

IRION COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 14, 2025

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

Visitors Present: Macy Hartley; Accountant and Clay Thorp.

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 P.M. by Bill Whitley, Chairman of the Board, with cake and ice cream for staff birthdays!

Jame Furr moved to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2025, and March 10, 2025 regular meetings. Robert Richey seconded and the motion carried.

After reviewing the bills as presented by Macy Hartley, accountant, Robert Richey moved to pay all bills and transfer \$24,000 from the MM account. The bills included standard monthly bills plus replacement of the well camera battery, crime bond renewal, and 1<sup>st</sup> half of the 2025 assessment for the WTWMA. James Furr seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Manager's report included: TAGD Executive Committee virtual meeting, GMA 7 in Fort Stockton, Region F in Big Spring, WTRGA virtual meeting, TAGD Conference Planning committee, TAGD Legislative Committee virtual meeting, WTWMA San Angelo, five TAGD Legislative Committee virtual meetings, WTRGA virtual meeting, TAGD Conference Planning Committee virtual meeting, Tom Green Tax Education Seminar in San Angelo, and GMA 7 in Sonora. TAGD Executive Committee met to fill an officer position by vacancy and discuss 2026 meeting locations. GMA 7 met with GMA 3 in Fort Stockton to receive a model update from TWDB. Based off the information presented, the GMA voted to continue this planning round with the old model to allow the TWDN ample time to complete calibration of the new model. Region F met and approved the drafted initially prepared plan. A public hearing will be scheduled sometime in May to present the initially prepared plan and collect comments. The WTRGA met virtually to discuss applicable filed bills, our position, and recommended legislator outreach. TAGD Conference Planning Committee Virtual Meeting discussion on keynote speakers and breakout session with emphasis on technical presentations. The TAGD Legislative Committee also met to discuss filed bills and their applicability to GCDs. The WTWMA held its first meeting under the new management of Rainmakers. They are hopeful for a March 10<sup>th</sup> season start date. They reported on their approval of a USDA electrostatic seeding license and the development of their Prophet platform to enhance seeding communications and reporting. The legislative session is in full swing with many tracked bills going through committee hearings. Notably several bills covering taxation, notaries, public information, notice, and lobbying have reached the halfway point and have made it to the alternate chamber from their start. Water related bills are beginning to make their way to the floor in their first chamber and are being closely monitored. The TAGD Summit Planning Committee discussed confirmed speakers and more topics related to technology, legislative, and GCD business for the upcoming August event. The Tom Green Tax Education Seminar was two days of in depth training on Truth in Taxation forms, tax rate calculations, and legal requirements of hearing and adopting tax rates. GMA 7 met in Sonora to review management plans, review non-relevant aquifer designations, and directed consultant Dr. Bill to conduct a review of how GMA 7 is meeting the Edwards Trinity DFC to potentially direct any needed adjustments to the DFC.

Well surveillance included February and March monthly monitor well water levels. March water levels saw 14 monitor wells with static water levels throughout the network, 4 monitor wells measuring decreased water levels, 1 monitor well with decreased water levels, and 1 monitor well was not able to be measured.

Rain gauge data was evaluated for the remaining 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of 2024 and partial 1<sup>st</sup> quarter data for 2025. The rain gauge network was noted to have multiple no-data events, despite Ashley Master's best efforts to mitigate at various points of failure. Several rain gauges have been moved to areas for better correlation with monitor wells and will be further evaluated for replacement and repair options.

Notice of Intent to Drill forms received in March: Mims Reed livestock well, Garrett Carlile domestic well, 4 TMT Ranch LP oil/gas wells, 2 Bennie Family LTD oil/gas wells, Ike Sugg replacement well, and Steven Farnar livestock well. Notice of Intent to Drill forms received in April: 4 Ike Sugg livestock wells, Ike Sugg irrigation well, and 2 Leslie Miller livestock wells.

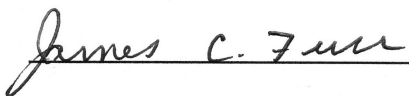
Water Quality was performed for Mims Reed Ranch, Irion Spring and Creek Survey (8), R. Richey (2), Dove Creek Ranch House Well, and R. Longoria.

After review and consideration of the scholarship applications, Robert Richey moved to award the following scholarships: Berkley Callaway and Layne Green as the recipients of the Vicki Tankersley Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 each, Berkley Callaway and Layne Green as the recipients of the ICWCD Board Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 each, and Audrey Tillman as the recipient of the ICWCD Progressive Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00. Discussion of District finances followed, highlighting the ability of the Board to increase scholarship awards without detriment to the budget. James Furr seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

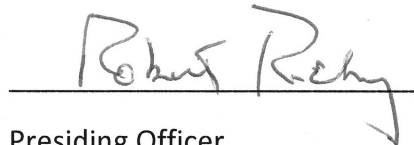
After presentation and discussion, Robert Richey moved to accept the most recent drought index. James Furr seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Diana Thomas reviewed the 2025 Q1 Investment Report with the Board, highlighting the acquisition of an additional \$250,000 FHLB letter of credit with Sonora Bank to cover funds above the FDIC insurance limit. James Furr moved to accept the 2025 Q1 Investment Report as presented. Robert Richey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Robert Richey moved and James Furr seconded to adjourn at 7:11 PM.



Attesting Signature



Presiding Officer

Date: 5/12/2025