

**MINUTES**  
**EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**July 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  
Edward Griffin  
Larry Bartek  
Sherman Posey

Directors Absent: Amanda Wheeler  
Thomas Moy III

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

Contractors Present on Behalf of EUWCD: Jaime Griffin, Business Coordinator Consultant  
Monique Norman, Legal

Guests Present: Daniel Smith  
Jonathon Fluitt

Agenda: Attached.

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

President Schorp declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The meeting was posted and filed as required by law.

**2. 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:**

None.

**c. Drilling / Production Permits:**

-Presented by Christopher McFarlane

The Board was presented with a drilling and production permit application for 2024 Pearsall 320 LLC (Drilling/Production Permit#3148) for a new well to be located in Frio County for Irrigation use.

*Director Brownlow 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 Wesla Ranches, LLC (Drilling/Production Permit#3140) for a new well to be located in Frio 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.*

**d. Permit on Existing Wells:**

-Presented by Christopher McFarlane

The Board was presented with three production permits for Marathon Oil (Production Permits #3145, 3146, & 3147) for existing wells located in Karnes County for Industrial use.

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

The Board was presented with one production permit for Wesla Ranches, LLC (Production Permit #3139) for an existing well located in Frio County for Irrigation 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. Adjourn:**

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

**Reconvene to Regular Meeting**

**3. Public Comments on Agenda Items -Limited to 5 minutes each:**

None.

**4. Approval of Minutes from the June 28, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting:**

The minutes of the June 28, 2024 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.*

**5. Committee Updates**

The Budget and Finance Committee provided an update regarding calculation of potential Fiscal Year 2024-2025 tax rates and development of a draft budget. The Education and Scholarship Committee provided an update regarding recent activities.

**6. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Appointment of Directors to Committees**

The current structure and membership of committees was reviewed. Volunteers for participation on a Rules committee were solicited.

*President Schorp appointed Director Riggs, Director Bartek, Director Posey, and Director Moy to serve on the Rules Committee.*

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

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

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

**8. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Procurement of Financial Auditing Services.**

The Board of Directors discussed procurement of financial auditing services.

*Director Brownlow moved to approve authorization to procure financial auditing services. Director Posey seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**9. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Appointment of Dawn Barnett, Wilson County Tax Assessor- Collector as the designated officer to calculate the 2024 tax rate.**

The Board of Directors discussed appointing Dawn Barnett, Wilson County Tax Assessor – Collector as the designated officer to calculate the 2024 tax rate.

*Director Neal moved to approve the designation. Director Posey seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**10. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding an Interlocal Agreement with Wilson County for Tax Collection.**

The Board of Directors discussed the updated Interlocal Agreement with Wilson County for tax collection.

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

**11. Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize the General Manager to Negotiate, Execute and Amend Agreements for Insurance with the Texas Water Conservation Association Risk Management Fund**

The Board of Directors discussed appointing the General Manager, the authority to negotiate, execute, and amend agreements for insurance with the Texas Water Conservation Association Risk Management Fund.

*Director Posey moved to approve the authority to the General Manager. Director Riggs seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**12. Discussion and Possible Action on matters related to groundwater resource planning including Groundwater Management Area 15 Joint Planning**

The Board of Directors discussed authorization of additional funding to the Victoria Groundwater Conservation District for contributions to the GMA 15 Joint Planning Fund, in order to pay for technical consulting services to conduct modeling activities and development of an explanatory report to support the adoption of Desired Future Conditions for the current round of joint planning.

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

**13. Briefing regarding Permit and Production Activity in the District**

-Presented by Aarin Teague

An overview of current permits issued and production reports by primary use designation was presented.

**14. Briefing regarding a proposal for meter requirements based on well characteristics**

The Board of Directors deferred this briefing to the Rules Committee.

**15. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Public Hearing for Rule Amendments, including but not limited to Rule 7.1 regarding the Permitting of Non-Exempt Wells and Rule 8.1 regarding Reporting**

The Board of Directors discussed authorization of a public hearing for amending Rule 7.1 and Rule 8.1 with the goal of addressing un-permitted and un-registered wells in the District.

*Director Brownlow moved to authorize a public hearing for amendments to Rule 7.1. Director Posey seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

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

## 17. General Manager's Report:

-Presented by Monique Norman, Landon Yosko, 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 July were reviewed.

#### Groundwater Monitoring:

Landon Yosko gave an update on the water surface elevations for the Carrizo, Gulf Coast, and Queen City Aquifers.

#### Halff Permit Database Improvements:

Halff has deployed the online reporting functionality for permit holders to submit production reports. Staff are testing the system with select public supply permittees.

#### Update on Transmissivity Project:

Staff reported on Intera's project progress and upcoming tasks.

#### Education Activities:

Aarin Teague reported on the performance and public use of the website and the development of a District newsletter to be published on the District website.

### c. Permit Activity:

The following permit activity was reported:

- 1 Transfer of Ownership
- 9 Permit Renewals
- 4 Abandoned Well Declarations
- 17 Exempt Well Registrations

### d. Upcoming Activities

Staff discussed upcoming meetings which impact District business including:

- Region L- Aug 1 @ 9:30am
- TAG-D Groundwater Summit-Aug 20-22
- GMA 13- Sept 20 @10am
- GMA 15- Oct 10 @ 10 am

**The Board recessed for a short break at 11:43 AM**

**The Board Reconvened at 12:15 AM**

**The Board Convened in Executive Session at 12:17 PM.**

**18. Presentation and Directors Discussion on statewide litigation updates and strategic planning**

**19. Review of the General Manager's Performance**

**The Board Convened in Regular Session at 1:44 pm.**

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

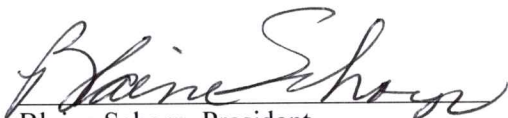
- Presentation by South Texas Weather Modification Association regarding precipitation enhancement activities and return on investment
- Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the following policies:
  - Vehicle Use
  - Annual Financial Audit
  - Fund Balance Policy
  - Director's Fees of Office and Reimbursement
- Report on coordination with Representative King to present Resolution of Appreciation

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

*By consensus, the Board agreed to set the next meeting date for Friday, August 30, 2024 at 9 a.m. at the District Office in Pleasanton, TX 78064.*

**22. Adjourn:**

*There being no further business to come before the Board, President Schorp declared the meeting adjourned at 1:53PM*

  
Blaine Schorp, President

**ATTEST:**

  
Clayton Neal, Secretary/Treasurer