

MINUTES
EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
February 07, 2025 - 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 Larry Bartek Thomas Moy III Edward Griffin Weldon Riggs
Directors Absent:	Sherman Posey Amanda Wheeler
Employees Present:	Aarin Teague, General Manager Jaime Griffin, Business Coordinator Steffinie Mannifield, Permit Specialist Samantha Nicholson, Permit Coordinator
Contractors Present on Behalf of EUWCD:	Monique Norman, Legal
Guests Present:	Tina Shearman Daniel Smith Weldon Cude Diana Nichols
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:*

Public comment was made by Weldon Cude inviting everyone to a public meeting on February 26, 2025 at 1 PM regarding the desalination project. Mr. Cude also thanked the District staff for their efforts and efficiency on addressing recent permits, but requested that the Board of Directors entertain rule changes that allow for staff to approve permits in the event of a public hearing cancelation.

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 9:12 a.m.

b. Public Comments:

None.

c. Drilling / Production Permits:

-The Board was presented with two drilling and production permit applications for Chis Jenschke (Drilling/Production Permit#3203 and #3209) for two new wells to be located in Atascosa County for Irrigation use.

-Presented by Steffinie Mannifield

Director Neal moved to approve the drilling and production permits. Director Brownlow 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 Jack Zimmerle (Drilling/Production Permit#3213) for a new well to be located in Frio County for Irrigation use.

-Presented by Steffinie Mannifield

Director Brownlow moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Griffin 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 Jones-Naeglin, LLC (Drilling/Production Permit#3214) for a new well to be located in Frio County for Irrigation use.

-Presented by Steffinie Mannifield

Director Griffin moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Brownlow 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 Shady Oaks Water - CSWR (Drilling/Production Permit#3215) for a new well to be located in Wilson County for Public Supply use.

-Presented by Steffinie Mannifield

Director Brownlow moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Griffin 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 Lorraine Schorsch (Drilling/Production Permit#3230) for a new well to be located in Atascosa County for Irrigation use.

-Presented by Steffinie Mannifield

Director Riggs 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 Diana Patton (Drilling/Production Permit#3211) for a new well to be located in Frio County for Irrigation and Livestock use.
-Presented by Samantha Nicholson

Director Neal moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Brownlow 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 Field Camp Investments (Drilling/Production Permit#3212) for a new well to be located in Atascosa County for Industrial use.
-Presented by Samantha Nicholson

Director Bartek moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Brownlow 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 Gary Moy (Drilling/Production Permit#3229) for a new well / P13 conversion to be located in Karnes County for Livestock use.
-Presented by Samantha Nicholson

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.

d. Amendment to Existing Permit to Increase Production:

-The Board was presented with two increases in production permits for Gary Moy (Production Permits #1886 and #1903) for existing wells located in Karnes County for Livestock use.
-Presented by Samantha Nicholson

Director Brownlow moved to approve the production permits. Director Riggs seconded the motion. Director Moy abstained. Director Bartek opposed, and there being no further discussion the motion carried.

e. Amendment to Change Use on Existing Wells:

-The Board was presented with three change in use in production permits for Puma Ranch, LLC (Production Permits #3218, #3219, & #3221) for existing wells located in Wilson County for Industrial use.
-Presented by Samantha Nicholson

Director Griffin moved to approve the permit change. Director Riggs seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

f. Amendment to Change Location on New Well:

-The Board was presented with a change in location in production permit for JLowe Properties, LTD. (Production Permit #3195) for an existing well located in Frio County for Irrigation use.
-Presented by Steffinie Mannifield

There was discussion of the activity onsite prior to permit change approval, by Director Neal. Director Brownlow moved to approve the permit change. Director Griffin seconded the motion. Director Bartek opposed, and there being no further discussion the motion carried.

g. Permit on Existing Wells:

-Presented by Aarin Teague

The Board was presented with the following permits that were approved by staff under Rule 7.9 for Permit on Existing Wells:

-Warwick-Artemis, LLC (Production Permit #3201) for an existing well located in Wilson County for Frack Supply use.

-Shady Oaks WSC - CSWR (Production Permit #3187) for an existing well located in Wilson County for Public Supply use.

