

IRION COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

August 12, 2024

Members Present: Vice-Chairman of Board Robert Richey, Sid Sullenger, James Furr, Pete Barrera, General Manager Diana Thomas, and Technician Ashley Masters

Visitors Present: Macy Hartley, Accountant

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. by Robert Richey, Vice-Chairman of the Board.

Sid Sullenger moved, and James Furr seconded to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

After reviewing the bills as presented by the accountant, James Furr moved to transfer \$8,000 from the MMDA to the checking account and to pay all bills. Bills were standard in addition to consultation with legal counsel and the annual PO box renewal. Pete Barrera seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA in San Angelo, Streamline cybersecurity webinar, TWDB at Dove Creek, and TAGD virtual Executive Committee meeting. WTWMA had 3 operations in June, totaling 12 operations so far in the 2024 season. The outlook remains hot and dry with triple digit temperatures expected. The cybersecurity webinar reinforced recommendations from previous cybersecurity training. The TWDB installed transducers for streamflow and water depth measurements at Dove Creek Springs and Diana joined in the cool-water field work! The TAGD Executive Committee discussed next year's budget and hotel meeting contracts.

Well Surveillance included water well level measurements for 19 monitor wells throughout the county, with 2 wells not measured. The rain gauge network was downloaded and presented to the Board. Staff believes aging infrastructure has contributed to errors and omissions in the data and are currently assessing options for replacement or restructuring of the network. Water quality testing was performed for J. Paxton (2), D. Watson, Spring Creek Spring Survey, and Dove Creek Spring Survey.

A Notice of Intent to Drill was received for J. Paxton replacement well and three Walter Oil & Gas Frac supply wells.

Following presentation of the permit application and review of the map attachments Sid Sullenger moved to accept the application for an industrial water use permit for Walter Oil and Gas Corporation located at Abstract 97, Section 14, Gonzales County School Land Survey for no more than 130-acre feet of water per year. Pete Barrera seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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Diana Thomas reviewed the personnel evaluations presented last month. Following discussion Sid Sullenger moved to award a 3% cost of living salary increase for the District Manager and Technician, and a monthly increase of \$100 per month for Macy Hartley for bookkeeping services for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Additionally, \$4,000 of merit pay will be awarded to both the District Manager and Technician in this fiscal year. James Furr seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

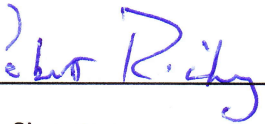
The budget workshop included an estimation of total operating expenses by the end of the current fiscal year and implications for the next fiscal year. Notice on increasing insurance rates, increases in payroll, and expected hydrologist review of management to the DFC were all factored into proposed expenses. Various tax rates were assessed with needed cash reserve transfers compared to pass a balanced budget.

Sid Sullenger moved to propose a FY 2024-2025 Budget of 188,600 in total operating expenses, as recommended by the General Manager and amended at the direction of the Board. This proposed budget reflects \$12,700 of additional expenses over the previously adopted budget. Pete Barrera seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

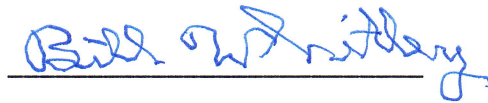
Pete Barrera moved to propose a 2024 tax rate of \$0.008834 which is the No New Revenue tax rate. The proposed tax rate is estimated to raise \$178,181 in funds for the District at a 99% collection rate. James Furr seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Sid Sullenger moved to accept the Tax Collection and Services Agreement with Irion County. James Furr seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business James Furr moved and Sid Sullenger seconded to adjourn at 7:27 PM.



Attesting Signature



Presiding Officer

Date: 9-9-2024