

IRION COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

August 11, 2025

Members Present: Bill Whitley, Chairman of Board; Robert Richey, Sid Sullenger, General Manager Diana Thomas, and Technician Ashley Masters

No members of the public were present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M. by Bill Whitley, Chairman of the Board.

Robert Richey moved to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting. Sid Sullenger seconded and the motion carried.

After reviewing the bills as presented by Diana Thomas, Sid Sullenger moved to transfer \$7,000 from the MM account and pay all bills. The bills included standard monthly bills and annual PO Box renewal. Robert Richey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Manager's report included: WTWMA in San Angelo, 4H Water Ambassadors at Dolan Falls, August Pfluger Townhall in Mertzon, and TAGD Legislative, Executive, and Summit Planning Committees virtually. The WTWMA had 6 operational days in June, but the fourth of July flood in central Texas halted the program. Rainmakers is investigating a more efficient delivery system for the seeding material (currently flares) but will still utilize aircraft. Updated Interlocal Agreement and Bylaws were adopted and will go to all member boards for approval. Diana joined the 4H youth for a day learning about groundwater, conservation, and the Devil's River ecosystem at Dolan Falls. August Pfluger held a townhall at the Mertzon courthouse where he highlight federal accomplishments including the recently passed 'Big Beautiful Bill.' He committed to finding information on Marjorie Taylor Greene's recently filed bill banning weather manipulation. The TAGD Legislative Committee met to discuss Cody Harris's 4 filed groundwater bills. They are currently not on the call list for the special session, but they could be added. The TAGD Executive committee met to discuss proposed changes to organization documents and the impending Summit event. The TAGD Summit Planning Committee reviewed the final agenda and speaker set noting that changes may occur with the legislative panel due to availability during the special called session.

Well surveillance for 20 monitor wells was completed and reviewed with the Directors: 10 recorded static water levels, 3 had increased water levels, and 7 had decreased water levels. The rain gauge network data download was attempted but widespread equipment failure resulted in few data points. Full replacement of gauges will be initiated and will continue over this and the next fiscal years. The well camera was utilized for the Bar None Ranch. Water quality testing was performed for C Watanabe.

The District received Intent to Drills for a Bar None Ranch replacement livestock well, J. Paxton replacement livestock well, and D. Monk replacement livestock well. The District also received one well registration for C. Watanabe updating well ownership information filed in July.

Diana Thomas reviewed West Texas Weather Modification Association efforts over the past few months to update the Interlocal Participation Agreement and Bylaws. Changes to both documents included formatting and grammar, updating participating entities, unifying the procedure to leave the agreements, and bringing in-line the duties with how the association actually operates. Sid Sullenger moved to approve the Interlocal Participation Agreement of the West Texas Weather Modification Association and to sign as a participant. Robert Richey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

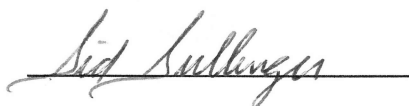
Robert Richey moved to approve the Bylaws of the West Texas Weather Modification Association and to sign as a participant. Sid Sullenger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Diana Thomas presented the Board with a draft budget reflecting the previously adopted payroll changes. Adjustments due to anticipated need in replacing the rainfall network, increased interest in water quality analysis, and insurance premiums resulted in increasing those budget items. Office Expenses decreased due to dropping the fax line and switching to a VOIP phone service. The completed TNT worksheet was presented to the Board with the NNR and Roll-Back tax rates highlighted. Diana discussed the unique appraisal situation this year with a large amount of values coming on the tax rolls for the first time and how that affects the calculation of the tax rates.

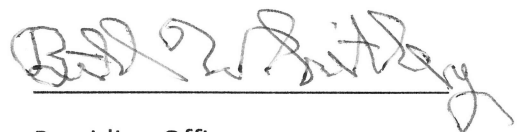
Sid Sullenger moved to propose a FY 2025-2026 Budget totaling 203,230 in expenses. Compared to the previous year, Field and Lab increased, Payroll increased, Professional Fees increased, and Office Expenses decreased resulting in a net \$14,630 increase over the previous FY budget. Robert Richey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Diana Thomas reviewed the TNT worksheet and presented tax rates at decreasing amounts starting at the NNR rate and the revenues each one generated. Due to the new values on the tax roll and the required calculation in the TNT worksheet, there will be some tax revenues realized that are not reflected in the TNT worksheet. As a result of this unique situation, Sid Sullenger moved to propose a 2025 tax rate of 0.010801 which is below the No New Revenue Rate. Robert Richey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Sid Sullenger moved and Robert Richey seconded to adjourn at 7:37PM.



Attesting Signature



Presiding Officer

Date: 7-8-2025