

IRION COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

October 14, 2024

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

Visitors Present: Macy Hartley, Accountant.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. by Bill Whitley, Chairman of the Board.

James Furr moved, and Robert Richey seconded to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

After reviewing the bills as presented by the accountant, Sid Sullenger moved to transfer \$36,000 from the MMDA to the checking account and to pay all bills. Bills included standard monthly bills and the annual TML Insurance premium, WTWMA bi-annual invoice, approved payroll increases for the new fiscal year, and annual mileage reimbursement checks for Directors. James Furr seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Manager's report included: two WTWMA in San Angelo, virtual House Natural Resource Committee, TAGD HR webinar, and WWTX4 in Pecos. WTWMA had 5 operational days in August with every participating county experiencing seeded storms. There were 3 operational days in September to close the 2024 season out for a total of 24 operational days. The need for a response to a negative Letter to the Editor of the Livestock Weekly was discussed. Sutton County UWCD sent notification of their termination with our program, further complicating 2025 budget discussion. The House Natural Resource Committee interim hearing heard testimony on a number of water related charges, but with 5 committee members not returning for the next session the interim schedule has been light. The TAGD HR webinar covered written employee policies and performance management best practices. WWTX4 had another slate of great presentations bringing in representatives of the RRC, local landowners in the thick of the zombie well phenomena, and several businesses running research projects utilizing treated produced water. The most recent report put out by the Texas Produced Water Consortium was presented to the Board. Also discussed was the recent DOJ changes to the Americans with Disabilities Act applying accessibility requirement to governmental websites by 2027.

Well Surveillance for county had all wells measured maintaining at static or increased water levels, one well was not measured. Directors received well reports for their review.

Well camera services were performed for the Sterling County Montvale Cemetery monitor well, Ken Smith's Windmill, two R. Longoria wells, and the Old Sherwood Post Office monitor well.

A Notice of Intent to Drill was received for the Rocker B for a replacement livestock well.

Water quality tests were performed for G. Tankersley house, 7 Springs, R. Longoria, L. Tankersley, L. Hofacket, W. Bryant 3 wells, Sherwood Courthouse, and K. Smith 2 wells.

General Manager Diana Thomas again presented the four RFQ submissions for legal counsel that were received. Each director present shared their preference after discussion of rates and experience. Sid Sullenger moved to accept the proposal by Lloyd Gosselink and contract with Cole Ruiz for legal counsel. James Furr seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, Robert Richey moved to adopt by resolution the *Code of Ethics and Policies Relating to Travel Expenditures, District Investments, Professional Services, and Fiscal Management* and reaffirm the General Manager as the Investment Officer. One additional option for District investments was added to the policy. Sid Sullenger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

After presentation by the Investment Officer Diana Thomas, Robert Richey moved to accept the 2024 Q3 Investment Report. Sid Sullenger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

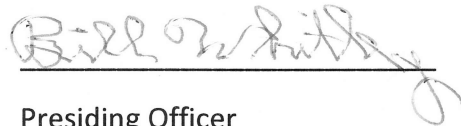
Sid Sullenger moved to accept the most recent Drought Index despite conditions still looking bad across western Texas. Robert Richey seconded, and the motion passed.

Diana Thomas presented the FY 2022-2023 financial audit report to the Directors. After review, James Furr moved to accept the FY 2022-2023 financial audit. Sid Sullenger seconded, and the motion passed.

There being no further business Sid Sullenger moved and Robert Richey seconded to adjourn at 7:22 PM.



Attesting Signature



Presiding Officer

Date: 11-11-2024