



MINUTES OF THE
Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
July 28, 2026 @ 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, Spencer Hanes and Allen Hadaway

Others Present: Christa Perry, Terrill Bartlett, and James Rawls

Members Absent: none

1) ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Following the roll call Christa Perry called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on July 28, 2026 and established a quorum of the Board.

2)Public Comment

Public Comment at the beginning of the meeting with James Rawls updated that the city will file the application and pay fees if they find it necessary. He also shared that the city had applied for a TWDB grant and may have 2 new Production Permit applications after the first of the year.

3) Consent Agenda

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

- June 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Action: Motioned by Spencer Hanes and seconded Tom Isaacs 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:

The Board of Directors went into Executive Session at 5:40 pm and returned to Open Session at 6:11pm

No Action Taken

4. (a) Take up, Consider and Take Action on next steps for City of Canadian Export Permit

Action: No Action Taken-Wait on Attorneys to Negotiate Settlement to propose to Board, received update from Drew

Vote: No Vote Needed.

4. (b) Take up, Consider and Take Action on Resolution and Order No. 2026-02 Adopting Investment Policy and Strategy Statement

Action: Motioned by Allen Hadaway and seconded by Spencer Hanes to approve the board approve the Resolution and Order No 2026-02, Adopting Investment Policy and Strategy Statement

Vote: 5-0

4. (c) Review Rules Regarding Waste

Action: Motioned by Craig Cowden and seconded by Spencer Hanes to propose no revisions to the current rules regarding waste for fiscal year ending September 30, 2026

Vote: 5-0 in Favor

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

Action: Motioned by Spencer Hanes and seconded by Allen Hadaway to approve the Management Report for June 2026 and 3rd Quarter Drought Report with updates to the 5-year rainfall report.

Vote: 5-0 in Favor

4. (e) Take up, consider and take action on contract with Michelle Sutherland of Envision Water

Action: Motioned by Spencer Hanes and seconded by Tom Isaacs to approve the contract for Technical Services with Michelle Sutherland of Envision Water to commence October 1, 2026, and end September 30, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$38,000.00 or \$19,000 per fiscal year.

Vote: 5-0 in Favor

4. (f) Authorize change of safe deposit box card, authorize the removal of former Board Director from safe deposit box.

Action: Motioned by Spencer Hanes and seconded by Allen Hadaway to approve removing Elizabeth Light, previous board member, from the safe deposit box and adding Craig Cowden, the new district secretary, to the Hemphill County Water Conservation District safe deposit box account at Canadian Interbank

Vote: 5-0 in Favor

4. (g) Take up, Consider and Take Action to Approve June 2026 Financial Reports, Ratify Bills Paid for June 2026, and 2026 2nd Quarter Investment Report.

Action: Motioned by Craig Cowden and seconded by Spencer Hanes to approve the Financial Report for June 2026 and 2026 2nd Quarter Investment Report.

Vote: 5-0 in Favor

4. (h) Take up, consider, and take action to approve the Tax Sales Bids from the Tax office

Action: Motion made by Craig Cowden and seconded by Allen Hadaway to approve the the highest bid for the property to facilitate their return to the tax roll.

Vote: 5-0 in Favor

4. (i) Take up, consider and take action to finalize the HRA Contribution for Year 2026-2027.

Action: Motion by Allen Hadaway and seconded by Spencer Hanes to approve \$3600 per employee for 2026-2027 HRA contribution.

Vote: 5-0 In Favor

4. (j) Amend Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2025, thru September 30, 2026

Action: Motion by Spencer Hanes and seconded by Tom Isaacs to approve the proposed budget amendments for the fiscal year October 1, 2025- September 30, 2026 with a net increase in income of around \$20,000 re-allocation of individual line item expenses- Interest income, Advertising, Dues & Subscriptions, Election Expense, Insurance- Bond & Directors, Lease Payment-Copier, and independent consultant.

Vote: 5-0 In Favor

4. (k) Budget Work Session

Action: Update the board with the 2026 Certified tax value of \$979,821,720 (down \$53,020,576 from 2026 Estimate)le highlighted line items that need consideration- TWDB Grant, Salaries/Pension, and Independent Consultant.

Vote: No vote needed.

4. (l) Adopt Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year October 1, 2026, thru September 30, 2027

Action: Mootioned by Tom Isaacs and seconded by the Allen Hadaway the board adopt the No New Revenue proposed tax rate of 0.024058 cents per hundred dollar valuation for tax year 2026. The Proposed Tax Rate will increase taxes in Hemphill County UWCD.

Vote: Roll Call Vote:

Marty-Yes

Spencer- Yes

Craig-Yes

Tom- Yes

Allen-Yes

(5) Discussion Agenda

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

Action: The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 5:00.

6.) Adjournment

Action: Motioned by Allen Hadaway and seconded by Spencer Hanes for the board to adjourn at 9:51 pm.

Vote: 5-0 In Favor


Marty Carr, President


Craig Cowden, Secretary