

**MINUTES**  
**EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**August 30, 2024 - 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  
Weldon Riggs  
Larry Bartek  
Sherman Posey  
Amanda Wheeler  
Thomas Moy III

**Directors Absent:**

Edward Griffin

**Employees Present:**

Aarin Teague, General Manager  
Christopher McFarlane, Assistant Manager  
Steffinie Mannifield, Permit Specialist

**Contractors Present on Behalf of EUWCD:**

Jaime Griffin, Business Coordinator Consultant  
Monique Norman, Legal

**Guests Present:**

Craig Funke  
Clay Maeckel  
Eric Ede  
Judge Weldon Cude  
Daniel Smith  
Bob Ulrich  
Keith Steffen  
Bria DeCarlo  
Carolyn Black

**Agenda:**

Attached.

**1. Declaration of Quorum and Call to Order:**

President Schorp declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. The meeting was posted and filed as required by law.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

### **3. *Public Comments:***

Judge Weldon Cude spoke on behalf of supporting South Texas Weather Modification Association and having his opinion of their activities turned from skepticism to approval after seeing the positive results of their work.

### **4. *Presentation regarding the activities of the South Texas***

-Presented by Bria DeCarlo with assistance from Craig Funke

The Board was presented with a presentation outlining the activity of the South Texas Weather Modification Association activities.

### **5. *Presentation of the audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2023***

-Presented by Eric Ede of Ede & Company, LLC

The Board was presented with a presentation of the audited financial statements for the year 2023. The audit was presented with an unqualified opinion of no findings to report.

### ***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 10:09 a.m.

#### ***b. Public Comments:***

None.

#### ***c. Drilling / Production Permits:***

-Presented by Christopher McFarlane

The Board was presented with a drilling and production permit application for King Ranch Turfgrass (Drilling/Production Permit#3167) for a new well to be located in Frio County for Irrigation use.

*Director Neal moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Riggs seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

The Board was presented with a drilling and production permit application for Wesla Ranches, LLC (Drilling/Production Permit#3168) for a new well to be located in Frio County for Irrigation use.

*Director Brownlow moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Wheeler seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

#### ***d. Amendment to Existing Permit to Increase Production:***

-Presented by Christopher McFarlane

The Board was presented with an increase in production permit for Oak Hills WSC (Production Permit #2194) for an existing well located in Wilson County for Public Supply use.

*Director Brownlow moved to approve the production permit. Director Posey seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

***e. Permit on Existing Wells:***

-Presented by Christopher McFarlane

The Board was presented with three production permits for Oak Hills WSC (Production Permits #3156, 3157, & 3158) for existing wells located in Wilson County for Public Supply use.

*Director Brownlow moved to approve the production permits. Director Posey seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

The Board was presented with two production permits for City of Charlotte (Production Permit #3152 and 3151) for existing wells located in Atascosa County for Public Supply use.

*Director Riggs moved to approve the production permit. Director Moy seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

The Board was presented with two production permits for City of Christine (Production Permit #3150 and 3149) for existing wells located in Atascosa County for Public Supply use.

*Director Brownlow moved to approve the production permit. Director Wheeler seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

The Board was presented with four production permits for King Ranch Turfgrass (Production Permit #3163, 3164, 3165 and 3166) for existing wells 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.*

***f. Adjourn:***

President Schorp called the Public Hearing adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

***Reconvene to Regular Meeting***

**6. Approval of Minutes from the July 26, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting:**

The minutes of the July 26, 2024 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.*

**7. Committee Updates and Report on meeting with Representative King**

Director Riggs provided a report of the meeting with Representative King to present the Representative with the Resolution of Appreciation. The Budget and Finance Committee provided an update regarding calculation of potential Fiscal Year 2024-2025 tax rates and review of the draft FY 2024-2025 budget. The Education and Scholarship Committee provided an update regarding recent activities. The Rules Committee provided an update on discussions that were started and will be ongoing regarding rule changes.

**8. Approval of Report of Bills Paid, Deposits, and Financial Statements for July 2024.**

-Presented by Jaime Griffin

The report of bills paid, deposits, and financial statements for July were presented to the Board.

*Director Riggs moved to receive and file the reports. Director Moy seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**9. Presentation and Discussion regarding the draft Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.**

-Presented by Aarin Teague

The Board of Directors was presented with the draft budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 based on a tax rate of \$0.004365/\$100 valuation which is 10% lower than the fiscal year 2023-2024 tax rate.

**10. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding Adoption of Policies including Vehicle Use Policy, Annual Financial Audit Policy, Funds Balance Policy and Director Fees of Office and Reimbursement Policy.**

-Presented by Aarin Teague

The Board of Directors discussed the adoption of policies including Vehicle Use Policy, Annual Financial Audit Policy, Funds Balance Policy and Director Fees of Office and Reimbursement Policy.

*Director Riggs moved to approve the Vehicle Use Policy, Annual Financial Audit Policy, and Director Fees of Office and Reimbursement Policy. Director Brownlow seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously. The Funds Balance Policy was tabled and moved to discussion in September 2024.*

**11. Discussion and action regarding disposition of unneeded items to local public entities.**

-Presented by Aarin Teague and Jaime Griffin

The Board of Directors discussed authorization of the disposition of unneeded items of small value to local public entities.

*Director Brownlow moved to approve the motion. Director Moy seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

## **12. Briefing Regarding Status of Drought in the District**

-Presented by Steffinie Mannifield

## **13. General Manager's Report:**

-Presented by Monique Norman, Christopher McFarlane, and Aarin Teague

### **a. Legislative and Legal Updates**

Monique Norman reported that there are no legislative updates.

### **b. Past Month's Activities**

#### Waste/Pollution Complaints & Other Citizens Requests:

Citizen requests submitted in the month of August were reviewed.

#### Groundwater Monitoring:

Aarin Teague gave an update on the desired future condition versus the current condition for the Carrizo, Gulf Coast, and Queen City Aquifers.

### **c. Permit Activity:**

The following permit activity was reported:

- 9 Permit Renewals
- 15 Exempt Well Registrations

### **d. Upcoming Activities**

Intera – Staff is currently reviewing deliverables. Intera to schedule follow up meeting to discuss tasks 4 and 5 which include identifying standards of hydrologic report development and recommendations for monitoring well standards for large production wells.

Staff discussed upcoming meetings which impact District business including:

- GMA 13- Sept 20 @10am
- GMA 15/GMA 16- Oct 15 @ 10 am
- TWCA Fall Summit- Oct 24-25
- Region L- Nov 7 @ 9:30 am

**The Board Convened in Executive Session at 11:36 AM.**

**14. Presentation and Directors Discussion on statewide litigation updates and strategic planning**  
**The Board Convened in Executive Session at 12:24 PM.**

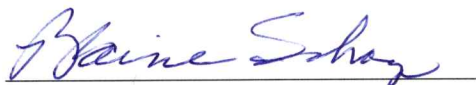
**15. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Items to be Placed on the Next Agenda:**

**16. Set Date and Time for Next Board of Directors Meeting:**

*By consensus, the Board agreed to set the next meeting date for Friday, September 19, 2024 at 9 a.m. at the District Office in Pleasanton, TX 78064.*

**17. Adjourn:**

*There being no further business to come before the Board, President Schorp declared the meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM*



Blaine Schorp, President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Clayton Neal, Secretary/Treasurer

*in place of Clayton, Neal  
Darrell Brownbw,  
Vice President.*