

MENARD COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 9, 2024

Pursuant to notice posted in accordance with law, the Board of Directors of the Menard County Underground Water District held a meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 206 E. San Saba, Menard, Texas. Directors Present were Dr. Sheridan Duncan, Mark Blau, Jim Wright, Dick Winters and Jay Kothmann. Staff Present was Meredith Allen and Lydia Damon. Guest Present: Cole Ruiz

1. Board President Dr. Sheridan Duncan called the meeting to order at 10:02 am after establishing a quorum.
2. No public comment was heard.
3. Potential legal representative, Cole Ruiz provided information about his firm, Lloyd Gosselink, Attorneys at Law. He gave a history of his background in groundwater from youth growing up in South Texas to a litigator in Austin. Discussion with the Board about groundwater issues in the State of Texas, Menard and surrounding counties.
4. Executive Session was deemed not necessary.
5. Additional discussion with potential legal representative was not needed.
6. Following the review of the September 18, 2024 minutes, Mark Blau made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Jay Kothmann seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
7. Lydia Damon presented the Financial Report. Jim Wright made a motion to approve the financial report. Dick Winters seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
8. 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.
9. Meredith Allen presented the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2024. A motion was made by Jim Wright to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Jay Kothmann. The motion carried unanimously.
10. Jay Kothmann made a motion to move the distribution income from The Nature Conservancy lease of Water Right 14-1811 to a short-term certificate of deposit. The motion was seconded by Dick Winters. The motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion was made by Jay Kothmann to approve the amended Application – Intent to Drill, modified to address fees that are now being charged by the District. The motion was seconded by Jim Wright. The motion carried unanimously.
12. A motion was made by Jay Kothmann to approve and adopt the Amended 2024-2025 Budget to include the Application Fee Income. The motion was seconded by Dick Winters. The motion carried unanimously.
13. After previous discussion with Cole Ruiz, Dick Winters made a motion to engage Cole Ruiz with the firm of Lloyd Gosselink, Attorneys at Law as Menard County Underground Water District's legal representative. The motion was seconded by Mark Blau. The motion carried unanimously.
14. Lydia Damon presented the quarterly well registration report. No action taken.
15. Quarterly monitor well report was unavailable; drought report showed an abundance of rain in September but signs of the drought returning quickly. No action taken.
16. Quarterly rainfall update reported a total of 7.725 inches of rain at the Menard County Courthouse rain gauge, bringing the total rainfall for 2024 to 17.443 inches. No action taken.

17. 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
18. Jay Kothmann made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Wright. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

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Presiding Officer