

**MINUTES**  
**EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**SEPTEMBER 19, 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  
Weldon Riggs  
Larry Bartek  
Sherman Posey  
Amanda Wheeler  
Thomas Moy III  
Edward Griffin

**Directors Absent:**

Clayton Neal, Secretary/Treasurer

**Employees Present:**

Aarin Teague, General Manager  
Christopher McFarlane, Assistant Manager  
Steffinie Mannifield, Permit Specialist

**Contractors Present on Behalf of EUWCD:**

Jaime Griffin, Business Coordinator Consultant  
Monique Norman, Legal

**Guests Present:**

Marcia Vela  
Daniel Smith  
Weldon Cude

**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.**

**3. *Public Comments:***

None

***Recess to Public Hearing***

**Public Hearing – Proposed 2024-2025 Tax Rate**

**a. Call to Order:**

President Schorp called the Public Hearing to order at 9:06 a.m.

**b. Public Comments:**

None.

**c. Adjourn:**

President Schorp called the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

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

**d. Call to Order:**

President Schorp called the Public Hearing to order at 9:06 a.m.

**e. Public Comments:**

None.

**f. Drilling / Production Permits:**

-Presented by Steffinie Mannifield and Chris McFarlane

-The Board was presented with a drilling and production permit application for Christian Faith Center (Drilling/Production Permit#3180) for a new well to be located in Frio County for Transient Non-Community Water Supply 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 City of Stockdale (Drilling/Production Permit#3185) for a new well to be located in Wilson County for Public Supply use.

*Director Griffin moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Posey 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 Gary & April Fritz (Drilling/Production Permit#3183) for a new well to be located in Atascosa 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 two drilling and production permit applications for Hondo Turf LLC (Drilling/Production Permit#3174 and 3175) for two new wells to be located in Frio County for Irrigation use.

*Director Posey moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Riggs 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 King Ranch Turfgrass, LP (Drilling/Production Permit#3181) 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 Hardip Singh (Drilling/Production Permit#3186) for a new well to be located in Atascosa County for Irrigation use.

*Director Posey 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.*

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

-Presented by Steffinie Mannifield

-The Board was presented with an increase in production permit for Gary & April Fritz (Production Permit #2543) for an existing well located in Atascosa 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.*

***h. Permit on Existing Wells:***

-Presented by Christopher McFarlane and Steffinie Mannifield

-The Board was presented with two production permits for Morales Resources (Production Permit #3176 and 3179) for existing wells located in Frio County for Irrigation use.

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

-Four production permits for City of Jourdanton (Production Permit #2012, 2011, 1703, and 2857) for existing wells located in Atascosa County for Public Supply use were tabled.

-The Board was presented with three production permits for TLW Ranches, LLC (Production Permits #3170, 3171, & 3172) for existing wells located in Frio County for Irrigation use.

*Director Posey moved to approve the production permits. Director Riggs seconded the motion. Director Brownlow requested follow up on all P13 conversion wells after the conversion to ensure there will be no environmental issues after the conversion is completed and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

-The Board was presented with one production permit for Gary & April Fritz (Production Permit #3184) for an existing well located in Frio County for Irrigation use.

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

-The Board was presented with one production permit for Gary & April Fritz (Production Permit #3182) for an existing well located in Atascosa County for Irrigation use.

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

-The Board was presented with one production permit for Hondo Turf (Production Permit #3173) for an existing well located in Frio County for Irrigation use.

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

**i. Adjourn:**

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

***Reconvene to Regular Meeting***

**4. Approval of Minutes from the August 30, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting:**

The minutes of the August 30, 2024, meeting were presented to the board.

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

**5. Committee Updates and Report on meeting with Representative King**

No committee updates were presented as there were no meetings held since the last meeting. The Rules Committee agreed to meet on October 2, 2024 at 4 PM in Poth.

