IRION COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PUBLIC MEETING ON TAX RATE AND BUDGET AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING

September 14, 2026

Members Present: Vice-Chairman of the Board Robert Richey, Pete Barrera, Sid Sullenger, General Manager Diana Thomas, and Technician Ashley Masters

Public Present: Clay Thorp and Leon Standard

The Public Meeting on Tax Rate and Budget was called to order at 6:02 PM by Robert Richey, Vice-Chairman of the Board, at the Commissioners Courtroom in the Irion County Courthouse.

No public in attendance registered to provide comment.

The Public Meeting on Tax Rate and Budget was closed at 6:05 PM by Robert Richey, Vice-Chairman of the Board.

The regular board meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Robert Richey, Vice-Chairman of the Board.

Pete Barrera moved and Sid Sullenger seconded to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

District Manager Diana Thomas presented the bills to the Board. Due to the office floor replacement and all contents needing to be packed up, financial reports were unable to be accessed in preparation for this meeting. They will be made available once the office is put back in working order. The bills included standard monthly bills, new printable checks, second half weather mod assessment, and 4th quarter ICAD apportionment. After reviewing the bills as presented, Sid Sullenger moved to pay all bills and transfer $25,000 from the MM account. Pete Barrera seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Manager's report included: two WTWMA in San Angelo, HSAC virtual hearing, and TAGD business meeting and Summit in San Antonio. The WTWMA had 7 flights in July and 4 flights in August, with the seeding season tapering off. The three-month outlook could potentially see some effects of El Nino, lower average temperatures and increased average rainfall. Tom DuFresne was brought in as manager through Recast, one pilot has left for a short-term project in Puerto Rico, and a new female pilot has been brought into the program. Potential new methods of program assessment were presented, with an early look at the 2026 season resulting in 0.116-0.161 inches of rain across all Texas program lands due to seeding activities. The House State Affairs Committee held a virtual meeting to hear testimony on data centers. Representatives questioned national security arguments without any national security expert testimony and expressed a need for some agency to be looking at the effects of data centers on a community and state wide basis and not just permit review per application. TAGD held their regular business meeting before their annual summit. Topics at the summit ranged from sustainability, to data centers, groundwater availability certificate review, 2027 legislative forecast, Middle Pecos GCD plugging program update, and why local management matters.

Monitor well surveillance for August was not completed due to Ashley's medical leave. Diana informed the Board that Ashley has not been cleared to drive yet from her doctor, but has been responding to calls and emails from home. A Notice of Intent to Drill was received for G. Heavin for a livestock well.

Pete Barrera moved to amend the FY 2025-2026 budget. Payroll expenses were increased due to awarded merit pay increases and Vehicle was increased for service and repairs. Total operating expenses were amended to equal $206,230, which is $3,000 higher than originally budgeted. Property tax and interest income was increased to reflect actual amounts received. Sid Sullenger seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Sid Sullenger moved to adopt the FY 2026-2027 budget totaling $185,830. Insurance Expenses, specifically property, have increased from the previous fiscal year. Vehicle Maintenance was increased for expected repairs based on the age of the vehicle. Payroll increased to accommodate approved cost of living increases over the previous fiscal year. Recharge Enhancement was removed from the budget with a new item of Outreach/Education being added. Pete Barrera seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Pete Barrera moved to adopt a 2026 tax rate of $0.010683 per $100 valuation. This is below the No New Revenue Tax Rate and is expected to raise $190,000 in funds for the District. Sid Sullenger seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Sid Sullenger moved to adopt a tax discount of 3% if paid in full in October, 2% if paid in full in November, and 1% if paid in full in December in the 2026 tax year. Pete Barrera seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Diana Thomas presented the Contract for Assessing and Collecting Services for 2026-2027 from Irion County. The assessment rate remains the same as the previous contract. Sid Sullenger moved to accept Contract For Assessing and Collection Services for 2026-2027 from Irion County. Pete Barrera seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Pete Barrera moved and Sid Sullenger seconded to adjourn at 6:47 PM.

Sid Sullenger

Attesting Signature

Presiding Officer

Date: 10-12-2026