STERLING COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

January 13, 2025

Members present:

Vice-Chairman Kade Hodges, Evan Canady, Cliff Caldwell, Wes Glass

General Manager Diana Thomas and Technician Ashley Masters.

Visitors present: Karen Hodges, accountant.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Kade Hodges, Vice-Chairman of the Board.

Evan Canady moved to accept the minutes of the previous meetings. Cliff Caldwell seconded the motion and it carried.

Accountant, Karen Hodges, presented the bills to the Board. Bills included regular monthly bills and TAGD meeting registration, vehicle registration, annual PO box renewal, and SKG water analysis. After reviewing the bills as presented, Evan Canady moved to transfer \$5,000 from the MMDA to the checking account and to pay all bills. Cliff Caldwell seconded, and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: two WTWMA and joint board meeting in San Angelo, Region F in Big Spring, and TAGD Executive Committee virtual meeting. October was one of the hottest and driest on record with no seeding operations conducted. Manager Craig Funke announced his resignation effective December 31st and the beginnings of his discussion with a third party company for management and meteorological services. The next WTWMA meeting received a presentation from Rain Makers on what services they can provide and Santa Rita UWCD gave notice of their leaving the WTWMA program. The ICWCD held a joint meeting over dinner and consensus was to continue the interlocal agreements. Region F did not have a quorum, but a virtual preview was given by Senator Perry of his water legislation ideas for the upcoming session. The TAGD Executive Committee met virtually to discuss the timeline for the resignation of the programs director and her replacement. TAGD also previewed the speakers for the upcoming January business meeting.

Well Surveillance included water levels for monitor wells throughout county for month of December and 2024 Yearly Averages, directors reviewed the individual wells and discussed the varied levels.

A Notice of Intent to Drill was received for F. Price for a livestock well. Water Analysis was performed for F. Thompson and K. Hodges.

Wes Glass moved to accept the most recent drought index as presented. Cliff Caldwell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

After presentation by Diana Thomas, Cliff Caldwell moved to accept the 2024 Q4 Investment Report. Wes Glass seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Board was also informed of updates to the State compiled list of companies that boycott Israel.

After presentation and discussion, Evan Canady moved to accept the FY 23-24 Annual Report on Management Plan Achievement. The District met most of its management goals, missing only one of four reports on the rain gauge network. Kade Hodges seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Cliff Caldwell moved and Evan Canady seconded to adjourn at 1:44 PM.

Attesting Signature

Presiding Officer

Date: 2-10-2025