



**MINUTES OF THE
Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
December 19, 2022, @ 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, Spencer Hanes, Tom Isaacs, and Craig Cowden

Others Present: Janet Guthrie-General Manager, and Wade Oliver P.G. Senior Hydrologist with Intera and John Merris with Doshier, Pickens and Francis

Members Absent: Elizabeth Light

1) ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Following roll call President Marty Carr established a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. on 12-19-2022

2)Public Comment

None

3) Consent Agenda

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

- September 19, 2022

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

Vote:4-0 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 to Approve Financial Audit for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2022. John Merriss with Doshier, Pickens and Francis presented the results for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022.

Mr. Merriss reported there were no findings and assured the board they were in a very strong financial position. The district is 107.6% funding in its pension account with TCDRS and closed the fiscal year with \$622,360.00 in reserves. The board discussed dedicating some of the reserves for a specific purpose such as litigation expenses and Mr. Merriss advised the board this can be done with a simple motion.

Action: Motioned by Spencer Hanes and seconded by Tom Isaacs to approve the financial audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and authorize payment of \$6,000.00

Vote:4-0 In Favor

John Merriss exited the meeting at approximately 6:00 pm.

(b) Rules Work Session to discuss spacing rules and water allocation rules

Wade Oliver with Intera led the board through a series of questions regarding the intent and purpose of spacing and production rules.

Action: No action – discussion only

Vote: none

(c) Take Up, Consider and Take Action on 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, field and water quality lab activity report, activities related to District's Education program, rainfall information

Action: Motioned by Spencer Hanes and seconded by Craig Cowden to approve the management report for November 2022

Vote: 4-0 In Favor

(d) Authorize travel to Water for Texas 2023 hosted by Texas Water Development Board, January 23-25, 2023, Austin, TX

The meeting has sold out however, the General Manager will continue to monitor openings in the registration.

Action: Motion by Spencer Hanes and Seconded by Tom Isaacs to authorize the travel of the General Manager to the TWDB event Water for Texas 2023 in Austin, TX January 23-25, 2022

Vote: 4-0 In Favor

(e) Authorize travel to the Texas Groundwater Association 2023 Annual Convention January 25-27, 2023, in San Marcos, Texas

John Julian of Canadian Water Well is the new president of this association and is asking for our support and participation.

Action: Motion by Spencer Hanes and Seconded by Tom Isaacs to authorize the travel of the General Manager to the Texas Groundwater Association 2023 Annual Convention January 25-27, 2023, in San Marcos, TX

Vote: 4-0 In Favor

(f) Approve November 30, 2022 ,Financial Reports, Ratify Bills Paid for November

September and October financials were also presented to the board for approval and the end of year general journal entries did change some values on the Balance Sheet.

Action: Motioned by Spencer Hanes and seconded by Tom Isaacs for the board to approve the September, October and November financial reports, and ratify the bills paid in November

Vote: 4-0 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 will be February 16, 2022 at 5:30 pm. The GM will follow up with Sharon and Marty Carr about having a Valentines Day dinner for the board members and their spouses.

6.) Adjournment

Action: Motioned by Spencer Hanes and seconded by Tom Isaacs for the board to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Vote: 4-0 In Favor

Marty Carr, President

Elizabeth Light, Secretary