

MENARD COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER DISTRICT
Public Hearing and
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 18, 2024

Pursuant to notice posted in accordance with law, the Board of Directors of the Menard County Underground Water District held a Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate at 2:00 pm at the Menard County Courthouse, 206 E. San Saba, Menard, Texas.

Directors present were Sheridan Duncan, Mark Blau, Jim Wright, and Jay Kothmann. Director absent was Dick Winters.

Board President Sheridan Duncan called the hearing to order at 2:06 pm after establishing a quorum.

No public comments were heard regarding the Proposed Tax Rate. The public hearing was adjourned at 2:21 pm

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 Dr. Sheridan Duncan, Mark Blau, Jim Wright and Jay Kothmann. Director absent was Dick Winters. Staff Present was Meredith Allen and Lydia Damon.

1. Board President Dr. Sheridan Duncan called the meeting to order at 2:22 pm after establishing a quorum.
2. No public comment was heard.
3. Following the review of the August 14, 2024 minutes, Mark Blau made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Jim Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Following the review of the August 28, 2024 minutes, Jay Kothmann made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Mark Blau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Lydia Damon presented the Financial Report. Jay Kothmann made a motion to approve the financial report. Jim Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Lydia Damon presented the payment of the bills for the previous months. Jay Kothmann made a motion to approve the expenses, Mark Blau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
7. After review of the 2023-2024 Amended Budget, Mark Blau made a motion to approve the Amended Budget. The motion was seconded by Jay Kothmann. The motion carried unanimously.
8. Mark Blau made a motion to approve the Tax Rate for 2024-2025 at the Voter Approval Rate of \$0.06257. The motion was seconded by Jim Wright. The motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion was made by Mark Blau to engage Kuntz, Smith, & Co., PC for financial audit services for fiscal year 2023-2024. The motion was seconded by Jim Wright. The motion carried unanimously.
10. Meredith Allen presented the four responses to the Request for Qualification for Legal Services. Jay Kothmann made a motion to set interview in October with potential attorney. The motion was seconded by Jim Wright. The motion carried unanimously.
11. Meredith Allen presented a proposed fee schedule for Application – Intent to Drill. Discussion about range of fees, how to implement, recommendation to change non-exempt from \$200 to \$500. A motion was made by Jim Wright to accept the fees with modifications to the non-exempt schedule from \$200 to \$500. The motion was seconded by Mark Blau. The motion carried unanimously. The fees will be implemented effective beginning the new fiscal year, October 1, 2024.
12. August monitor wells report was reported at previous meeting. No action taken

13. Manager's Comments: a. Update on the Ditch & Grants: Still working on easements; also working on selling gun raffle tickets; b. GMA 7: no update; c. Directives to Staff: None
14. Jim Wright made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jay Kothmann. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.



Presiding Officer