

IRION COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 9, 2026

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

No Visitors Present

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM. by Robert Richey, Vice-Chairman of the Board.

Sid Sullenger moved and Pete Barrera seconded to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

General Manager Diana Thomas presented the financial report and bills to the Board. The bills included standard monthly bills, GMA 7 annual fee, and USA Bluebook field equipment repair. After reviewing the bills as presented, James Furr moved to pay all bills and transfer \$62,000 to the MM account. Sid Sullenger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA in San Angelo, Irion Agrilife Seminar and Commissioner's Court in Mertzon, TWDB Grant Webinar, and TAGD Education Committee Virtual Meeting. The WTWMA met in an effort to get the program operational for the 2026 season. There were no successful leads on finding a meteorologist so far and the program license needs to be renewed in March. The Irion Agrilife New & Small Acreage Landowner Seminar covered USDA grants available, the USDA small acreage wildlife program, and Wildlife and Rangeland Ecology and Management programs. Irion County Commissioners Court was attended by Ashley Masters for county updates on subdivision rules and logistics on carrying out the WAC agreement for the impending plat submission. The TWDB hosted a webinar to outline their new GCD grant program aimed at research, science, and data. The TAGD Education Committee reviewed topics for development of an online Texas Groundwater Resource Document, various networking events for the year were developed and confirmed, a quarterly met up date was set, and upcoming GCD index and salary study was discussed.

Well surveillance included the water level monitor network. January water levels were compared to 2025 average water levels for each well. Three monitor well water levels remained static, three wells showed increased water levels, eleven wells measured decreased water levels, and three wells were not measured. The well camera was utilized for Cravens windmill well and Apache monitor well in Irion County. Ashley Masters reported that replacement of the old gauge network is almost complete. She will be looking into a Toughbook or other type of field tablet due to struggles with the current laptop while installing the new gauges.

A Notice of Intent to Drill was received for three livestock wells for Tullos, with two being plugged immediately as dry wells. No water quality analysis was performed.

Sid Sullenger moved to Order the General Election. James Furr seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Diana Thomas reviewed proposed changes as presented in the previous rules workshop. No additional edits were received from the Board. James Furr moved to propose the revising of the Rules of the Irion County Water Conservation District as presented. Diana Thomas discussed the required posting and public hearing set forth in TWC Ch. 36 for rule changes. It was noted that a red line copy would be posted on the District website as well. Sid Sullenger seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Sid Sullenger moved, and Pete Barrera seconded to adjourn at 6:47 PM.

James C. Furr

Attesting Signature

Bob R. Little

Presiding Officer

Date: 3-9-2020