



**MINUTES OF THE**  
**Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District**  
Board Meeting  
February 18, 2020, @ 5:30 P.M  
*Hemphill County UWCD District Board Room*

The Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District Board met with the following in attendance:  
Jim Haley, Marty Carr, Spencer Hanes and Beth Ramp Sturgeon

Others Present: Janet Guthrie-General Manager, Ray Brady- Hydrologist, Tom Isaacs- Rancher, Laurie Ezzell-  
Editor Canadian Record

Members Absent: Elizabeth Light

**1) ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Following roll call President Jim Haley established a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on 02-18-2020

**2)Public Comment**

None

**3) Consent Agenda**

(a) Review and Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting held as follows  
January 21, 2020

Action: Motioned by Marty Carr and seconded by Spencer Hanes to approve Consent Agenda Item (a).  
Vote: 4-0 In Favor

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

Elizabeth Light entered @ 5:35 pm

(b) 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, field and water quality lab activity report, activities related to District's Education program, status of unresolved protests to Salt-Water Disposal Wells filed with the RRC, rainfall information, voluntary metering program

Action: Motioned by Spencer Hanes and seconded by Beth Ramp Sturgeon to approve the management report for January 2020.

Vote: 5-0 In Favor

**(c) Meet with Ray Brady to discuss and possible action on Status Report**

**FY 2020 STATUS REPORT: January-February 2020**

**FY 2020 WORK COMPLETED**

1. Task 1. Meetings, Water Quality topics, water level topics, on call assistance; Dec, Jan, Feb (to date)

**NEXT PERIOD**

1. Continue updating red bed map, and associated saturated thickness map
2. Meetings
3. Continue work on hydrographs and water level tracking reports
4. Other tasks as requested

**PAYMENT REQUESTS**

**FY 2020**

Task 1.c On call assistance

Action: Motioned by Marty Carr and seconded by Beth Ramp Sturgeon for the board to accept the status report and authorize payment of \$1,200.00.

Vote: 5-0 In Favor

**(d)GMA 1 Update**

General Manager Janet Guthrie and Chairman Jim Haley gave a brief summary of GMA 1 Joint Planning- Round 3. The GAM Runs selected by each GCD were: Ogallala

North Plains -40% remaining in 50 years starting in 2018 and ending in 2068 plus continuing the decline curve to 2080 for the western counties and 50% in the remaining eastern counties.

Panhandle Ground Water District-50% remaining in 50 years 2018-2068 plus continue the depletion to 2080

Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District-80% remaining in 50 years 2018-2068 plus continue to 2080.

High Plains Groundwater Conservation District proposed to keep the same DFC Statement as Round #2-20ft average draw down 2012-2068 continue same draw down to 2080.

General Manager and GMA #1 Representative Jim Haley advised the board that the request of having a GAM Run for 50% remaining in Hemphill County was met with concern from the group as the contract with Intera only allows for the GMA to have 2 GAM Runs. North Plains was concerned that if there was as an appeal or if they later wanted to do a different GAM Run then Hemphill County UWCD would have already used the 2<sup>nd</sup> run. We agreed to wait on the 50/50 GAM Run as the purpose of the run was to update the water budget analysis for environmental concerns. Should another GCD need a different GAM Run there could be additional costs if we do the Run.

Vote: No Action Taken

**(e) Legislative Update/Work session**

Action: General Manager Janet Guthrie distributed a current report on the Legislative Work Session. General Manager Janet Guthrie stated a legislative committee might be the best way to approach preparing statements for the board. Janet reported she has been named Chairman of the TAGD Interim Legislative Committee on Produced Water. Greg Ellis-Legislative Consultant updated her on HB 3834 which passed last session This bill required the Department of Information Resources to prepare a list of acceptable vendors to provide training to local governments. All local governments must provide cyber security training to their employees who have access to a local government computer system or database and all local elected officials. The training must be completed by June 14, 2020. This is an unfunded mandate. This training was not budgeted in the FY 2019-2020 budget. TAGD has reported they are working to secure a vendor who will cater to GCD's and negotiate some prices.

Vote: No Action Taken

**(f) Rate changes Kemp Smith & Associates**

Action Motioned by Elizabeth Light and seconded by Marty Carr for the board to authorize the rate increase with legal counsel Kemp Smith LLP

Vote: 5-0 In Favor

**(g) Approve Financial Reports and Ratify Bills paid for January 2020**

Action: Financial Reports were not available from the Tax Office by meeting time.

Vote: No Action Taken

**(h) Closed Session -if necessary**

Did not go into closed session

**(i) The Board of Directors may go into a closed session under the authority of the Government Code, Chapter 551, Texas Open Meetings Act to discuss:**

1. Discussion of real property (551.072)

**(j) Consider action regarding recommendation(s) on matters discussed in closed session (this will be done in OPEN SESSION)**

1. Discussion of real property purchase offer

Building Committee recommends the board wait until the bids come in before we can consider making a purchase offer on any of the properties available.

**5) Discussion Agenda**

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

Action: The next meeting date will be March 19, 2020 @ 5:30 pm

Vote: 5-0 In Favor

**6) Adjournment**

Action: Motioned by Marty Carr and seconded by Beth Ramp Sturgeon to adjourn @ 6:40 pm on February 18, 2020

Vote: 5-0 In Favor

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Jim Haley President

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Elizabeth Light, Secretary