**6. Approval of Report of Bills Paid, Deposits, and Financial Statements for August 2024.**

-Presented by Jaime Griffin

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

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

**7. Discussion and Possible Action to Amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget**

-Presented by Jaime Griffin

The Board of Directors was presented with the draft budget amendment for fiscal year 2023-2024 based on the current state of the district income and spend. Recommendations were made on alterations to account for categories that were underfunded to take funds from categories where all of the allocated monies would not be spent.

*Director Brownlow moved to approve the 2023-2024 amended budget. Director Posey seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**8. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve Resolution # 2024-09-03 to Adopt the District Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

-Presented by Aarin Teague

The Board of Directors was presented with the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 based on a tax rate of \$0.004365/\$100 valuation which is 10% lower than the fiscal year 2023-2024 tax rate.

*Director Riggs moved to approve and adopt Resolution 2024-09-03. Director Wheeler seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**9. Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Resolution # 2024-09-04 to Adopt the District Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

-Presented by Aarin Teague

The Board of Directors was presented with the proposed tax rate of \$0.004365/\$100 valuation for the fiscal year of 2024-2025 to be adopted in resolution 2024-09-04.

*Director Riggs moved to approve and adopt Resolution 2024-09-04. Director Griffin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was then taken and Directors Schorp, Brownlow, Riggs, Bartek, Posey, Wheeler, Moy, and Griffin all voted in the affirmative. There were no votes against. Director Neal was absent and did not vote. There being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**10. Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Resolution # 2024-09-05 to Adopt a Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

-Presented by Aarin Teague

The Board of Directors was presented with a Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

*Director Brownlow moved to approve and adopt Resolution 2024-09-05. Director Posey seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**11. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Resolution #2024-09-06 to Adopt the District Public Funds Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

-Presented by Aarin Teague

The Board of Directors was presented with the District Public Funds Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

*Director Brownlow moved to approve and adopt Resolution 2024-09-06. Director Moy seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**12. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 District Holidays**

-Presented by Aarin Teague

The Board of Directors was presented with the proposed District Holiday Calendar for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 mirroring the Federal Holiday calendar.

*Director Posey moved to approve the 2024-2025 District Holiday Calendar. Director Moy seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**13. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Adoption of Fund Balance Policy**

-Presented by Aarin Teague

The Board of Directors was presented with the Fund Balance Policy addressing alterations requested in the August 30, 2024 board meeting.

*Director Brownlow moved to approve the Fund Balance Policy. Director Griffin seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**14. Briefing Regarding Programmatic Updates of the South Texas Weather Modification Association**

-Presented by Blaine Schorp and Darrell Brownlow

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

-Presented by Steffinie Mannifield

**16. General Manager's Report:**

-Presented by Monique Norman and Aarin Teague

**a. Legislative and Legal Updates**

Monique Norman deferred legislative updates.

b. Past Month's Activities

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. Permit Activity:

The following permit activity was reported:

- 6 Permit Renewals
- 21 Exempt Well Registrations

Staff discussed upcoming meetings which impact District business including:

- GMA 13- Sept 20 @10am
- GMA 15/GMA 16- Oct 15 @ 1:30 pm
- TWCA Fall Summit- Oct 24-25
- Region L- Nov 7 @ 9:30 am
- San Antonio River Authority Board Meeting, Karnes City- Oct 16 @1:30 PM
- San Antonio River Authority Environmental Advisory Committee Presentation on Groundwater Quality- Oct 18 @ 10AM

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

Monique Norman Deferred

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

None

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

*By consensus, the Board agreed to set the next meeting dates the rest of the calendar year at the District Office in Pleasanton, TX 78064 on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM and December 6<sup>th</sup> at 9AM.*

**20. Adjourn:**

*There being no further business to come before the Board, President Schorp declared the meeting adjourned at 10:36 AM.*

  
Blaine Schorp, President

**ATTEST:**

  
Clayton Neal, Secretary/Treasurer