

MENARD COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 10, 2024

Pursuant to notice posted in accordance with law, the Board of Directors of the Menard County Underground Water District held a meeting at 2:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 206 E. San Saba, Menard, Texas. Directors Present were Mark Blau, Jim Wright, Jay Kothmann and Dick Winters. Director absent was Dr. Sheridan Duncan. Staff Present was Meredith Allen and Lydia Damon.

1. Board Vice-President Mark Blau called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm after establishing a quorum.
2. No public comment was heard.
3. Following the review of the November 8, 2023 minutes, Jay Kothmann made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Dick Winters seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Lydia Damon presented the Financial Report. Jay Kothmann made a motion to approve the financial report. Dick Winters seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Lydia Damon presented the payment of the bills for the previous months. Jay Kothmann made a motion to approve the expenses, Jim Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Meredith Allen presented the Quarterly Investment Report for the fourth quarter of 2023. A motion was made by Jim Wright to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Jay Kothmann. The motion carried unanimously.
7. Meredith Allen and Kyle Garmany with The Nature Conservancy presented the water right lease. A motion was made by Jim Wright, Jay Kothmann seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion was made by Dick Winters to approve the quote from Budget Blinds for purchase and installation of three wooden historically accurate blinds for the District office . The motion was seconded by Jim Wright. The motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion was made by Jay Kothmann to approve the 2024 IRS mileage rate of \$0.67, an increase from \$0.655. The motion was seconded by Dick Winters. The motion carried unanimously.
10. Meredith Allen presented the 2023 Annual Report. Several areas of accomplishments were highlighted; drought conditions, water level monitoring network and well registrations.
11. A motion was made by Jim Wright to approve the 2023 Annual Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dick Winters. The motion carried unanimously.
12. The quarterly well registration report was reviewed. No action taken.
13. Meredith Allen presented the quarterly drought report. No action taken.
14. Manager's Comments: a. Update on the Ditch and TWDB Grant 2021: Awaiting approval on materials bid from TWDB. b. GMA7- meeting will be scheduled March 2024. c. Meredith provided a brief overview of well permitting process for 2024; d. Directives to Staff: Look at grants for irrigation wells in partnership with The Nature Conservancy.
15. Jim Wright made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jay Kothmann. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.



Presiding Officer