

IRION COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 12, 2024

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

Visitors Present: Macy Hartley, Accountant.

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 P.M. by Robert Richey, Vice-Chairman of the Board.

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

After reviewing the bills as presented by the accountant, Pete Barrera moved to transfer \$62,500 from the checking account to MMDA and to pay all bills. Bills included regular monthly bills plus legal counsel and new truck tires. Sid Sullenger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA and Joint ICWCD meeting in San Angelo, three TAGD virtual Executive Committee meeting, TAGD/TWDB Webinar, and Region F Big Spring. WTWMA held their last meeting of the year and approved a 2024 budget with an unchanged bottom line and internal adjustments for increased insurance and utility costs. The project meteorologist has left and 2024 will start with a new meteorologist. The TAGD Executive Committee met to discuss and plan out the process for hiring a new Executive Director. TAGD and the TWDB held a webinar to assist GCDs in setting up a TDLR account to edit submitted well driller's logs. ICWCD and SCUWCD held their annual joint meeting over dinner in San Angelo to continue the interlocal-agreements. The TAGD Executive Committee met to discuss how Executive Director interviews will be held and finalize financials for the business meeting. The Executive Committee met in person and virtually to conduct Executive Director interviews. TAGD Bootcamp in Round Rock very informative session on lithology and aquifer formation and characterization. TAGD Business Meeting in Round Rock introduce new technology for brackish aquifers by utilizing Borehole Magnetic Resonance, the importance of workforce management and having plans in place for extended leave and in place in case of employment changes, Updates from TWDB, RRC, and TCEQ. Region F is over halfway through the joint planning cycle with Sterling and Irion counties looking to be categorized as MAG limited. Consultants anticipate hydrogen projects will fall under the mining category in the next planning cycle.

Well Surveillance included 10 static, 5 increased, 3 decreased, and 7 wells unable to measure, for December levels. Yearly levels 2023 compared to 2022 average annual levels has one well maintaining static levels, two wells recorded increased levels, and the majority of wells had an average annual decrease from previous year. January water levels measured static in the majority of the county with a few wells measuring decreases in areas experiencing increased oil field drilling activity.

Rain gauge data was not collected in January due to equipment being out for repair.

Notice of Intent to Drill was received for **November** – McMillian Ranch, **December** – K. Buchwalder Registered 2 domestic wells, M. Vaughn livestock (plugged), D. Douglas domestic, M. Vaughn livestock, **January** - M. Elkins domestic/livestock , R. Longoria Registered 3 domestic wells.

Water quality tests were performed in **November** - S. Terral, J. Paxton Deer Camp, **December** – B. Kimbro, Fishing RV Park, and **January** - M. Elkins, R. Longoria.

Pete Barrera moved to approve the renewed Cooperative Management Agreement with the Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District. Sid Sullenger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Sid Sullenger moved to accept the most recent Drought Index. Pete Barrera seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

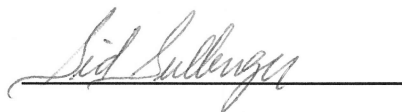
After presentation by Diana Thomas, manager, Sid Sullenger moved to accept the 2023 Q4 Investment Report as presented. Pete Barrera seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Board was also informed of updates to the State compiled list of companies doing scrutinized business with Iran.

After presentation and discussion, Pete Barrera moved to accept the FY 22-23 Annual Report on Management Plan Achievement. The District met all its management goals in the previous fiscal year. Sid Sullenger seconded, and the motion passed.

Sid Sullenger moved to Order the General Election. Pete Barrera seconded, and the motion passed.

After review of the current Records Management Policy and discussion highlighting the need for a new officer designation, Pete Barrera moved to appoint the District Manager as the Records Management Officer. Sid Sullenger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Sid Sullenger moved and Pete Barrera seconded to adjourn at 7:11 PM.



Attesting Signature



Presiding Officer

Date: 3/11/2024