

IRION COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 12, 2026

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

Visitors Present: Accountant Macy Hartley

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM. by Bill Whitley, Chairman of the Board.

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

Accountant Macy Hartley presented the financial report and bills to the Board. The bills included standard monthly bills plus Ashley's notary bond renewal and replacement eline for the Powers well sounder. After reviewing the bills as presented, Sid Sullenger moved to pay all bills and transfer \$4,500 to the MM account. Robert Richey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Manager's report included: two WTWMA and the Dec. joint board meeting in San Angelo, TX Comptroller Webinar on New Bond Reporting, TWDB Webinar on AG Water Use Estimation, TAGD Webinar on Correlative Rights, two TAGD Education Committee virtual meetings, Texas Water Leaders Informational virtual meeting, TAGD Executive Committee virtual meeting, and H2S Training in Mertzon. WTWMA reviewed October rainfall, highlighting that a majority of the month's rain fell in one event. Rainmaker's representatives informed the association that they are declining to extend a contract offer for 2026 to any Texas programs. They will work with the association to transfer all licenses and accounts back past the current contractual deadline. The Texas Comptroller held a webinar discussing the upcoming deadlines for the newly legislated bond reporting and their just completed online reporting system. The TWDB held a webinar covering the history and methodology of their agricultural water use estimation program. The SCUWCD and the ICWCD held their annual joint meeting in San Angelo to reaffirm the cooperative management agreement. WTWMA met to discuss options for 2026 operations, namely the requirement for a certified meteorologist. TAGD hosted a webinar covering various topics related to correlative rights highlighting how three different water districts across Texas permit based on correlative systems. Although common in areas of water abundance, one district featured was in a water scarce region. The TAGD Education Committee reviewed topics for development of an online Texas Groundwater Resource Document, various networking events for the year were developed and confirmed, a quarterly met up date was set, and upcoming GCD index and salary study was discussed. Ashley Masters attend the virtual Texas Water Leaders Information meeting with an interest in submitting her application to participate. She will hear by early February if she has been selected to join the program for 2026. The TAGD Executive Committee met to discuss association financials, the upcoming winter business meeting, and response to the correlative rights webinar. Ashley Masters attended a H2S safety training due to common field conditions she comes across.

Well surveillance included the water level monitor network. December water levels were not completed due to the holidays and multiple pressing well inspections that were unexpected, but yearly averages were highlighted for board discussion.

A Notice of Intent to Drill was received for M. Elkins for a livestock replacement well and for C. Anderson for a replacement domestic well. Water quality analysis were performed for T. Steckbeck and three wells for F. Lindley.

Diana Thomas presented the late December and early January drought indexes for Irion County, noting there was no change despite no rainfall received. Robert Richey moved to receive the most recent drought index. Sid Sullenger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Investment Officer Diana Thomas presented the 2025 Q4 Investment Report to the Board. Sid Sullenger moved to receive the 2025 Q4 Investment Report. The new lower CD interest rates were highlighted after early January renewal. Robert Richey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

After presentation and discussion, Sid Sullenger moved to accept the FY 24-25 Annual Report on Management Plan Achievement. The District met most of its management goals, missing only one of four reports on the rain gauge network. Robert Richey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

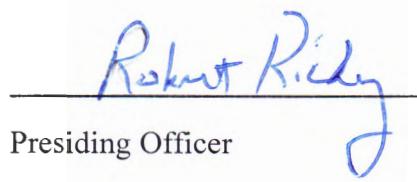
Robert Richey moved to re-approve Cooperative Management Agreement with the Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District. Sid Sullenger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Diana Thomas opened the rules workshop explaining necessary changes to the rules mandated by the 2025 legislative session. There were three such changes in the rules that resulted from the passage of legislation; one added exempt wells to the list of considerations in a permit application, one increased the maximum daily fine for violations, and one added a process for increasing the water export fee. Diana then recommended a few other changes including removing all references to fax, adding clarifications to data expected from a permit mandated hydrogeologic report, and updating the “Production Limits” section to reflect how the District operates. Diana outlined the process for proposing and adopting rules and provided an expected time frame.

There being no further business Sid Sullenger moved and Robert Richey seconded to adjourn at 7:30 PM.



Attesting Signature



Presiding Officer

Date: 2/9/2026