

IRION COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

July 13, 2026

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

Public Present: Accountant Macy Hartley and Leon Standard

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM. by Bill Whitley, Chairman of the Board.

Public in attendance did not request to provide comment.

Sid Sullenger moved to update the "Public Present" attendees to include a member of the public who was in attendance but not recorded and to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as edited. Robert Richey seconded and the motion carried.

Accountant Macy Hartley presented the financial report and bills to the Board. The bills included standard monthly bills, vehicle repair, an annual financial audit, and conference fees for a total of \$16,042.86. After reviewing the bills as presented, Sid Sullenger moved to transfer \$16,000 from the MM account and to pay all bills. James Furr seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Investment Officer Diana Thomas presented the Board with a Statement of Disclosure identifying that she now holds an account at the Bank of Sonora. James Furr moved to receive Investment Officer Statement of Disclosure. Sid Sullenger seconded and the motion carried.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA in San Angelo and HNR Committee, TAGD Education Committee, TAGD Education Committee Book Workshop, and TWDB/Dove Creek Springs virtual meetings. The WTWMA had an active 6 days in May with 10 operational flights resulting in 4-6 inches of rainfall across the target area. Gaining access to the website back end has been difficult, but Recast staff are working on being able to post updates online again soon. The Irion County Water Conservation District has voted to leave the WTWMA at the end of the calendar year. The House Natural Resource Committee held a hearing on data centers receiving testimony from agencies, industry, public officials, and the public. Main takeaways from discussion was beefing up enforcement for state surveys, legislatively required notice and hearing of data center development, and mandatory water impact statements of proposed facilities. District staff, the TWDB, and Dove Creek Springs family members all participated in a virtual meeting that recapped research efforts this year and discussed potential next steps for next year. The TAGD Education Committee Art of Gathering Book Review group met and members are working on an outreach template for districts to utilize when meeting with relators based off concepts they are learning from the book. It would aid district staff in educating on new legislative changes in required documentation in seller's disclosures regarding property well resources. The TAGD Education Committee met virtually to discuss key events occurring throughout state, share education information resources, and plan a future in person meeting at the EAA educational center.

Monitor well network surveillance was completed with 5 wells remaining at static levels, 3 wells measured increased water levels, 9 wells measured decreased water levels, and 3 monitor wells

were not measured. The well camera was utilized for a monitor well on the Cole Ranch in Sterling County.

A Notice of Intent to Drill was received for two K. Lange industrial wells and B. Whitley replacement domestic well. A Change of Use was received for K. Lange stock well to industrial use and K. Lange rig supply to industrial use. A Change of Ownership was received for two D. Hill domestic wells and a stock well. Water quality analysis was performed for S. Malcom.

Based off public and board member comments over the last few months, potential education and outreach projects were presented for consideration in the upcoming fiscal year. General ideas were outlined with details to be fleshed out at the board's direction. Rain catchment workshops, rain catchment installments in partnership with the county for public viewing, increased opportunities for collaborative data collection with state agencies, general community education outreach programs, and professional education outreach programs were all discussed.

Diana Thomas presented the updated Interlocal Participation Agreement and Bylaws of the West Texas Weather Modification Association. The only change to the documents was the addition of a new participating county, Howard County, and the associated formatting needed to add in the additional signatory line. Legal counsel advised that since the ICWCD is a member of the WTWMA through the end of 2026 that we sign the agreements as updated. This action does NOT negate our notice to leave the WTWMA by the end of the calendar year. Sid Sullenger moved to approve West Texas Weather Modification Association Interlocal Participation Agreement and Bylaws. James Furr seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Diana Thomas presented the FY 2024-2025 Financial Audit. The District is in good financial standing with net position increasing at the end of the audited year. James Furr moved to accept the FY 2024-2025 Financial Audit. Robert Richey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Diana Thomas presented the two most recent drought indexes for Irion County, highlighting the minor improvement in drought conditions. Sid Sullenger moved to accept the most recent drought indexes. Robert Richey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Investment Officer Diana Thomas presented the 2026 Q2 Investment Report highlighting that one of the two CDs had renewed just after the report time period. Sid Sullenger moved to receive the 2026 Q2 Investment Report as presented. James Furr seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Recycling Program Exemption was presented with no updates due to no change in the status of local recycling capabilities. Sid Sullenger moved to accept the Recycling Program Exemption Declaration. Robert Richey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Diana Thomas presented a satisfactory performance evaluation for Technician Ashley Masters, highlighting an area where she has excelled and indicating a policy adjustment on urgency of monthly water level measurements going forward. A table of accomplishments for both the Technician and General Manager were reviewed. Following Board discussion, James Furr moved to award a 4% pay increase in the next fiscal year for both the Technician and General Manager and a 1% increase in the ICWCD retirement match program awarded to the Technician

also starting in the next fiscal year. Merit pay in the amount of \$5,000 will be awarded in the current fiscal year to the General Manager and Technician. The monthly accountant contract is to be increased by \$50.00 a month to equal \$850 per month in the next fiscal year as well. Robert Richey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The budget workshop included an estimation of total operating expenses at the end of the current fiscal year and implications for the next fiscal year. Budget options for weather modification funds were discussed from dropping that line item entirely to allocating a portion of those funds to a new education/outreach line item. Appraisal District estimates of taxable value were reviewed, but it was emphasized that early estimates are very conservative.

There being no further business James Furr moved and Robert Richey seconded to adjourn at 7:46 PM.

James C. Furr

Attesting Signature

Robert Richey

Presiding Officer

Date: 8-10-2026