

**STERLING COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

November 11, 2024

Members present: Chairman Jack Clark, Kade Hodges, Evan Canady, General Manager; Diana Thomas and Technician; Ashley Masters.

No members of the public present.

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 P.M. by Jack Clark, Chairman of the Board.

Evan Canady moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Kade Hodges seconded the motion and it carried.

General Manager, Diana Thomas, presented the monthly bills to the Board. After reviewing the bills as presented, Kade Hodges moved to transfer \$7,000 from the MMDA to the checking account, and to pay all bills. Bills included standard monthly items in addition to the annual WTRGA assessment, the director bond for the newly appointed director, and some ac repair work. Evan Canady seconded, and the motion passed.

The Manager's report included: TAGD HR Webinar and TAGD Executive Committee Retreat in College Station. TAGD concluded their 4-part HR webinar series with the topic of interviews and hiring. The TAGD Executive Committee met in College Station for two days of intensive work looking at the future of the organization, giving the new Executive Director direction and clarification, working out budget issues from the past year, and brainstorming new program development. A quick post-election analysis was presented highlighting the new republican and democrat seat count for the Texas house and senate.

Well Surveillance included well water levels for monitor wells throughout county, directors reviewed the individual wells and discussed the varied levels. The quarterly rain gauge network download was presented. Equipment malfunctions were discussed and maintenance options for the entire network were debated.

No Notice of Intent to Drill were received for the month. Water analysis was performed for G. Johnson, Reed Roping Arena, and two for M. Blanek.

Kade Hodges moved to approve the appointment of District Manager Diana Thomas as Custodian of Records and Appointment of Agent for the 2025 board member election. Evan Canady seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Diana Thomas presented the engagement letter from Cole Ruiz at Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C. which echoed the terms proposed in their RFQ response. Kade Hodges moved to accept the engagement letter from Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C. for Legal Services and to enter into the agreement by signature. Evan Canady seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, Evan Canady moved to adopt by resolution the *Code of Ethics and Policies Relating to Travel Expenditures, District Investments, Professional Services, and Fiscal Management* and reaffirm the General Manager as the Investment Officer. Per legislative requirement, a new prohibited covered applications (like Tiktok) policy was adopted. Kade Hodges seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Kade Hodges moved and Evan Canady seconded to adjourn at 2:07 PM.



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Attesting Signature



Presiding Officer

Date: 1/13/2025