

**MINUTES**  
**EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**DECEMBER 06, 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:**

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

**Directors Absent:**

Blaine Schorp, President

**Employees Present:**

Aarin Teague, General Manager  
Steffinie Mannifield, Permit Specialist  
Jaime Griffin, Business Coordinator

**Contractors Present on Behalf of EUWCD:**

Monique Norman, Legal

**Guests Present:**

David Morgan  
Kathy Morgan  
Weldon Cude  
Bob Ulrich

**Agenda:**

Attached.

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

Vice President Brownlow 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:**

Public comment was made by David Morgan commending staff activity to address concerns regarding completeness of well documentation. Mr. Morgan requested that the Board of Directors take action to ensure adequate investment in scientific and engineering study to support groundwater planning, specifically to improve the Groundwater Availability Model for the Gulf Coast Aquifer, and identify appropriate permit allocations throughout the District.

Public Comment was made by County Judge Weldon Cude to support the efforts of the Nueces River Authority to implement the Harbor Island Desalination Plan project.

***Recess to Public Hearing***

**Public Hearing – Rules Amendments**

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

Vice President Brownlow called the Public Hearing to order at 9:13 a.m.

***b. Public Comments:***

None.

***c. Adjourn:***

Vice President Brownlow called the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

**Public Hearing - Water Well Drilling and Production Permit Applications**

***d. Call to Order:***

Vice President Brownlow called the Public Hearing to order at 9:18 a.m.

***e. Public Comments:***

None.

***f. Drilling / Production Permits:***

-Presented by Steffinie Mannifield

-The Board was presented with a drilling and production permit application for Chris Jenschke (Drilling/Production Permit#3202) for a new well to be located in Atascosa County for Irrigation use.

*Director Neal moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Posey 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 Darrell Polasek (Drilling/Production Permit#3205) for a new well to be located in Atascosa County for Irrigation use.

*Director Posey moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Wheeler 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 George "Woode" Henry (Drilling/Production Permit#3206) for a new well to be located in Atascosa County for Irrigation use.

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

**g. Amendment to Existing Permit to Increase Production:**

-Presented by Steffinie Mannifield

-The Board was presented with an increase in production permit for George "Woode" Henry (Production Permit #1439) for an existing well located in Atascosa County for Irrigation use.

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

-The Board was presented with three increases in production permits for City of Poth (Production Permits #2708, 1369, and 2706) for existing wells located in Wilson County for Public Supply use.

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

**h. Adjourn:**

Vice President Brownlow called the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

**Reconvene to Regular Meeting**

**4. Approval of Minutes from the October 25, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting:**

The minutes of the October 25, 2024, meeting were presented to the board.

*Director Riggs requested a correction in spelling of Permittee Bauer. Director Bartek moved to approve the minutes with the correction. Director Moy seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**5. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding Rule Amendments**

The Board of Directors was presented with the draft rules amendments.

*Director Neal moved to approve the rules amendments. Director Bartek seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**6. Committee Updates**

No committee updates were presented.

**7. Approval of Report of Bills Paid, Deposits, and Financial Statements for October 2024.**

-Presented by Jaime Griffin

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

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

**8. Discussion and Approval to Remove prior District Personnel from Security State Bank Safety Deposit Box and Add General Manager Aarin Teague to Signature Card.**

-Presented by Jaime Griffin

The Board of Directors was presented with recommendation to remove prior staff from the Security State Bank Safety Deposit Box located in Pearsall and to add current General Manager Aarin Teague to the signature card.

*Director Moy moved to approve the signature card amendments. Director Bartek seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**9. Discussion and Possible Action regarding an Interlocal Agreement with Atascosa County for Shared Investigative Resources**

-Presented by Aarin Teague and Atascosa County Judge Weldon Cude

The Board of Directors was presented with an interlocal agreement with Atascosa County to share environmental investigative resources.

*Director Riggs moved to approve the interlocal agreement. Director Bartek seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**10. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Scholarship Program for 2025**

-Presented by Aarin Teague

The Board of Directors was presented with a scholarship program for District High School Seniors. The District will implement a scholarship contest in order to raise awareness of groundwater conservation needs. The scholarship format and awards were discussed.

*Director Riggs moved to approve the scholarship program for 2025. Director Moy seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**11. Briefing Regarding Current Status of the Groundwater Availability Models for GMA 13 and GMA 15.**

-Presented by Aarin Teague

The Board of Directors was presented with a briefing regarding the status of the Groundwater Availability Models for the Southern Carrizo and the Central and Southern Gulf Coast Aquifers. The Board discussed model deficiencies and future scientific needs in the context of current District groundwater studies.

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

-Presented by Aarin Teague

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

-Presented by Monique Norman and Aarin Teague

#### a. Legislative and Legal Updates

**The Board Convened in Executive Session at 10:41 AM.**

**The Board Reconvened in Regular Session at 11:05 AM.**

#### b. Past Month's Groundwater Level Conditions

##### 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. Summary of District Permit Activities

The following permit activity was reported:

- 15 Exempt Well Registrations
- 25 Well Permit Renewals
- 4 Abandoned Well Declarations

#### d. Projects, Staff Goals and Initiatives Updates

The following staff activities were reported:

- Website Refresh to be reviewed with the education committee
- RFQ for Auditing Services to be reviewed by the budget and finance committee
- Preparing for annual reporting cycle
  - Sign ups for online reporting
  - Landowner mailout
- Ongoing Public Supply Audit
- Investigation of Citizen Complaints
- Process documentation for permit processing

Staff discussed upcoming meetings which impact District business including:

- GMA 15- January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am @ Evergreen
- TAGD Winter Business Meeting – January 15-16 @ Austin
- Region L- January 23<sup>rd</sup> @9:30am @ SAWS
- Region L – February 20 @ 9:30 am @ SAWS
- GMA 13- March 7 @ 10: 00 am @ Evergreen
- STWMA – March 26<sup>th</sup> @ 5:15 PM

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

Items requested to be placed on the next meeting agenda:

- General Manager's Performance Review

**15. Set Dates and Time for Fiscal Year 2025 Quarter 2 Board of Directors Meetings.**

*By consensus the Board of Directors set future meeting dates for January 24th, February 21st, and March 28th at the District Office in Pleasanton, TX 78064.*

**16. Adjourn:**

*There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice President Brownlow declared the meeting adjourned at 11:06 PM.*

  
Blaine Schorp, President

**ATTEST:**

  
Clayton Neal, Secretary/Treasurer