

MINUTES
EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
JANUARY 27, 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
Frank Kruciak, Vice President
Diane Savage, Secretary/Treasurer
Larry Bartek
Clayton Neal
Weldon Riggs

Directors Absent: Sherman Posey
Jay Troell

Employees Present: Russell Labus, General Manager
Melissa Gonzalez, Secretary/Bookkeeper
Christopher McFarlane, Assistant Manager
Landon Yosko, Technical Specialist

Guests Present: Attached.

Agenda: Attached.

Declaration of Quorum and Call to Order:

President Schorp declared a quorum present by roll call and called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. The meeting was posted and filed as required by law.

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 9:09 a.m.

b. ***Public Comments:***

None.

c. *Drilling/Production Permit Applications:*

The Board was presented with one drilling and production permit application for Double H Farms (Drilling/Production Permit#3046) for a new well to be located in Frio County for Irrigation use. Director Bartek 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 one drilling and production permit application for Otto Mann, Jr. (Drilling/Production Permit#3047) for a new well to be located in Frio County for Irrigation use. Director Neal moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Kruciak seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

The Board was presented with one drilling and production permit application for Verdun Oil Company (Drilling/Production Permit#3048) for a new well to be located in Atascosa County for Industrial use. Director Bartek 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 one drilling and production permit application for Spicer Sigman (Drilling/Production Permit#3049) for a new well to be located in Frio County for Irrigation use. Director Neal moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Bartek seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

d. *Drilling/Production Permit Amendment:*

The Board was presented with one amended well for Brandon Smith (Production Permit #1514) located in Atascosa County for Industrial use originally permitted for Irrigation use. Director Riggs moved to approve the permit amended permit. Director Savage seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

e. *Adjourn:*

President Schorp called the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Reconvene to Regular Meeting

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

None.

Approval of Minutes from the November 30, 2022 Board of Directors Meetings:

The minutes of the November 30, 2022 meeting were presented to the board. Director Neal moved to approve the minutes as presented with one typo correction. Director Savage seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Report of Bills Paid, Deposits, and Financial Statements for November-December 2022:

The report of bills paid, deposits, and financial statements for November-December were presented to the Board. Director Savage moved to receive and file the reports. Director Moy seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Final Scholarship Essay Question:

The final question for the Scholarship Essay:

“With the rapidly increasing population in the State of Texas comes the rapidly increasing demands on our groundwater resources. What conservation and management practices can the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District employ to enhance the protection of this vital resource for all the water users in our district?”

Report on Monitor Well Program:

Landon Yosko said that the monitor wells in Atascosa County are completed, and he is now continuing the program into Wilson County. Mr. Yosko mentioned that he wants to place five wells in the outcrop focusing on the western portion of the county. Mr. Yosko showed on the map where he would like to put the monitor wells. Mr. Yosko said once locations have been determined then we will present the project to the Wilson County Commissioner’s Court for their approval.

Update on Education Program with Region 20:

Director Riggs mentioned that he spoke with a representative with Region 20 and they gave him different scenarios on what they do with schools and other entities. Director Riggs said that he let them know that we would like something by August and suggested having one of their representatives give a presentation at one of our meetings.

Landon Yosko mentioned that Dale Rankin, with the Atascosa County Extension Service, called and asked if the Evergreen would like to give a presentation at the South Texas Peanut Growers Association Annual Meeting. Mr. Yosko said he will prepare a presentation to present at the meeting.

Staff Report on District Activities:

General Manager, Russell Labus gave a list of meetings attended this month and upcoming meetings:

January 10, 2023- Online TAGD Budget & Finance Committee Meeting

January 31, 2023- February 1, 2023- TAGD Business Meeting

February 2, 2023- Region L Meeting

February 17, 2023- GMA 13 Meeting

February 17, 2023- Deadline for Candidate filing for elections

December 14, 2022- STWMA Meeting

Mr. Labus gave some district updates:

- The fascia boards of the districts building are being replaced.
- The logos for the vehicles and the trailer are in.
- There were twenty-eight exempts well registrations for the month of December and six for the month of January.
- Presented the drought map.

Mr. Labus and Mr. Yosko took the water sample trailer for a test run out in the field and showed the board pictures of how it is set up and used in the field.

The Board went into Executive Session at 10:31 a.m.

The Board reconvened into Regular Meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Legislative Updates:

Attorney Monique Norman said that SB156 had been re-filed but did not pass during the last legislation session, and that there will be a Legislative Committee meeting after the TAGD Business meeting on February 1, 2023.

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

- CD Investment Discussion
- Home & Garden Show Sponsorship
- Order Election

Set Date and Time for Next Board of Directors Meeting:

The Board agreed to set the next meeting date for Wednesday, February 15, 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 11:13 a.m.

Blaine Schorp, President

ATTEST:

Diane Savage, Secretary/Treasurer