

MINUTES
EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 22, 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
Amanda Wheeler
Edward Griffin
Larry Bartek

Directors Absent: Thomas Moy III
Sherman Posey

Employees Present: Russell Labus, 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 9:00 a.m. The meeting was posted and filed as required by law.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Employment and Transition of Incoming and Retiring General Managers:

Russell Labus introduced the incoming General Manager Aarin Teague.

Recess to Public Hearing

Public Hearing-Proposed 2023-2024 District Budget

- a. ***Call to Order:***
President Schorp called the Public Hearing to order at 9:17 a.m.
- b. ***Receive Public Comments on Proposed 2023-2024 District Budget:***
No public comments.
- c. ***Adjourn:***
President Schorp called the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Public Hearing-Proposed 2023-2024 Tax Rate

- a. ***Call to Order:***
President Schorp called the Public Hearing to order at 9:18 a.m.
- b. ***Receive Public Comments on Proposed 2023-2024 Tax Rate:***
No public comments.
- c. ***Adjourn:***
President Schorp called the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Public Hearing- Proposed Rule Amendments

- a. ***Call to Order:***
President Schorp called the Public Hearing to order at 9:21 a.m.
- b. ***Receive Public Comments on Proposed Rule Amendments:***
No public comments.
- c. ***Adjourn:***
President Schorp called the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Public Hearing- Water Well Drilling and Production Permit Applications

- a. ***Call to Order:***
President Schorp called the Public Hearing to order at 9:23 a.m.
- b. ***Public Comments:***
No public comments.
- c. ***Drilling/Production Permit Applications:***

The Board was presented with a drilling and production permit application for Del Flores Jr. (Drilling/Production Permit#3076) 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 JGF Properties (Drilling/Production Permit#3077) for a new well to be located in Wilson County for Industrial use. Director Brownlow 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 Gary Boyd (Drilling/Production Permit#3078) for a new well to be located in Frio County for Irrigation 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 H&H Livestock (Drilling/Production Permit#3081) for a new well to be located in Frio County for Irrigation use. Director Brownlow moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Wheeler 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 Mike Pawelek (Drilling/Production Permit#3082) for a new well to be located in Karnes 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 FJL Venture Group LLC. (Drilling/Production Permit#3083) for a new well to be located in Frio County for Irrigation 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 Mike Pawelek (Drilling/Production Permit#3084) for a new well to be located in Karnes County for Irrigation use. Director Riggs moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Bartek seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

d. ***Permit on Existing Wells:***

The Board was presented with one production permit for Gary Boyd (Production Permit #3079) for an existing well located in Frio County for Irrigation use. Director Neal 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 Boyd (Production Permit #3080) for an existing well located in Frio County for Irrigation use. Director Neal moved to approve the production permit. Director Brownlow seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

e. ***Permit Amendment:***

The Board was presented with one permit amendment for Peter Mutz (Production Permit #2976) located at N 29.056484, W -97.986795 in Wilson County for Irrigation use. The new capacity of the well is 50 GPM. Total maximum annual production from the well will be 60.46 acre feet based on 75% capacity of the well. Director Brownlow moved to approve the permit amendment. Director Wheeler seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

f. ***Adjourn:***

President Schorp called the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Reconvene to Regular Meeting

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

None.

Intera Proposal to Characterize the Hydraulic Properties of the Carrizo Aquifer:

Daniel Lupton with Intera gave a slide presentation.

Amend Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget:

Director Brownlow moved to amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget. Director Neal seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Amended Items:

(3050) Atascosa County- \$260,243.99 to \$288,835.08
(3100) Frio County- \$116,548.01 to \$110,035.37
(3125) Karnes County- \$423,015.86 to 448,903.70
(3150) Wilson County- \$237,942.02 to 244,759.99
(3200) Interest- \$4,000 to \$10,708.50
(3230) Weather Mod EAA- \$175,000 to \$202,000
(3300) Water Well Permits- \$7,500 to \$9,385
(3325) P&S GMA 13- \$38,000 to \$0
(3345) Transportation Fees- \$6,000 to \$5219.23
(3350) Other Miscellaneous- \$100 to \$0
New Vehicle- \$50,000 to \$38,601.22
(5390) Building Maintenance- \$10,000 to \$23,000
(5010) Field Technician- \$50,000 to \$0
(5370) Published Notices- \$4,000 to \$5,000
(5385) Vehicle Repair & Maintenance- \$5,000 to \$7,000
(5440) Travel Expenses-Directors- \$3,000 to \$3,500
(5465) Legislative Expenses- \$16,000 to \$18,000
(5470) Election Expenses- \$20,000 to \$11,930.37
(5820) GMA 13 Expense- \$18,000 to \$0
(5830) GMA 15 Expense- \$3,500 to \$0
(6215) Misc. Expense- \$300 to \$400
(5570) Wilson County- \$6,000 to 7,500
(5705) EAA -\$175,000 to \$202,000

Approve Resolution #2023-24-02 to Adopt the District Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024:

Director Brownlow moved to approve Resolution #2023-24-02 to Adopt the District Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Director Wheeler seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Approve Resolution #2023-24-03 to Adopt the District Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024:

Director Brownlow moved to approve Resolution #2023-24-03 to Adopt the District Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Director Wheeler seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Approve Resolution #2023-8-28 Adopting the Proposed District Rule Amendments:

Director Brownlow moved to approve Resolution #2023-8-28 Adopting the Proposed District Rule Amendments. Director Griffin seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Approve Resolution #2023-24-04 to Adopt the District Public Funds Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2023-2024:

Director Riggs moved to approve Resolution #2023-24-04 to Adopt the District Public Funds Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Director Griffin seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Discuss/Approve RFP for District Investment Options:

General Manager, Russell Labus mentioned that he got a copy of the Gonzales County GCD's RFP and from Director Neal. Mr. Labus said the Money Market Account has been opened and the Charles Schwab is in the process of being closed and the funds transferred to the new Money Market Account. The board gave a directive and delegated authority to the General Manager to get the RFP out for banking and investment services.

Approval of Minutes from the August 25, 2023 Board of Directors Meetings:

The minutes of the August 25, 2023 meeting were presented to the board. Director Brownlow moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Riggs seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from the September 5, 2023 Board of Directors Special Meeting:

The minutes of the September 5, 2023 special meeting were presented to the board. Director Brownlow moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Bartek seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

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

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 Riggs seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Discuss/Approve 2023-2024 District Holidays:

Director Riggs moved to approve the 2023-2024 District Holidays. Director Wheeler seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Staff Report on District Activities:

September 12, 2023- EAA Zoom Meeting

September 15, 2023-GMA 13 Meeting

October 12, 2023- GMA 15 Meeting

The board appointed General Manager, Aarin Teague as the alternate voting member for both GMA 13 and GMA 15.

Mr. Labus reviewed the drought map.

President Schorp mentioned that an email was received from Representative Guillen with an invitation to the Capitol in November.

The board went into executive session at 11:12 a.m. in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, to discuss personnel matters (§551.074). The board reconvened into regular meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Legislative Updates:

None.

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

- Intera Proposal
- RFP Update
- Name Scholarship Committee

Set Date and Time for Next Board of Directors Meeting:

The Board agreed to set the next meeting date for Friday, October 27, 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 11:45 a.m.

Blaine Schorp, President

ATTEST:

Clayton Neal, Secretary/Treasurer