IRION COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT PUBLIC MEETING ON TAX RATE AND BUDGET AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING September 8, 2025

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

Visitors Present: accountant Macy Hartley, consultant Amy Bush with RMBJGeo, and Clay Thorp

The Public Meeting on Tax Rate and Budget was called to order at 6:00 pm by Bill Whitley, Chairman of the Board. No members of the public in attendance gave comments. The Public Meeting was closed at 6:10 pm.

The regular meeting was called to order by Bill Whitley, Chairman of the Board.

Sid Sullenger moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Pete Barrera seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Accountant Macy Hartley presented the bills and financial statements to the Board. Bills included standard monthly bills, previously approved merit pay, replacement rain gauges, biannual weather mod invoice, and fourth quarter appraisal district apportionment. After reviewing the materials as presented, Pete Barrera moved to transfer \$32,000 from the MM account and to pay all bills. Robert Richey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA in San Angelo, GMA 7 in Sonora, and TAGD business meeting and Summit in San Antonio. The WTWMA did not fly in July but logged 4 flights in early August. Rainmaker's is applying for various grants and looking into investing into their own aircraft. The GMA met to review historical DFC comparisons and work out more of this round's DFCs. Diana Thomas was voted to be to TAGD Upper Edwards Are Representative again at the TAGD business meeting. The annual Summit was filled with presentations ranging from the role of DFCs, groundwater case law, TDLR rules and water well standards, and data center water usage.

Monitor well surveillance for August was not completed. The borehole camera was utilized for C. Lindley.

The biannual Creek Survey was completed for two sites on Dove Creek and five sites for Spring Creek. The 7 Spring location was not tested due to oil well plugging in the area, samples for this site will occur after plugging is completed per landowner request.

The District received Intent to Drills for a Bar None Ranch replacement livestock well, a C. Whitley replacement livestock well, a C. Lindley replacement domestic/livestock well, and a T. McCarty domestic well.

Amy Bush with RMBJGeo presented to the board on District monitoring of DFC achievement. She covered some background on the DFC, previous water level projections from the 2020 analysis, and an updated look at Irion water levels. The Board asked questions on well coverage, longevity of data, and implications of just missing our DFC. The presentation and all materials from RMBJGeo's analysis was provided via email to the District.

Pete Barrera moved to amend the FY 2024-2025 budget. Professional Fees was increased as was Interest Earned. Total operating expenses were amended to equal \$194,620. Sid Sullenger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Pete Barrera moved to adopt the FY 2025-2026 budget of \$203,230. Compared to the previous fiscal year Field and Lab, Office, and Payroll all increased. Sid Sullenger seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Robert Richey moved to adopt a 2025 Tax Rate of \$0.008834 per \$100 of property value. This is below the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and is estimated to raise \$201,924 in funds for the District at a 99% collection rate. Pete Barrera seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Sid Sullenger moved to adopt a tax discount of 3% if paid in full in October, 2% if paid in full in November, and 1% if paid in full in December. Robert Richey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Diana Thomas presented the Contract for Assessing and Collecting Services for 2025-2026 from Irion County. The assessment rate has remained the same from the previous year's contract. Sid Sullenger moved to accept the Contract for Assessing and Collecting Services for 2025-2026 from Irion County. Robert Richey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Sid Sullenger moved and Pete Barrera seconded to adjourn at 8:10 PM.

Attesting Signature

Presiding Officer

Date: 11-10-2025