



MINUTES OF THE
Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
August 26, 2025 @ 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, Spencer Hanes, and Craig Cowden

Others Present: Justin Coleman, Lewis Meers, Eric Macias, and Billy Hefley

Members Absent: Elizabeth Light

1) ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Following the roll call Christa Perry called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on August 26, 2025 and established a quorum of the Board.

2)Public Comment

No Public Comment

3) Consent Agenda

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

- July 22, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

Action: Motioned by Craig Cowden and seconded by Spencer Hanes 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) Presentation of Gageby Creek modeling presented by Michelle Sutherland for P100-134.

Action: Motion by Spencer Hanes and seconded by Tom Isaacs to accept the initial study as draft document.

Vote: 4-0 in favor

(b) Take up, Consider and Take Action on proposed Large Production Permit P100-134.

Action: Motioned by Craig Cowden and seconded by Spencer Hanes to approve application H-2025-08 for Lewis Meer Large Production Permit for 344.44-acre ft of water for irrigation, agriculture, livestock and domestic purposes according to the terms and conditions as outlined in Permit P100-134.

Vote: 4-0 in Favor

(c) Take up, consider and Take Action on 2024 Annual Report.

Action: Motioned by Spencer Hanes and seconded by Tom Isaacs to approve the 2024 Annual Report.

Vote: 4-0 in Favor

(d) Take up, consider and Take Action on Travel to GIS Forum for Field Technician

Action: Motioned by Tom Isaacs and seconded by Spencer Hanes to approve travel for field technician, Kaycee Long to attend GIS Forum in Austin.

Vote: 4-0 In Favor

(e)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 (if any), field and water quality lab activity report, activities related to District's education program, rainfall information and 3rd Quarter Drought Report.

Action: Motioned by Spencer Hanes and seconded by Craig Cowden to approve the Management Report for July 2025.

Vote: 4-0 In Favor

(f) Take up, Consider and Take Action to Approve July 2025 Financial Reports and Ratify Bills Paid for July 2025.

Action: Motioned by Spencer Hanes and seconded by Craig Cowden to approve July 2025 Financial Report.

Vote: 4-0 in Favor.

(g) Budget Work Session FY 2025-2026

Action: No action needed

Vote: No vote taken

(h)Adopt Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026

Action: Motion by Craig Cowden and seconded by Tom Isaacs to approve the proposed tax rate of .021402 cents per hundred-dollar valuation for tax year 2025. This is a lower tax rate than 2024 and HCUWCD will operate on a deficit budget.

Vote: Marty Carr- In Favor, Spencer Hanes- 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 Monday, September 8th at 5:00.

6.) **Adjournment**

Action: Motioned by Tom Isaacs and seconded by Craig Cowden for the board to adjourn at 7:16 pm.

Vote: 4-0 In Favor

Marty Carr, President

Elizabeth Light, Secretary