

IRION COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

September 09, 2024

Members Present: Bill Whitley, Chairman of Board; Robert Richey, James Furr, and Pete Barrera, and Diana Thomas, General Manger.

Visitors Present: Macy Hartley, accountant

The Public Meeting on the FY 2024-2025 budget and 2024 tax rate was called to order by Bill Whitley, Chairman of the Board, at 6:00 pm. No public was in attendance. The public meeting was closed at 6:10 pm.

The regular meeting was called to order by Bill Whitley, Chairman of the Board.

James Furr moved, and Robert Richey seconded to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Accountant Macy Hartley presented the monthly bills to the Board. Bills were standard in addition to the quarterly appraisal district payment and a SKG invoice for water quality analysis. After reviewing the bills as presented, Pete Barrera moved to transfer \$16,000 from the MMDA to the checking account and to pay all bills. Robert Richey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Manager's report included: WTWMA Forum in Eldorado, WTWMA in San Angelo, TAGD Regular Business Meeting and TAGD Summit in San Antonio, TAGD Legislative Committee virtual meeting, Senate WAR committee virtually, Streamline webinar, and Region F in Big Spring. WTWMA invited George Bomar and Archie Ruiz to come and speak in Eldorado in response to a community organization asking questions about weather modification. WTWMA met for their regular meeting. There were 4 operations in July, and persistent drought and heat are predicted despite continuation of neutral ENSO conditions. A back office of the WTWMA building is to be sub-leased. TAGD held another successful summit with presentations covering hydrogen production, legislative predictions, minerals in produced water, large scale permit issues, and case law update and analysis. The Senate WAR committee held another interim hearing with Senator Perry introducing his new water grid idea and hearing testimony on produced water, SB 28 implementation, and infrastructure needs of the state. Streamline lead a webinar on the AI revolution that highlighted how AI can help small governmental districts. Region F met to review draft chapters of the state water plan and recommendations to improve the process and information to be included in our part of the plan.

Well Surveillance included only a handful of wells that were either missed last month or experiencing declines over the past few months.

One Notice of Intent to Drill was received for K. Smith for a livestock replacement well. No water quality analysis was completed. The well camera was operated in conjunction with the Santa Rita GCD for a landowner in Reagan County.

Pete Barrera moved to amend the FY 2023-2024 budget. Major amendments included increasing nearly all insurance budget categories due to premium increases, merit pay increases, and income from interest increased. Total operating expenses were amended to equal \$183,750 and income to equal \$186,000. Robert Richey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

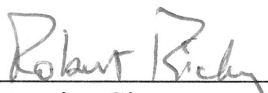
Robert Richey moved to adopt the FY 2024-2025 Budget of \$188,600 in total operating expenses. Compared to the previous fiscal year Insurance increased, Professional Services increased, and Payroll increased. Pete Barrera seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

James Furr moved to adopt the 2024 Tax Rate of \$0.008834 which is the No-New-Revenue rate. This tax rate is estimated to raise \$178,181 in funds for the District. Robert Richey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Pete Barrera moved to adopt a tax discount of 3% if paid in full in October, 2% if paid in full in November, and 1% if paid in full in December. Robert Richey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

District Manager Diana Thomas presented all responses to the RFQ for Legal Services to the Board. Following discussion, the Board requested to postpone any motion on scheduling interviews to allow for further in depth analysis of RFQ submissions by respondents.

There being no further business Pete Barrera moved and James Furr seconded to adjourn at 7:30 PM.



Attesting Signature



Presiding Officer

Date: 10-14-2024