-Shady Oaks WSC - CSWR (Production Permit #3188) for an existing well located in Wilson County for Public Supply use.

-Shady Oaks WSC - CSWR (Production Permit #3189) for an existing well located in Wilson County for Public Supply use.

-Shady Oaks WSC - CSWR (Production Permit #3190) for an existing well located in Wilson County for Public Supply use.

-Hickory Hills WSC - CSWR (Production Permit #3207) for an existing well located in Wilson County for Public Supply use.

-Hickory Hills WSC - CSWR (Production Permit #3208) for an existing well located in Wilson County for Public Supply use.

-Arrowhead WSC - CSWR (Production Permit #3191) for an existing well located in Wilson County for Public Supply use.

-Arrowhead WSC - CSWR (Production Permit #3192) for an existing well located in Wilson County for Public Supply use.

-C Willow WSC - CSWR (Production Permit #1838) for an existing well located in Wilson County for Public Supply use.

-C Willow WSC - CSWR (Production Permit #3193) for an existing well located in Wilson County for Public Supply use.

-Pat Rutherford Ranch (Production Permit #1712) for an existing well located in Frio County for Irrigation use.

-Pat Rutherford Ranch (Production Permit #1403) for an existing well located in Frio County for Irrigation use.

-Pat Rutherford Ranch (Production Permit #3216) for an existing well located in Frio County for Irrigation use.

-Pat Rutherford Ranch (Production Permit #3220) for an existing well located in Frio County for Stock use.

-Pat Rutherford Ranch (Production Permit #3222) for an existing well located in Frio County for Irrigation use.

- Pat Rutherford Ranch (Production Permit #3223) for an existing well located in Frio County for Stock use.
- Pat Rutherford Ranch (Production Permit #3224) for an existing well located in Frio County for Stock use.
- Pat Rutherford Ranch (Production Permit #3225) for an existing well located in Frio County for Stock use.
- Pat Rutherford Ranch (Production Permit #3226) for an existing well located in Frio County for Stock use.
- Pat Rutherford Ranch (Production Permit #3227) for an existing well located in Frio County for Stock use.
- Pat Rutherford Ranch (Production Permit #3228) for an existing well located in Frio County for Stock use.
- Lorraine Schorsch (Production Permit #3231) for an existing well located in Atascosa County for Irrigation use.
- Field Camp Investments (Production Permit #3217) for an existing well located in Atascosa County for Industrial Supply use.
- DJ Deyhimi Holdings LP (Production Permit #3218) for an existing well located in Wilson County for Stock use.
- DJ Deyhimi Holdings LP (Production Permit #3219) for an existing well located in Wilson County for Stock use.
- DJ Deyhimi Holdings LP (Production Permit #3221) for an existing well located in Wilson County for Domestic use.

h. Adjourn:

President Schorp called the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Reconvene to Regular Meeting

4. Approval of Minutes from the December 6, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting:

The minutes of the December 6, 2024, meeting were presented to the board.

Director Riggs moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Griffin seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

5. Committee Updates

Aarin Teague presented the committee updates for the Education and Scholarship Committee, and the Budget and Finance Committees.

6. Approval of Report of Bills Paid, Deposits, and Financial Statements for November and December 2024.

-Presented by Jaime Griffin

The report of bills paid, deposits, and financial statements for November and December 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.

7. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Approval of a Professional Service Agreement for Financial Auditing Services.

-Presented by Aarin Teague

The Board of Directors was presented with a recommendation to authorize the General Manager to negotiate, execute, and amend as necessary a contract with abip, LLC for financial auditing services.

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

8. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Amendment of the District Fee Schedule

-Presented by Aarin Teague

The Board of Directors was presented with a recommendation to amend the district fee schedule.

Director Neal moved to approve the recommendation. Director Riggs seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

9. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the General Election of Directors for Atascosa, Frio, Karnes, and Wilson Counties

-Presented by Aarin Teague

The Board of Directors was presented with a recommendation to order the general election for Directors of Atascosa, Frio, Karnes, and Wilson Counties.

