

# IRION COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 10, 2023

Members Present: Bill Whitley Chairman of Board; Robert Richey, and Pete Barrera, Diana Thomas, General Manger; Ashley Masters, Technician.

Visitor Present: Macy Hartley, Accountant. Scott Holland a member of the public was in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 P.M. by Bill Whitley, Chairman of the Board.

Pete Barrera moved, and Robert Richey seconded to accept the minutes of the prior meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

District accountant Macy presented the regular monthly bills. After reviewing the bills as presented, Robert Richey moved to transfer \$3,500 from the MMDA to the checking account and to pay all bills. Pete Barrera seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Manager's report included: 4 TAGD Legislative Committee Virtual Meetings, Onset HOBOWater Level Logger Virtual Training, and WTRGA and Reagan County Ag Day in Big Lake. The Legislature is halfway through session and activities are ramping up. Senator Perry has pushed a series of water bills out of the Senate and they are beginning the process through the House. An additional bill prohibiting lobbying by entities funded by tax money has left the Senate and is being tracked as it moves through the House. Various bills attempting to help with the abandoned and deteriorated oil and gas well problem in west Texas are being watched as they make their way through the house. The Onset HOBOWater Level Logger virtual training was attended by technician, Ashley Masters to update best practices and troubleshooting for the transducer network. The WTRGA met in Big Lake to discuss all filed bills with the potential to affect the operation of member GCDs and put together a legislative strategy. The Reagan County Ag Day organizers invited Diana to come and speak on Bitcoin Mining by providing a primer on cryptocurrency, discussing the experience of the SCUWCD in preparing for a potential bitcoin mine, and making a few predictions on the viability of these currencies.

Well Surveillance for March throughout Irion had 10 wells remaining at static levels, 5 wells showed decreased water levels and 4 wells showed increased water levels.

No water quality analysis was performed in the month of March.

No Notice of Intent to Drill was received for the month of March.

Robert Richey motioned to accept the Most Recent Drought Index. Pete Barrera seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Pete Barrera motioned to accept the 2023 Q1 Investment Report. Robert Richey seconded, and motion passed unanimously. The Board authorized the General Manager to investigate moving funds from the MM account to a CD or pursuing bank collateral on excess funds above FDIC limits.

There being no further business James Furr moved and Robert Richey seconded to adjourn at 7:09 PM.

  
Attesting Signature

  
Presiding Officer

Date: 5-8-2023