

**MINUTES
EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
JULY 24, 2026 - 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: Darrell Brownlow, President
Clayton Neal, Vice President
Amanda Wheeler, Secretary/Treasurer
Edward Griffin
Wes Shahan
Weldon Riggs
Thomas Moy III
Sherman Posey

Directors Absent: Zachary Mann

Employees Present: Aarin Teague, General Manager
Jaime Griffin, Business Coordinator
Samantha Nicholson, Permit Coordinator
Amanda Ramos, Permit Specialist
Dario Garcia, Field Technician

Contractors Present on Behalf of EUWCD: Monique Norman, Legal

Guests Present: 13 Guests

Agenda: Attached.

1. Declaration of Quorum and Call to Order:

President Brownlow declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was posted and filed as required by law.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comments:

Public comment was made by Trey Cranford, Jordan Furnans, and Julie Blair.

Written public comment was made by Rey Trevino.

Recess to Public Hearing

Public Hearing – Water Well Drilling and Production Permit Applications

a. Call to Order

President Brownlow called the Public Hearing to order at 9:21 a.m.

b. Public Comments:

None

c. Drilling / Production Permits:

-Presented by Samantha Nicholson

-The Board was presented with a drilling and production permit application for Bartolie Properties LP (Drilling/Production Permit#3454) for a new well to be located in Wilson 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 Black Creek Farms, LLC (Drilling/Production Permit#3460) for a new well to be located in Frio County for Irrigation, Domestic, Livestock, & Recreation 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. Drilling / Production Permits for P-13 Conversion Wells:

-Presented by Samantha Nicholson

-The Board was presented with a drilling and production permit application for Frederick B. Labatt, Joseph B. Labatt, & Bushnell Holding Inc (Drilling/Production Permit#3441) for a P-13 conversion well to be located in Frio County for Livestock use.

Director Neal 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 Darrel L. & Lisa G. Schmidt (Drilling/Production Permit#3445) for a P-13 conversion well to be located in Frio County for Livestock & Domestic use.

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

e. Amendment to Change Permitted Use on Existing Wells:

-Presented by Samantha Nicholson

-The Board was presented with a permit amendment application for Pfluger Descendants Trust (Production Permit#1445) for a well located in Atascosa County for Livestock & Domestic use. The amendment adjusts the use from Industrial.

Director Shahan moved to table the production permit amendment. Director Wheeler seconded the motion and there being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

-The Board was presented with a permit amendment application for Greg Dicaro (Production Permit#3008) for a well located in Atascosa County for Irrigation & Livestock use. The amendment adjusts the use from Industrial.

Director Neal moved to table the production permit amendment. Director Posey seconded the motion and there being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

f. Amendment to Increase Production on Existing Wells:

-Presented by Samantha Nicholson

None

g. Amendment to Change Location on Existing Wells:

-Presented by Samantha Nicholson

-The Board was presented with a permit amendment application for Chris Jenschke Enterprises, LTD. (Production Permit#3374) for a well located in Atascosa County for Irrigation use. The amendment adjusts the location of the well 339 feet southeast of the original permitted location.

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

h. Amendment to Change Well Production Capacity:

-Presented by Samantha Nicholson

None

i. Amendment to Change Well Proposed Aquifer and Depth:

None

j. Report on Activities of Permit on Existing Wells:

The Board was presented with the following permits that were approved by staff under Rule 7.1:

Report on Permit on Existing Wells:

Name	Production Permit	Well Location	Use
Avant Ranch LTD.	3461	Frio County	Irrigation

Report on Re-Permit of Wells:

Name	Production Permit	Well Location	Use
G-4 Enterprises, LTD.	1617	Frio County	Irrigation
G-4 Enterprises, LTD.	1720	Frio County	Irrigation
Avant Ranch LTD.	1863	Frio County	Irrigation
Avant Ranch LTD.	1864	Frio County	Irrigation

Report on Amendments – No Board Approval Needed:

None

Report on Replacement Wells:

None

k. Report on Activities of Permit Renewals:

The Board was presented the following permit renewals that were approved by staff on Existing Wells:

None

l. Adjourn:

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

Reconvene to Regular Meeting

President Brownlow reconvened to the regular meeting at 9:39 a.m.

4. Approval of Minutes from June 26, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting:

The minutes of the June 26, 2026 meeting were presented to the Board.

Director Riggs moved to approve the minutes with minor spelling corrections to page 3 and page 7. Director Shahan seconded the motion and there being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

5. Directors Activity Reports.

Directors Wheeler and Shahan reported on their attendance of the Atascosa County Public Information Session held on 07/07/2026.

6. Committee Updates.

None

7. Presentation, Discussion and Approval of Report of Bills Paid, Deposits, and Financial Statements for June 2026.

-Presented by Jaime Griffin.

The report of bills paid, deposits, and financial statements for June 2026 were presented to the Board.

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

8. Presentation and Discussion Regarding District Investments

Public Funds Investment Officer for the District, Aarin Teague, presented the quarterly investment report to the Board.

Director Griffin moved to receive and file the report. Director Neal seconded the motion and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

9. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding Approval of Contracts with the Texas Water Development Board to Accept Grant Funds for the Agricultural Water Conservation Grant Program and Groundwater, Science, Research and Data Collection Grant Program.

The Board was presented with a synopsis of the grants awarded to the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District by the Texas Water Development board and the recommendation to authorize the General Manager to negotiate, execute, and amend as necessary contract with the Texas Water Development Board to implement projects within the Agricultural Water Conservation Grant Program and Groundwater, Science, Research and Data Collection Grant Program.

