

IRION COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

January 13, 2025

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

Visitors Present: Macy Hartley, Accountant

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Bill Whitley, Chairman of the Board.

Robert Richey moved and Pete Barrera seconded to accept the minutes of the previous meetings. The motion carried.

After reviewing the bills, as presented by Macy Hartley, accountant, Pete Barrera moved to pay all bills and transfer \$1200 to MM account. The bills included standard monthly bills plus water quality analysis. Robert Richey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Manager's report included: two WTWMA and joint board meeting in San Angelo, Region F in Big Spring, and TAGD Executive Committee virtual meeting. October was one of the hottest and driest on record with no seeding operations conducted. Manager Craig Funke announced his resignation effective December 31st and the beginnings of his discussion with a third party company for management and meteorological services. The next WTWMA meeting received a presentation from Rain Makers on what services they can provide and Santa Rita UWCD gave notice of their leaving the WTWMA program. The SCUWCD held a joint meeting over dinner and consensus was to continue the interlocal agreements. Region F did not have a quorum, but a virtual preview was given by Senator Perry of his water legislation ideas for the upcoming session. The TAGD Executive Committee met virtually to discuss the timeline for the resignation of the programs director and her replacement. TAGD also previewed the speakers for the upcoming January business meeting.

Well surveillance included monthly water levels which saw 13 static water levels throughout the network, 5 measuring increased water level, one well decreased, and 1 well was not able to be measured. Yearly average comparison for 2023 to 2024 levels saw 4 wells maintaining static average level, 4 wells that measured increased water levels from 2023, and 11 wells that measured decreased water levels.

A Notice of Intent to Drill was received for Kyle Lange for a new domestic well. A change of use was received by Scott Steppe for the change of ownership of 2 domestic wells.

Water quality tests were performed for G. Tankersley. Following a landowner complaint of a fresh water frac pit contaminated with oil and trapped wildlife, staff reached out to the RRC, TCEQ, and EPA on November 22, 2024. Following a RRC site inspection, the violators were

notified of necessary clean up requirements. District staff completed a follow up site visit on December 19, 2024 to witness the site in process of having oil removed from the pits.

Pete Barrera moved to accept the most recent drought index. Robert Richey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

After presentation by Diana Thomas, James Furr moved to accept the 2024 Q4 Investment Report. Pete Barrera seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Board was also informed of updates to the State compiled list of companies that boycott Israel.

After presentation and discussion, Pete Barrera moved to accept the FY 23-24 Annual Report on Management Plan Achievement. The District met most of its management goals, missing only reporting of specific landowner complaints and District attempts at remedy. James Furr seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

James Furr moved to approve the renewed Cooperative Management Agreement with the Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District. Robert Richey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

After presentation of the permit application and review of the map attachments, Pete Barrera moved to approve the application for an irrigation permit for Charlie Tankersley located at Abstract 538, Section 3 San Antonio Ditch Co Survey for no more than 2 acre-feet of water per year. James Furr seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

After presentation of the permit application and review of the map attachments, Robert Richey moved to conditionally approve the application by Rising Star Energy Partners, LLC for an industrial water use permit located at Abstract 88, Section 1013, L.C. Ferguson Survey, Crutchfield 1, for no more than 18 acre-feet of water per year, pending receipt of the original permit application paperwork. Jame Furr seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

After presentation of the permit application and review of the map attachments, Robert Richey moved to conditionally approve the application by Rising Star Energy Partners, LLC for an industrial water use permit located at Abstract 88, Section 1013, L.C. Ferguson Survey, Crutchfield 2, for no more than 10 acre-feet of water per year, pending receipt of the original permit application paperwork. James Furr seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

After presentation of the permit application and review of the map attachments, Pete Barrera moved to conditionally approve the application by Rising Star Energy Partners, LLC for an industrial water use permit located at Abstract 88, Section 1013, L.C. Ferguson Survey, Elliott 4 for no more than 2 acre-feet of water per year, pending receipt of the original permit application paperwork. Robert Richey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

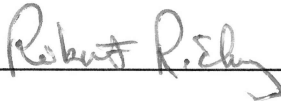
After presentation of the permit application and review of the map attachments, Pete Barrera moved to conditionally approve the application by Rising Star Energy Partners, LLC for an industrial water use permit located at Abstract 88, Section 1013, L.C. Ferguson Survey, Elliott 5,

for no more than 15 acre-feet of water per year, pending receipt of the original permit application paperwork. Robert Richey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

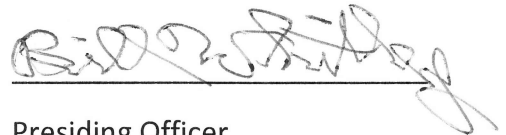
After presentation of the permit application and review of the map attachments, Robert Richey moved to conditionally approve the application by Rising Star Energy Partners, LLC, Winger Water Station, for a water sales permit located at Abstract 500 & 729, Section 857 & 1128, M. Pfister & GC & SF RR CO Survey for no more than 12 acre feet of water per year, pending receipt of the original permit application paperwork. Pete Barrera seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

After presentation of the permit application and review of the map attachments, Robert Richey moved to conditionally approve the application by Rising Star Energy Partners, LLC, Winger Water Station, for a water sales permit located at Abstract 500 & 729, Section 857 & 1128, M. Pfister & GC & SF RR CO Survey for no more than 12 acre feet of water per year, pending receipt of the original permit application paperwork. Pete Barrera seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Sid Sullenger moved and Robert Richey seconded to adjourn at 8:03 PM.



Attesting Signature



Presiding Officer

Date: 2-10-25