

MINUTES
EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
AUGUST 25, 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
Amanda Wheeler
Edward Griffin
Larry Bartek

Directors Absent: Thomas Moy III

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 9:00 a.m. The meeting was posted and filed as required by law.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Financial Audit by Eric Ede with Ede & Company, LLC:

Director Brownlow moved to receive and file the financial audit. Director Riggs seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

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 9:17 a.m.

b. ***Public Comments:***

None.

c. *Drilling/Production Permit Applications:*

The Board was presented with a drilling and production permit application for SS Water Supply Corporation (Drilling/Production Permit#3073) for a new well to be located in Wilson County for Public Supply use. Director Brownlow moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Griffin 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 SS Water Supply Corporation (Drilling/Production Permit#3074) for a new well to be located in Wilson 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.

d. *Permit on Existing Wells:*

The Board was presented with one production permit for Jones/Naegelin (Production Permit #3075) for an existing well located in Frio County for Irrigation use. Director Brownlow moved to approve the production permit. Director Neal seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

e. *Adjourn:*

President Schorp called the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Reconvene to Regular Meeting

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

None.

Approval of Minutes from the July 28, 2023 Board of Directors Meetings:

The minutes of the July 28, 2023 meeting were presented to the board. Director Brownlow moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Posey seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Review of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Draft Budget:

Director Brownlow gave a presentation of the tax rate and draft budget.

Discussion and Possible Action on Investment Strategy for EUWCD Cash Accounts:

Director Brownlow made the motion to direct the General Manager, Russell Labus to prepare a Request for Proposal soliciting 5 million dollars of investments to the banks within the district and to transfer all funds from the Charles Schwab to a Money Market Account immediately. Director Griffin seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Approve Proposed Amendments of District Rules to be Moved Forward to Notice and Public Hearing for Primarily Legislatively Required Amendments to Section 6,7,11, and 13:

Attorney Monique Norman went over the rule amendments. Director Brownlow moved to approve the proposed amendments and move forward to notice and public hearing. Director Bartek seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Staff Report on District Activities:

August 3, 2023- Region L

August 18, 2023- Budget & Finance Committee Meeting

September 15, 2023- GMA 13

September 27, 2023- STWMA Meeting

General Manager, Russell Labus went over the drought map with the board and mentioned that there were twelve exempt well registrations this month. Mr. Labus presented a copy of the Nueces River Authority invoice for Educational Services for the amount of \$20,000.00. The board unanimously decided not to pay the invoice to continue educational services for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Landon Yosko said he has received a couple of proposals for the cost of revamping our website. The board asked Mr. Yosko to provide a list of recommendations and costs for the next meeting for approval. Mr. Yosko mentioned that he is still looking at locations in Wilson County for the monitor wells.

Legislative Updates:

Attorney Monique Norman mentioned that special sessions are happening at the moment but no changes.

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

- Rule Amendments Hearing
- 23-24 FY Budget Hearing
- Tax Rate Hearing
- Amend 22-23 Budget
- Approve Public Funds Investment Policy

Set Date and Time for Next Board of Directors Meeting:

The Board agreed to set the next meeting date for Friday, September 22, 2023, at 9 a.m. at the District Office in Pleasanton, TX 78064.

Search and Employment Related to General Manager Job Opening:

The board went into executive session at 11:07 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 11:44 a.m.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Schorp declared the meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Blaine Schorp, President

ATTEST:

Clayton Neal, Secretary/Treasurer