25 exempt wells and Chris McFarlane processed 48 renewals for the month of September. Mr. Labus reviewed the Drought Monitor Map.

Assistant Manager, Chris McFarlane said he sent out 240 renewal letters this month. He mentioned that out of those so far there have been 48 renewals, 20 cancelled, 9 change of ownerships, and 3 returned letters. Mr. McFarlane gave an update on the wells for Mr. Balderas and Mr. Jones and said the lines of communication have been opened and in the process of getting them in compliance. Mr. McFarlane stated that he may need our attorney to step in at this point and send a letter for Mr. Wilmeth's wells to come into compliance.

Legislative Updates:

Attorney, Monique Norman said the Legislature is in special session.

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

- Appoint an Education Committee
- Intera Presentation on the Yegua-Jackson Aquifer Study

Set Date and Time for Next Board of Directors Meeting:


The Board agreed to set the next meeting date for Friday, October 29, 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 10:20 a.m.


Blaine Schorp, President

ATTEST:


Diane Savage, Secretary/Treasurer