Director Neal made a motion authorizing the general manager to negotiate, execute, and amend as necessary a contract with the Texas Water Development Board to implement projects within the Agricultural Water Conservation Grant Program and Groundwater, Science, Research and Data Collection Grant Program. Director Riggs seconded the motion and there being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

10. Discussion, Presentation, and Possible Action Regarding Approval of Resolutions #2026-07-01, #2026-07-02, & #2026-07-03 to Adopt the District Public Funds Investment Policies for the General Fund, Legal Fund, and Science and Conservation Fund for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

The Board was presented with the recommendation to approve resolutions #2026-07-01, #2026-07-02, and #2026-07-03 to adopt the District Public Funds Investment Policies separated by fund for the General Fund, Legal Fund, and Science and Conservation Fund for the fiscal year 2025 - 2026.

Director Riggs made a motion to approve resolutions #2026-07-01, #2026-07-02, and #2026-07-03. Director Wheeler seconded the motion and there being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

11. Discussion, Presentation, and Possible Action Regarding Approval of the District Employee Handbook.

The Board was presented with an updated District employee handbook with a recommendation to approve resolution #2026-07-04 adopting the handbook as presented.

Director Shahan made a motion to approve resolution #2026-07-04 adopting the revised District employee handbook. Director Riggs seconded the motion and there being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

12. Discussion, Presentation, and Possible Action Regarding Approval of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use Policy.

The Board was presented with an Artificial Intelligence Use Policy with a recommendation to approve resolution #2026-07-05 adopting the policy as presented.

Director Posey made a motion to approve resolution #2026-07-05 adopting the Artificial Intelligence Use Policy. Director Wheeler seconded the motion and there being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

13. Briefing Regarding Status of Drought and Groundwater Levels in the District.

-Presented by Aarin Teague.

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

None

15. Set Date and Time for Future Board of Directors Meetings.

The board previously set the subsequent board meetings for August 21, 2026 and September 25, 2026 at 9:00 AM at the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District office. The Board set the October Board of Directors meeting to occur on October 23, 2026 at 9:00 AM at the office of the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District.

16. General Manager's Report:

-Presented by Aarin Teague.

- Legislative and Legal Updates
- SAWS H2Oaks Injection / Withdrawal Monitoring
- Telemetry Site Installation
- Permit Activities

The following permit activity was reported:

- 02 Amendment of Existing Permits
- 57 Exempt Well Registrations
- 02 New Well Drilling Permits
- 02 Permits on Existing Wells
- 04 Production Permits
- 00 Permit Renewals
- 10 Re-permit of Expired Production Permits

Current Workload:

- 48 Owners with Ongoing Coordination
- 05 Active Issues in Resolution
- 23 Owners Disengaged since 01/01/2026

Notice of Violation:

- Failure to Register or Permit
 - No New Violations - July
 - 03 Outstanding

- 03 Resolved
- Failure to Report
 - 02 Outstanding
 - 01 Resolved
- Complaints Investigated
 - 01 Drilling without a Registration/Permit
 - Wilson County, No Violation
 - 01 Waste of Groundwater
 - Atascosa County, Resolved

Staff Activity Reports:

- Modeling Project Kickoff Meetings
- Budget Preparation
- Building Maintenance Quotes and Coordination
- 38 Site Visits and Well Inspections
- Monitoring Site Transducer Install (2 Sites)
- Public Information Requests (13 in the Past Month)

August Staff Work Plan:

- Meter Grant Project
- Monitoring Site Telemetry Set Up
- DFC Open Comment Period
- Modeling Project Stakeholder Planning
- File Room Remodel

Website Use Statistics:

In the past month:

- 2,072 Total Views
 - 824 New Users
- 2.3 Minutes Average View Time
- Top Pages
 - Homepage
 - Meeting Minutes
 - Forms
 - Rules
- Most Users Directly Access the Website

Staff discussed upcoming meetings which impact District business including:

Meetings



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16. General Manager's Report.
 - a. Legislative and Legal Updates
 - b. Permit Activities
 - c. Staff Activity Reports
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.

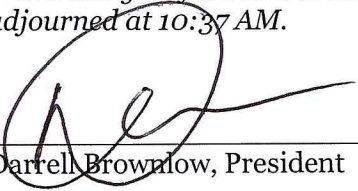
- Aug 27 – Region L
- Sept 18 – GMA 13
- Oct 15 – GMA 15

Other Notable Dates

- Aug TBD – Atascosa County Data Center Information Session
- Sept 01 – 03 – Texas Groundwater Summit (TAGD)

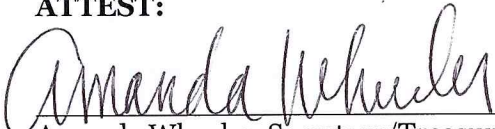
17. Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Brownlow declared the meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM.

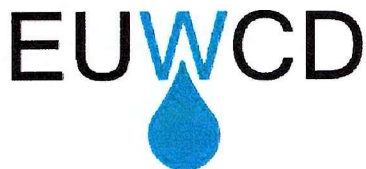


Darrell Brownlow, President

ATTEST:



Amanda Wheeler, 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, July 24, 2026, 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, including the public hearing(s) and agenda, 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. *Drilling/Production Permits for P-13 Conversion Wells*
- e. *Amendment to Change Permitted Use on Existing Wells*
- f. *Amendment to Increase Production on Existing Wells*
- g. *Amendment to Change Location of Wells*
- h. *Amendment to Change Well Production Capacity*
- i. *Amendment to Change Well Proposed Aquifer and Depth*
- j. *Report on Activities of Permit on Existing Wells*
- k. *Report on Activities of Permit Renewals*
- l. *Adjourn.*

Reconvene to Regular Meeting