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

10. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Approval of Interlocal Agreements with Atascosa, Frio, Karnes, and Wilson Counties to Conduct Elections on Behalf of Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District

-Presented by Aarin Teague

The Board of Directors was presented with a recommendation to motion authorizing the General Manager to negotiate, execute, and amend Interlocal Agreements with Atascosa, Frio, Karnes, and Wilson Counties to conduct elections on behalf of the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District.

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

11. Briefing Regarding Status of Drought in the District

-Presented by Steffinie Mannifield

12. General Manager's Report:

-Presented by Aarin Teague

a. Legislative and Legal Updates

Updates were deferred to executive session.

b. Groundwater Level Status Updates

Aarin Teague gave an update on the status of permitted ground water production.

Aarin Teague gave an update on the status of 2024 production reporting. The board requested that going forward they are given similar reports monthly of how much production is reported district wide by county and use.

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 Activities

The following permit activity was reported:

- 45 Exempt Well Registrations
- 6 New Well Drilling Permits
- 14 Permits on Existing Wells
- 20 Production Permits
- 09 Permit Renewals

d. Staff Activity Reports:

The following staff activities were reported:

- Website Refresh ongoing
- Draft hydrogeologic study and submittal guidelines
- Conservation education
 - Office flyers
 - AgriLife well owner's water quality screening

February work plan:

- Annual report draft
- Advertise for groundwater scientist position
- Assist public with annual reporting, permit renewals
- GMA 13 GAM comments
- Election contracts

Staff discussed upcoming meetings which impact District business including:

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- Region L- February 20th 9:30 at SAWS
- STWMA- Mar 26th 5:15 pm at EUWCD
- GMA 15 – Apr 10th 9:30 AM at University of Houston-Victoria
- GMA 13 – Apr 11th 10:00 AM at EUWCD

Other Notable Dates

- Feb 12th – Technical Workshop on transmissivity project
- Feb 20th – Comments on the Southern Carrizo GAM due to TWDB
- Feb 26th – Public meeting on desalination project

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

Items requested to be placed on the next meeting agenda:

- Annual Report
- Intera Study

14. Set Date and Time for the Next Board of Directors Meeting

The board set the next board of directors meeting to occur on February 28, 2025 at 9:00 AM at the offices for Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District

Adjourn to Executive Session

The board moved into closed session at 10:28 AM

15. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Personnel Matters

The board made a motion to raise the general managers' salary 4.5% as of January 01, 2025

Director Riggs moved to approve the recommendation. Director Griffin seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

16. Approval of Minutes from the January 8, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting

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

17. Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Schorp declared the meeting adjourned at 11:48 AM.


Blaine Schorp, President

ATTEST:


Clayton Neal, Secretary/Treasurer



**NOTICE OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District will be held **Friday, February 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office, 110 Wyoming Blvd., Pleasanton, Atascosa County, Texas**, at which the following subjects will be discussed, to wit:

AGENDA

Matters to be discussed that are subject to vote by the Directors of the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District are as follows:

1. Declaration of Quorum and Call to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comments on Agenda Items or Other District Business, Limited to 5 minutes each.

Recess to Public Hearing

Public Hearing- Water Well Drilling and Production Permit Applications

- a. Call to Order.*
- b. Public Comments.*
- c. Drilling/Production Permits.*
- d. Amendment to Increase Production on Existing Wells*
- e. Amendment to Change Use for Existing Wells*
- f. Amendment to Location on New Well*
- g. Report on Activities of Permit on Existing Wells*
- h. Adjourn.*

Reconvene to Regular Meeting

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5. Committee Updates
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7. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding the Approval of a Professional Service Agreement for Financial Auditing Services



8. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding Amendment of the District Fee Schedule
9. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding Order General Election of Directors for Atascosa, Frio, Karnes, and Wilson Counties.
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 - Staff Activity Reports
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17. Adjourn.

Agenda items may be considered, deliberated, and/or acted upon in a different order than set forth above.

At any time during the meeting and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District Board may meet in executive session on any of the above agenda items for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (§551.071); deliberation regarding real property (§551.072); deliberation regarding prospective gifts §551.073 ; personnel matters (§551.074); and deliberation regarding security devices (§551.076). Any subject discussed in executive session may be subject to action during an open meeting.