## IRION COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

## October 9, 2023

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

Visitors Present: Macy Hartley, Accountant.

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

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

After reviewing the bills as presented by the accountant, Sid Sullenger moved to transfer \$25,000 from the MMDA to the checking account and to pay all bills. Bills included the annual TML Insurance invoice, which was identified as increasing significantly, approved payroll increases for the new fiscal year, and annual mileage reimbursement checks for Directors. Robert Richey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA in San Angelo and TAGD virtual executive committee meeting. WTWMA has brought on a new pilot for the 2024 season and is starting training now. Rollercoaster weather is predicted in the short term as seasonal fronts bring cooler wetter weather alternately with persistent dry and warm weather patterns. TAGD is closing the fiscal year and reviewed hotel contracts for the 2024 annual summit.

Well Surveillance included 11 wells maintained static levels, 3 wells measured an increase in water levels, 2 wells measured with decreased water levels and 9 wells were unable to obtain measurements due to equipment being out for repair.

Notice of Intent to Drill was received for R. Frank for a replacement livestock well. Registration was received for D. Douglas for a domestic well, an irrigation well, and 2 other wells not currently in use of unknown condition.

Water quality tests were performed for D. Douglas, B. Barnett, and two for S. Rowland.

Sid Sullenger moved to accept the Irrigation Permit for Horseshoe Bend Tree Farm located at Abstract 656, Section 689 Spring Creek Survey for no more than 2-acre feet of water per year. Pete Barrera seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Sid Sullenger moved to accept the most recent Drought Index despite conditions still looking bad across Texas. Robert Richey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Sid Sullenger moved to accept the 2023 Q3 Investment Report as presented by the Investment Officer. Changes in the bank's internet policies were highlighted resulting in one month of interest data being estimated in the report. Robert Richey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

After a presentation by the General Manager and discussion of the FY 2021-2022 Financial Audit, Sid Sullenger moved to accept the audit as presented. Pete Barrera seconded, and the motion passed.

After discussion Robert Richey moved to re-adopt the *Code of Ethics and Polices Relating to Travel Expenditures, District Investments, Professional Services, and Fiscal Management*. No changes to the policy were proposed for the next fiscal year. Sid Sullenger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

After review of changes by the General Manager, Robert Richey moved to accept the Proposed Revised Irion County Water Conservation District Rules. No additional substantive changes were identified from last month's discussion although corrections to page numbers and the Table of Contents were completed. Sid Sullenger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

**Attesting Signature** 

**Presiding Officer** 

Date: 11/13/2023