

# IRION COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 8, 2023

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

Visitor Present: Macy Hartley, Accountant.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. by Bill Whitley, Chairman of the Board.

Robert Richey moved, and Sid Sullenger seconded to accept the minutes of the prior meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

District accountant Macy presented the regular monthly bills. After reviewing the bills as presented, James Furr moved to transfer \$8,000 from the MMDA to the checking account and to pay all bills. Sid Sullenger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Sid Sullenger moved to restructure District Investment by transferring \$120,000 from the Money Market Account at First National Bank of Mertz on to a 13-month, 4.25 % CD with Sonora Bank. James Furr seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Discussion followed for signature authority on the new CD account to be consistent with other District accounts and include all 5 Board Members.

Manager's report included: WTWMA in San Angelo and four TAGD Legislative Committee meetings and one WTRGA meeting all virtually. Weather Mod has begun meeting again and gearing up for the seeding season. Early season outlook is dry due to lingering La Nina and neutral atmospheric conditions, but El Nino is supposed to kick in by the end of summer. Predictions are for an average rainfall year due to positive rainfall potential during the El Nino conditions, if we can just hang on until then! The legislature is entering its frantic rush to finish business before looming deadlines are met. Funding for the Produced Water Consortium has reached the governor's desk while other bills of concern have been killed due to deadlines. Several bills dealing with the DFC process, Ch. 36 exemptions, water availability certificates, and consideration of exempt wells in the permitting process are all over halfway through the process and continue to be monitored. TAGD and the WTRGA have been actively monitoring and discussing the legislative session.

Well Surveillance for March throughout Irion had 10 wells remaining at static levels, 1 well with a slight decrease, 4 wells showed decreased water levels over 1ft, 2 wells measured decreases over 4ft, 2 wells measures increased water levels and 1 well had abnormal reading that is being further investigated.

Quarterly Rain Gauge Reading was completed for Q1 2023 - Quarterly average rainfall throughout county was 1.5 inches, this excludes three gauges that had reading malfunctions. Rocky rain gauge will not be replaced at the same location, replacement gauge will be moved to a different landowner property and will be noted as the Wilson Rain gauge.


Water quality analysis for Monk Ranch 4 TDS and 1 Total Manganese/Irion was collected for analysis by certified lab.

Notice of Intent to Drill received for the month of April from MEI Operating (2) Oil & Gas Supply wells.

After review and consideration of the applications, Robert Richey moved to award the following scholarships: Cameron Feller as the recipient of the Vicki Tankersley Memorial Natural Science Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00; Katherine Casey, Kaylynn Hart, and Audrey Tillman as the recipients of the Irion County Water Conservation District General Science Scholarship in the amount of \$500 each; and Baylee Lawdermilk and Ariel Pineda Ayala as the recipients of the Progressive Scholarship in the amount of \$500 each. Sid Sullenger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business James Furr moved and Robert Richey seconded to adjourn at 7:18 PM.

  
Attesting Signature

  
Presiding Officer  
Date: 6/12/2023