



MINUTES OF THE
Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
August 26, 2024 @ 5:30 P.M.
Hemphill County UWCD District Board Room

The Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District Board met with the following in attendance: Marty Carr, Tom Isaacs, Craig Cowden, Elizabeth Light, Spencer Hanes

Others Present: none

Members Absent:

1) ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Following roll call Christa Perry established a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. on August 26, 2024.

2) Public Comment

No Public Comment

3) Consent Agenda

(a) Review and Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting held as follows:

- July 11, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

Action: Motioned by Craig Cowden and seconded by Spencer Hanes to approve Consent Agenda Item 3 (a)

Vote: 5-0 In Favor

4) Action Agenda- These items may not have been addressed in the order in which they are listed:

(a) Take up, consider, and take action on Settlement Issues relating to failure to drill well within 10 yards of the location identified in the approved well registration.

Action: Motioned by Tom Isaacs and seconded by Spencer Hanes to move to Enforcement for Etter Well for \$115 for violation of failure to drill well within 10 yards of location identified in approved well registration as well as an adjustment for a repeat violation within 6 months.

Vote: 4-1

(b) Take up, Consider, and Take Action on Quarterly Drought Report

Action: Motion by Craig Cowden and second by Spencer Hanes to approve the quarterly drought report.

Vote: 5-0

(c) Approve Management Report from General Manager, discussing recent meetings attended, well Registrations and permits acted on by the General Manager, status of any administratively incomplete applications (if any), field and water quality lab activity report, activities related to District's Education program, and rainfall information.

Action: Motioned by Elizabeth Light and seconded by Spencer Hanes to approve Management report for July 2024.

Vote: 5-0 In Favor

(d) Take Up, Consider and Take Action to Approve July 2024 Financial Reports and Ratify Bills Paid for July 2024.

Action: Motioned by Spencer Hanes and seconded by Tom Isaacs to approve the financial report and ratify bills for July 2024.

Vote: 5-0 In Favor

(e) Approve contract from Doshier, Pickens and Francis LLC for financial audit services for fiscal year ending September 30, 2024.

Action: Motion by Elizabeth Light and seconded by Craig Cowden to approve the amount of \$6100 for Doshier Pickens and Francis LLC for financial audit services for fiscal year ending September 30, 2024

Vote: 5-0 in Favor

(f) Take up, Consider and Take Action on Contract with Mechelle Sutherland, Envision Water.

Action: Motion by Craig Cowden and seconded by Spencer Hanes to approve the contract for technical services with Michelle Sutherland of Envision Water to commence October 1, 2024, and end September 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$17,000 for deliverables and \$2,000 for travel per fiscal year for a 2-year total of \$38,000 for 2024-2026. The board approved to use her services for recommendations for online monitoring systems.

Vote: 5-0 in Favor

(g) Take up, Consider and Take Action on proposed Large Production Permit No. P100-133, SAA Ventures.

Action: No Action – discussion item only until after the 30-day notice period has passed.

Vote: No vote taken

(h) Amend Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

Action: Motion by Elizabeth Light and seconded by Spencer Hanes to approve the proposed budget amendments for FY23-24, with a net increase in income of \$70, 540 and re-allocation of individual line item expenses.

Vote: 5-0 in Favor

(i) Budget Work Session FY 2023-2024

GM Christa Perry presented the draft budget that had the certified tax roll at the same rate, No New Revenue Rate, Voter Approval Rate, and the De minimis Rate.

Action: No Action- discussion item only
Vote: No vote taken

(j) Adopt Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025

Action: Motion by Craig Cowden and seconded by Elizabeth Light to approve the proposed tax rate of .022268 cents per hundred dollar valuation for tax year 2024. This is the same tax rate as 2023 and HCUWCD will operate on a deficit budget due to lower certified taxable value.

Vote: Marty Carr- In Favor, Spencer Hanes- In Favor, Elizabeth Light- In Favor, Tom Isaacs- In Favor, Craig Cowden- In Favor

(5) Discussion Agenda

(a) Discuss Items for Future Board Meeting Agenda and Set Next Meeting Date and Time

Action: Following open discussion, the next meeting date is confirmed as Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 5:30.

6.) Adjournment

Action: Motioned by Spencer Hanes and seconded by Elizabeth Light for the board to adjourn at 8:48 pm.

Vote: 5-0 In Favor

Marty Carr, President

Elizabeth Light, Secretary