

MINUTES
EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
JULY 28, 2023- REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

The public meeting of the Board of Directors of the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District, pursuant to notice, was at the District Office, 110 Wyoming Blvd., Pleasanton, Atascosa County, Texas.

Directors Present: Blaine Schorp, President
Darrell Brownlow, Vice President
Clayton Neal, Secretary/Treasurer
Sherman Posey
Weldon Riggs
Thomas Moy III
Amanda Wheeler
Edward Griffin
Larry Bartek

Employees Present: Russell Labus, General Manager
Melissa Gonzalez, Secretary/Bookkeeper
Christopher McFarlane, Assistant Manager
Landon Yosko, Technical Specialist

Guests Present: Attached.

Agenda: Attached.

Declaration of Quorum and Call to Order:

President Schorp declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The meeting was posted and filed as required by law.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Recess to Public Hearing

Public Hearing- Water Well Drilling and Production Permit Applications

a. ***Call to Order:***

President Schorp called the Public Hearing to order at 9:05 a.m.

b. ***Public Comments:***

None.

c. ***Update on Martin Marietta Production Permit #1631:***

At the previous meeting Production Permit #1631 amendment was approved pending clarification of ownership. Christopher McFarlane clarified that Preferred Sands is the owner and received an email stating that they approve the amendment. Director Brownlow moved to approve the amendment with updates. Director Moy seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

d. *Drilling/Production Permit Applications:*

The Board was presented with a drilling and production permit application for John Olle (Drilling/Production Permit#3064) for a new well to be located in Atascosa County for Irrigation use. Director Griffin moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Riggs seconded the motion, Director Moy abstained, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

The Board was presented with a drilling and production permit application for Benton City Water Supply (Drilling/Production Permit#3065) for a new well to be located in Atascosa County for Public Supply use. Director Brownlow moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Posey seconded the motion, Director Moy abstained, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

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e. *Permit on Existing Wells:*

The Board was presented with one production permit for Burlington Resources (Production Permit #3062) for an existing well located in Karnes County for Industrial use. Director Brownlow moved to approve the production permit. Director Bartek seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

f. *Adjourn:*

President Schorp called the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Reconvene to Regular Meeting

Public Comments on Agenda Items, Limited to 5 minutes each:

None.

Approval of Minutes from the June 30, 2023 Board of Directors Meetings:

The minutes of the June 30, 2023 meeting were presented to the board. Director Brownlow moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Griffin seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Report of Bills Paid, Deposits, and Financial Statements for June 2023:

The report of bills paid, deposits, and financial statements for June were presented to the Board. Director Brownlow moved to receive and file the reports. Director Moy seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Appoint Darrell Brownlow as the EUWCD Voting Representative for GMA 15:

Director Griffin moved to appoint Darrell Brownlow as the voting representative for GMA 15. Director Posey

seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Staff Report on District Activities:

July 13, 2023-GMA 15

July 21, 2023- Zoom TAGD Budget & Finance Committee Meeting

August 3, 2023- Region L

August 29-31, 2023- TAGD Summit

September 15, 2023- GMA 13

General Manager, Russell Labus said that there were nine exempt wells and reviewed the drought map. Mr. Labus mentioned that he received an email from David Smith letting the district know there is a new 4H Water Ambassador in Frio County. Mr. Labus said he has received the certified tax values for Frio & Wilson Counties.

Vice President Brownlow mentioned that the Budget & Finance Committee has decided to have a workshop on August 18, 2023 and he will work with General Manager, Russell Labus to create an outline for the workshop and look at CDs.

Technical Specialist, Landon Yosko said he spoke to a representative with Streamline and other website developers and will proceed to get quotes. Mr. Yosko gave an update on the monitor well locations in Wilson County. Mr. Yosko said upon inspection the easements are too small and he will need to find new locations and would like the locations finalized by the end of September.

Legislative Updates:

No updates on groundwater related bills.

The board went into executive session at 10:16 a.m. in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, to discuss personnel matters (§551.074). The board reconvened into regular meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Items to be Placed on the Next Agenda:

- Draft Budget for 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

Set Date and Time for Next Board of Directors Meeting:

The Board agreed to set the next meeting date for Friday, August 25, 2023, at 9 a.m. at the District Office in Pleasanton, TX 78064.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Schorp declared the meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Blaine Schorp, President

ATTEST:

Clayton Neal, Secretary/Treasurer