

IRION COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

June 9, 2025

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

Visitors Present: accountant Macy Hartley and Bill Miller.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Robert Richey, Vice-Chairman of the Board.

Jame Furr moved to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting. Pete Barrera seconded and the motion carried.

After reviewing the bills as presented by Macy Hartley, Pete Barrera moved to transfer \$7,000 from the MM account and pay all bills. The bills included standard monthly bills, quarterly appraisal district payment, and SKG water analysis invoice. James Furr seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Bill Miller addressed the Board with concerns regarding exempt well qualifications and how they are determined, versus nonexempt wells for which a permit is needed.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA in San Angelo, two TAGD Legislative Committee virtual meetings, and Dove Creek Springs Field Day in Irion County. April had limited seeding opportunities but did experience some rainfall due to seeding efforts in the Trans-Pecos Weather Mod service area. One of the previously reported derelict airplanes has been repaired and the other has been cannibalized for parts. An assessment of \$0.048 per acre was adopted for any new joining members of the WTWMA. The legislative session has ended for the Texas House and Senate; bills will be monitored through the month of June for passage or Governor veto. Bills signed into law already were reviewed including a notary education and records retention bill, GCD interlocal contract and use of fees bills, increase in the expenditure needed for a competitive bid, and an inactive well plugging bill. Bills awaiting Governor action were reviewed. Ashley Masters spent the day at Dove Creek Springs with Aquatic Plant Biologist Casey Williams, TWDB Spring Monitoring Hydrologist Cody Bjornson, landowners, and other naturalists. Two District monitor wells on the property were observed by well camera, transducer and flow meter measurements were obtained, and spring and creek flora was identified and evaluated. Ashley Masters attended the TAGD Conference Planning Committee virtual meeting where most speakers and panelist were finalized, a few keynote speakers and legislators are still awaiting confirmation, and the event field trip to Cieblo Springs and nature preserve was also confirmed. The agenda is expected to be finalized by the next meeting and released to attendees after review by the committee. Ashley also met with the TWDB Recorder & Spring Monitoring team in a virtual meeting to discuss opportunities for collaboration at Dove Creek Springs.

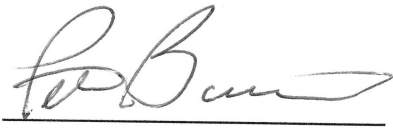
Well surveillance for 3 monitor wells was completed and will be included in next month's report. The remaining wells were not completed due to much needed rain creating poor field conditions.

The well camera was utilized on two monitor wells on the Dove Creek Ranch.

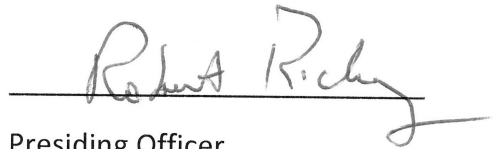
Water quality testing was performed for B. Stubblefield. No Notice of Intent to Drill were received for the month.

Manager Diana Thomas presented appraisal district valuation estimates from both Irion and Tom Green County noting that both county values are estimated to increase from the previous year. Budget workshops for FY 2025-2026 will begin next month.

There being no further business Sid Sullenger moved and James Furr seconded to adjourn at 7:47PM.



Attesting Signature



Presiding Officer

Date: 7/14/2025