

MINUTES
EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 30, 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
Weldon Riggs
Thomas Moy III
Edward Griffin
Larry Bartek
Sherman Posey

Directors Absent: Amanda Wheeler

Employees Present: Aarin Teague, General Manager
Christopher McFarlane, Assistant Manager
Landon Yosko, Technical Specialist

Employee Absent: Melissa Gonzalez, District Secretary

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-District Management Plan Amendments

a. Call to Order:

President Schorp called the Public Hearing to order at 9:05 a.m.

b. Receive Public Comments on Management Plan Amendments:

No public comments.

c. Adjourn:

President Schorp called the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Public Hearing- Water Well Drilling and Production Permit Applications

a. Call to Order:

President Schorp called the Public Hearing to order at 9:15 a.m.

b. Public Comments:

David Morgan had concerns in regard to Permit #3087 for D&L Fresh Water and Permit #3090 for T Bar L Ranches. Mr. Morgan asked why D&L Fresh Water needs seven wells on this property and asked how much water is being transported out of the district. Mr. Morgan questioned the coordinates of Permit #3090 and mentioned that they are wrong and should be tabled to give neighboring landowners a chance to know about this well being drilled.

c. Drilling/Production Permit Applications:

The Board was presented with a drilling and production permit application for Sharon Shearrer (Drilling/Production Permit#3086) for a new well to be located in Atascosa County for Irrigation use. Director Riggs moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Brownlow 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 D&L Fresh Water (Drilling/Production Permit#3087) for a new well to be located in Karnes County for Industrial use. Director Brownlow moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Neal 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 Lailey Sczeponik (Drilling/Production Permit#3089) for a new well to be located in Karnes County for Irrigation use. Director Posey 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 T Bar L Ranches (Drilling/Production Permit#3090) for a new well to be located in Karnes County for Irrigation use. Director Riggs moved to table permit until next meeting.

d. 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 October 27, 2023 Board of Directors Meetings:

The minutes of the October 27, 2023 meeting were presented to the board. Director Riggs moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Brownlow seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Approve District Management Plan Amendments:

Director Brownlow made the motion to approve the District Management Plan Amendments. Director Posey seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Approve Resolution #11-30-23-01 Adopting a Professional Services Procurement Policy:

Director Brownlow made the motion to approve Resolution #11-30-23-01 adopting a Professional Services Procurement Policy. Director Griffin seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Education/Scholarship Committee Structure and Appoint an Education Committee:

Discussed the development of strategies to educate the public and evaluated options for modifications to the scholarship program.

President Schorp appointed Directors Griffin, Posey, Bartek, and Wheeler as the Education Committee.

Appoint General Manager Aarin Teague to the South Texas Weather Modification Association Board:

Director Riggs made the motion to appoint Aarin Teague to the South Texas Weather Modification Board. Director Neal seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Nomination of Aarin Teague to the Region L Board:

Director Brownlow moved to nominate Aarin Teague to the Region L board. Director Posey seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action to Enter into an Agreement with Intera, LLC for Groundwater Studies:

Director Brownlow made the motion to take no action. Director Bartek seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Approve Resolution #11-30-23-02 Adopting a Policy Regarding Banned Technologies:

Director Brownlow made the motion to approve Resolution #11-30-23-02 Adopting a Policy Regarding Banned Technologies. Director Riggs seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Briefing Regarding Status of Drought in the District:

Chris McFarlane gave a presentation on the current drought conditions.

General Manager's Report:

Citizen's Requests:

- A Flow test performed on November 7, 2023 and a static level test on November 22, 2023.

Permit Management Program Activity update was given by Chris McFarlane.

November Activities:

- November 2, 2023- Region L
- November 1-3, 2023- TWCA
- 4 Exempt Well Registrations
- Update staff payroll systems to direct deposit.
- Draft new website.

Upcoming Activities:

- Meetings
 - Election Law Seminar Nov 28- Dec 1
 - STWMA Meeting December 7
- Programs
 - Notice for request for annual pumping reports to irrigation users.
 - Deploy New Website
 - Public Water Supply Permit Audit
 - Water Quality Sampling
- Operations
 - IT Software Updates
 - Bank Depository Services RFP Solicitation Period

Legislative Updates:

Special Session.

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


- Something for Representative King.
- Acquiring a better recording device or recording system for board meetings

Set Date and Time for Next Board of Directors Meeting:

The Board agreed to set the next meeting date for Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 9 a.m. at the District Office in Pleasanton, TX 78064.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Schorp declared the meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.


Blaine Schorp, President

ATTEST:


Weldon Riggs, Director