

MINUTES OF THE

Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District

Board Meeting January 16, 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, Spencer Hanes, Tom Isaacs, and Craig Cowden, Elizabeth Light

Others Present: Andy Holloway, Denita and Baxter Landry, Lucas Moreno, Tucker Landry, Kaycee Long and John Merriss

Members Absent: none

I) ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Following roll call President Christa Perry established a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. on January 16, 2024.

2) Public Comment

Andy Holloway spoke as a private citizen, not as an AgriLife employee, to share his thoughts on the water issue. He has spoken with ranchers that are being approached to sell their water rights that would then be sold down the Canadian River to Indian tribes in Oklahoma to be sold to municipalities. He encouraged the board to keep policies in place to keep water available for future generations, beyond even 2 or 3 generations.

3) Consent Agenda

- (a) Review and Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting held as follows:
 - November 27, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

<u>Action:</u> Motioned by Spencer Hanes and seconded by Craig Cowden 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 to Approve Financial Audit for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2023

<u>Action:</u> Motioned by Elizabeth Light and seconded by Tom Isaacs for the board to approve the financial audit findings presented by John Merriss of Doshier, Pickens and Francis for fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

Vote: 5-O In Favor.

(h) Take up, Consider, and Take Action to approve GMAl Payment schedule to pay the consultant contract pertaining to the development and adoption of the desired future conditions within GMAl.

Action: Move the board approves the percentage (1/6) of financial responsibility for Hemphill County if not more than \$200,000 from consultant Intera.

Vote: 5-0 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 is confirmed as Monday, February 19, 2024 at 5:30.

6.) Adjournment

Action: Motioned by Elizabeth Light and seconded by Craig Cowden for the board to adjourn at 8:12 pm.

Vote: 5-0 In Favor

Marty Carr, President

Elizabeth Light, Secretary