

# IRION COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

January 9, 2023

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

No Public in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M. by Bill Whitley, Chairman of the Board.

Robert Richey moved, and Sid Sullenger seconded to accept the minutes of the prior meetings. Motion carried.

After reviewing the bills as presented, Sid Sullenger moved to pay all bills. Robert Richey seconded, and the motion passed.

Manager's report included: virtual SAWRA Committee Hearing, TAGD Executive Committee meeting, WTRGA meeting, and special called TAGD meeting, and the Joint ICWCD meeting in San Angelo. The Senate Ag, Water, and Rural Affairs Committee held their second interim hearing concerning groundwater issues, covering a dizzying array of topics over several hours. Notable topics included the artificially low cost of wastewater injection which does not include future clean-up costs, how to address high rates of municipal infrastructure water loss, the improvements in the DFC process including updated models, and the need to change the cultural conversation around water. The TAGD Executive Committee met virtually to discuss the changing contract terms for the premier annual TAGD summit and the possibility of bringing the management in house. The WTRGA met virtually with consultant Adam Burklund to discuss pertinent bills currently filed and some potential bills to be filed. Updates about the upcoming legislative session were shared along with discussions ongoing by Adam on behalf of our group. SCUWCD directors met with ICWCD directors at the annual joint meeting over dinner in San Angelo. Due to no quorum, it was agreed by all that the recommendation to continue the interlocal agreement be made at the next regularly scheduled board meetings of each individual district. A specially called TAGD meeting was held virtually to have the full membership vote on budget amendments to allow for the internal management of the annual TAGD summit instead of contracting it out. The IRS standard mileage reimbursement rate for 2023 was also presented to the board.

Well Surveillance included November, December well levels and yearly average for Irion County. Majority of wells showed a decreased yearly average in well levels ranging from 15 ft to 1.3 ft, three wells maintained static average with 2021 average level, and two wells showed an increase from the 2021 yearly average.

No water quality analysis was performed in November or December.

The well camera was utilized for C. Caldwell in Sterling County.

A Notice of Intent to Drill was received for: Tom Carter - livestock, Carolyn McGehee- replacement livestock, and Doug Gryder- domestic.

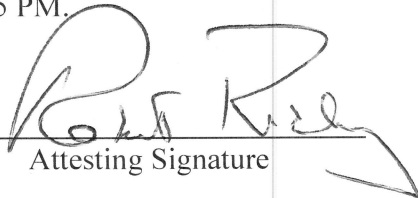
Sid Sullenger motioned to continue participating in the Cooperative Agreements with the Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District, with minor updates to reflect recent changes in staff. Robert Richey seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

Robert Richey motioned to accept the Most Recent Drought Index. Sid Sullenger seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

After presentation of the investment report and the updated lists of companies engaged in scrutinized business operations in Sudan and Iran, Robert Richey motioned to accept the 2022 Q4 Investment Report. Sid Sullenger seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

Sid Sullenger motioned to accept the FY 21-22 Annual Report on Management Plan Achievement. Robert Richey seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Robert Richey moved and Sid Sullenger seconded to adjourn at 7:15 PM.

  
Attesting Signature

  
Presiding Officer

Date: 2-13-2023