

IRION COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 13, 2023

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

Visitor Present: Macy Hartley, Accountant. No other member of public in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M. by Bill Whitley, Chairman of the Board.

Robert Richey moved, and James Furr seconded to accept the minutes of the prior meeting. The motion carried.

After reviewing the bills as presented, James Furr moved to pay all bills. Sid Sullenger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Manager's report included: two TAGD Executive Committee and TWRA/EPA Virtual Meetings, and Irion County Commissioners Court in Mertzon. The TAGD Executive Committee met to discuss final preparations for the February regular meeting and Summit planning for August 2023. TRWA/EPA Virtual meeting attended by District Technician, Ashley Masters. It was an informative meeting about the startup of Texas Rural Water Association describing EPA Private Well Owners Assistance and Education Program their purpose and objectives. TRWA is looking to partner with Water Districts and with Texas Well Owner Network for upcoming events and workshops. Staff presented various options for water availability certifications in subdivision platting rules to the Irion County Commissioners Court. The benefits of such certifications were highlighted and assistance in review from the water district was discussed. The TAGD Executive Committee met to reschedule the cancelled February business meeting due to bad weather in Austin and around the state.

Well Surveillance for January throughout Irion had 8 wells remaining at static levels, 5 wells showed decreased water levels and 4 well showed increased water levels. Three additional wells will be added to the list of monitored wells in the coming months.

Rain Gauge Report: 4th quarter rainfall for county varied from 0.05 – 6.30 inches with majority of rainfall between late October and November with small amount of rainfall in December. Yearly Totals varied throughout county between 2.67 – 16.31 inches.

Water quality analysis was performed for S. Malcomb, J. Gray, and T. Hill.

The Semi-Annual Creek Survey was completed for 7 Springs, Brims Crossing, Harkey's Crossing, High Bridge, Sherwood Crossing, Hughes Crossing, Dove Creek Spring, and Dove Creek County Road Crossing. No analysis was done for Middle Concho or Rocky Crossing as they are dry beds at this time.

Notice of Intent to Drill was received for: George Poage Jr -Change of Ownership (7) Industrial & (3) Domestic/Livestock Wells, R. Gillit, J. Creek & T. Creek – Change of Ownership Industrial Well, Charles Hughes (2) Replacement Domestic/Livestock Wells, and Jeremy McNutt (4) Domestic/Livestock Wells.

James Furr motioned to accept the Application for an Irrigation Permit for Doug Gryder located at Parcel 1285, Track K for no more than 3.5 acre feet per acre of water per year. Robert Richey seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

Robert Richey motioned to table any action on Assistance to Irion County Commissioners in the Review and Assessment of Groundwater Availability Certificates for Subdivision Plats pending review and discussion with District legal counsel. Sid Sullenger seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business James Furr moved and Robert Richey seconded to adjourn at 7:36 PM.


Attesting Signature


Presiding Officer

Date: 3-13-2023