

**MINUTES
EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MARCH 23, 2018 – 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
Thomas Moy III
Larry Fox
Jason Peeler

Directors Absent: Sherman Posey
Jay Troell

Employees Present: Russell Labus, General Manager
Melissa Gonzalez, Secretary/Bookkeeper
Christopher McFarlane, Assistant Manager
Matthew Pope, Field Technician

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 9:12 a.m. The meeting was posted and filed as required by law.

Pledge of Allegiance.

(Agenda Item #6 was moved up)

Presentation by Steve Young with Intera Inc. on Southern Atascosa County Cross- Section Study:

Steve Young presented a PowerPoint Presentation on the Southern Atascosa County Cross- Section Study and a Proposal to Expand the Hydrogeological Characterization of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System in Karnes County to Support the Evaluation and Development of Well Spacing Rules and Groundwater.

Recess to Public Hearing

*The Board went into Executive Session at 9:37 a.m.
The Board Returned from Executive Session at 10:25 a.m.*

Public Hearing- Water Well Drilling and Production Permit Applications

a. Call to Order

President Schorp called the Public Hearing to order at 10:25 a.m.

b. Public Comments:

None.

c. Drilling/Production Permit Applications:

The Board was presented with one drilling and production permit application for James Seay (Production Permit#PA00448) for new well to be located in Atascosa County. Director Fox 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.

d. Permits on Existing Wells:

The Board was presented with one production permit application for Steve Stoeltje (Permit #PK00345), for an existing well located in Karnes County. Director Stacy moved to approve the production permit. 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 10:30 a.m.

Reconvene to Regular Meeting.

Production Permit Renewals:

None.

Public Comments on Agenda Items or Other District Business, Limited to 5 Minutes Each:

Tina Shearman- Comments are attached.

Approval of Minutes from the February 23, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting:

The minutes of the February 23rd meeting were presented to the Board. Director Savage moved to approve the minutes with a minor correction. 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 February 2018:

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

Presentation by Neighbors Against Destroying Aquifers (N.A.D.A):

Presented during public comment by Tina Shearman.

Staff Report on District Activities:

General Manager, Russell Labus mentioned that there was a South Texas Weather Modification Association meeting that was held on March 21, 2018.

Director Savage mentioned that the Home and Garden show was a great success and thanked Matt Pope and Directors that were able to attend for their participation and hard work.

Assistant Manager, Christopher McFarlane said that there was an issue with a couple of schools in regards to participating in the Rain Barrel Project but now that issue has been solved and the schools are back on the program.

Attorney, Monique Norman stated that since there is a Notice of Litigation on the City of Kenedy issue she has advised her clients, staff, and board members not to discuss any of the issues since there is future litigation pending.

Filed Technician, Matt Pope said that he used the down hole camera in Atascosa County west of Poteet.

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

- 4H Water Ambassador Presentation

Set Date and Time for the Next Board Meeting:

The Board agreed to set the next meeting date for Friday, April 27, 2018 at 09:00 a.m. at the District Office in Pleasanton, TX 78064.

Adjourn:

Director Peeler moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Kruciak seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion, President Schorp declared the meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.


Blaine Schorp, President

ATTEST:


Diane Savage, Secretary/Treasurer

Tina Shearman

3/23/18 Comments

EVERGREEN SPEECH MAR 23,2018

GOOD MORNING FOLKSHERE WE ARE AGAIN FOR OUR MONTHLY POW-WOW.

I recently seen a poster that inspired me to change my approach to this situation . It said ..." If a plan does not workChange the plan NOT the goal ".... The plan has changed somewhat in an attempt to reach a goal that will be workable for all involved .

Over the past several months I have shared my story with you all . I would like to find out a little about each of you . How long have you served on this board and what area do you represent ? (Ask each board member in turn)

I know this is an elected position , with the exception of Mr. Peeler . That being said I assume you each sought the position you now hold . I doubt it was a case of ..." Well Mr. Fox , you missed the first Tuesday domino game , so we decided you will represent us at Evergreen ." ..I am also going to assume that your intentions were all good and you harbored ideals of conserving our natural resources. I will concede the actual implementation of serving is not a " cut and dried " process.

I have been attending the monthly meetings for a little while now , and have a better understanding of how business is conducted here . I would like to remind each of you that you were elected to represent the people , and are charged with preserving our most precious natural resource . It seems that some of the finer details are being overlooked . The case in point is the problem Mr. Kruciak had with his well .The board took SWIFT and decisive action to remedy this . I am curious if this fixed the problem . At the last meeting another very similar

complaint was voiced by a resident . He reported that a well had been shut in , but his well was still dropping . One of our members visited with him this week and he said nothing further had been done and his well was still dropping . Maybe the wrong well had been shut in , maybe there should have been some follow up *to MAKE SURE the problem is be rectified.*

I am not sure he has let you all know about this , but I think a follow up visit or phone call would be standard practice .

I am sure you are all aware of the complaint we have filed . This was done in an effort to encourage some change in procedure and to bring attention to the fact the ball is being dropped when it comes to following your own rules and regulations .

The people in our group want to be a part of the solution to the problem , NOT the problem . We are striving to help find a viable solution to a very serious issue . We keep being told that there will be rule changes to protect us , and don't worry . We have to do studies etc .I would like to know if these studies of which you speak are underway , and when will the results be in ? This has been a year in the making and we are NO closer to a solution . I would like to quote Mr. Stacey from the last meeting , " a briefcase full of studies will not solve the problem ".I hope I am wrong but it has crossed my mind that the studies are being used to avoid taking any action . We will happily research and gather data for you if it will expedite this process . We would gladly do anything in our power to help resolve these issues and find a suitable solution so that we could stop worrying about a reoccurrence of the events of the past few months .

I speak only for myself , but I feel quite certain that most of the members of NADA share my feelings , that we would much rather help solve the issues at hand and have a productive , good relationship with Evergreen , than be at odds with them . We will draft rules or help

measure wells or do anything to assist reaching a swift and fair solution that will truly protect the limited water supply that we depend on .

I believe there are several ways to improve the efficiency of the process of permitting and regulating the groundwaters in the district , but this will have to start with recognizing the capabilities of the different areas covered by EUGWCD .

In conclusion , I once again want to highlight the fact , we want to help find a solution , not create more problems .