

**MINUTES**  
**EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**APRIL 26, 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  
Amanda Wheeler  
Thomas Moy III  
Edward Griffin  
Sherman Posey  
Larry Bartek

Employees Present: Aarin Teague, General Manager  
Melissa Gonzalez, District Secretary  
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 9:04 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:***

Tina Shearman expressed her concerns in regard to the City of Karnes City wells being in the Gulf Coast Aquifer.

***c. Drilling/Production Permit Applications:***

The Board was presented with a drilling and production permit application for Devon Energy (Drilling/Production Permit#3118) for a new well to be located in Karnes County for Industrial use. 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 Rancho 1333 LTD (Drilling/Production Permit#3119) for a new well to be located in Atascosa County for Irrigation use. 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 SPH Culebra LTD (Drilling/Production Permit#3120) for a new well to be located in Atascosa County for Industrial use. Director Brownlow moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Bartek 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 Gulf Coast Turf Farm (Drilling/Production Permit#3121) for a new well to be located in Frio County for Industrial use. Director Brownlow moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Bartek 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 the City of Karnes City (Production Permit #3114) for an existing well located in Karnes 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.

The Board was presented with three production permits for the City of Karnes City (Production Permit #3115, #3116, #3117) for existing wells located in Karnes County for Public Supply use. Director Posey moved to approve the three production permits. Director Wheeler seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

The Board was presented with two production permits for the City of Falls City (Production Permit #3103 & #3110) for existing wells located in Karnes County for Public Supply use. Director Riggs moved to approve the two production permits. Director Posey seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

***e. Adjourn:***

President Schorp called the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

***Reconvene to Regular Meeting***

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

None.

**Approval of Minutes from the March 22, 2024 Board of Directors Meetings:**

The minutes of the March 22, 2024 meeting were presented to the board. Director Brownlow moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Moy seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Report of Bills Paid, Deposits, and Financial Statements for March 2024:**

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

**Authorization for General Manager to Execute Monitor Well Agreements:**

Director Brownlow made the motion authorizing the General Manager to execute monitoring well agreements to support the Evergreen UWCD monitoring and aquifer science program. Director Griffin seconded the motion. Director Bartek mentioned simplifying and shortening the agreement, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

**Authorization for General Manager to Attend an Out of State Conference:**

Director Riggs made a motion authorizing the General Manager to attend an Out of State Conference. Director Wheeler seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Public Hearing for Rule Amendments:**

Director Brownlow made the motion authorizing a Public Hearing for Rule Amendments. Director Posey seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

**Authorization for the District to Participate in the State of Texas Payment and Travel Card Program:**

Director Neal made a motion authorizing the General Manager to apply to participate in the State of Texas and travel card program. Director Wheeler seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

**Briefing Regarding Status of Drought in the District:**

General Manager, Aarin Teague gave an update on the drought conditions in the district.

**General Manager's Report:****Legislative and Legal Updates:**

No updates.

**Waste/Pollution Complaints & Other Citizen Requests:**

- 3 Citizen Complaints Regarding Water Quality
  - Requested Well Information
  - Assessing for Water Quality

- Follow up with landowner to register well. Subsequent conversation with landowner's representative indicates that concern has been resolved.

Landon Yosko gave a March to April aquifer comparison for the Carrizo, Queens City, and Gulf Coast Aquifers.

#### **Permit Activity:**

- Production Reports
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Notice- 422 Total Reports
- In Process
  - 21 Transfer of Ownership -- *Updated Transfer Form online*
  - 25 Permit Renewals
  - Public Supply
    - Jourdanton (5)
- 5 Exempt Well Registrations (Karnes)

#### **Seismic Activity:**

Atascosa

April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Depth 29,000 MSL  
Magnitude 3.0

Frio

April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Depth 13,000 MSL  
Magnitude 2.1

Karnes

April 17<sup>th</sup>  
Depth 16,000 MSL  
Magnitude 3.2

#### **General April Activities:**

- Meetings
  - GMA 15
    - Request TWDB to approve use of a modified GAM for assessment of DFCs
  - Region L technical work group
    - Additional Information to develop Karnes County available groundwater in GMA 15
  - Medina Regional Alliance for ASR

### **Half- Permit Database Improvements:**

- Task Order executed
  - Online Exempt Well Registration for Drillers
    - Reminder and confirmation emails
  - Online Permit Application
  - Online reporting portal
    - Reminder and confirmation emails
  - Additional Functionality
    - Parcel Tracking
    - Permit History Capture
    - Miscellaneous data improvements

### **Update on Transmissivity Project:**

- Second progress report received
- EUWCD submitted E-Log records to Intera

### **Facilities Updates:**

- Security Fencing
  - Contract executed
  - Kickoff Meeting Tuesday
  - 6 week construction timeframe
- Space Reorganization
  - Conference room conversion to accommodate intern and permit specialist

### **Education Activities:**

- Scholarship Program
- Intern Program
- Driller's Luncheon- May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Website
  - 294 Views in past 30 days
  - Most popular page of website- Meeting Information
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> most used page- Permit Info
  - Most people find the website by search engine

### **Upcoming Activities:**

- Meetings
  - Region L- May 2
  - —Lion's Club Pres- May 15 @11 am
  - Driller's Luncheon- May 22
  - GMA 13: June 14 @ 10 am
  - TAG-D Groundwater Summit-Aug 20-22

- Technology Upgrades
  - Server
  - Workstations
- Employee Benefits
  - Canvas for replacement health insurance provider

***Recess from Public Meeting at 11:15 a.m.***

***Reconvene to Public Meeting at 11:36 a.m.***

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

- Report on Scholarship Essay Contest
- Hearing/Approve Rule Amendments

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

The Board agreed to set the next meeting date for Friday, May 31, 2024 at 9 a.m. at the District Office in Pleasanton, TX 78064.

**Presentation and Directors Discussion on Chapter 36 District Rules and Strategic Planning.**


The board has a discussion on Chapter 36 District Rules and Strategic Planning.

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Schorp declared the meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

  
Blaine Schorp, President

**ATTEST:**

  
Clayton Neal, Secretary/Treasurer