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Precinct 2: Stan Wilson Precinct 4: Laresa Yick

November 30, 2023 State of Texas County of Lampasas

The Saratoga Underground Water Conservation District (SUWCD) conducted a regular meeting in the Lampasas County Courthouse on November 30, 2023 at 11:00am. Directors present were Chad Pechak, Stanley Wilson, Laresa Yick, Bob Chapman and Paul Cline. Director Pechak called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM. A Quorum was declared.

Item 2 was for public comments. There were public citizens in attendance, but none wanted to comment.

Item 3 review of the September 5, 2023 meeting minutes. Director Wilson made a motion to approve those minutes and Director Cline second, there was no discussion and all approved. Motion Carried.

Item 4 updated the board regarding the commercial well application for Mrs Aricali (Sally) Pedroza. Ms Pedroza had indicated verbally by phone on Nov 10 to wait to process her commercial well application to GM Tasha Bates. No action was necessary.

Item 5 updated the board regarding area pending subdivisions. The Letty Flores was granted a groundwater study variance by the Commissioner's Court under local subdivision rules. The subdivision named Eden Farms has a groundwater study available for review and will be emailed to the board members. The Bluffs at Yancey Creek, which is partially in Burnet County, advertises commercial wells. The board asked GM Bates to investigate this further and report back but no other action was taken.

Item 6 reviewed the status of the Board's EIN number, which is active but potentially classified incorrectly according to the IRS. GM Bates requested a vote to retain an accountant if necessary. Director Pechak suggested consultation with the attorney first and then consult with an accountant but no vote was taken.

Item 7 reviewed several comments from the General Manager. The drought index was discussed, well applications were reported at 13, fund balance was reported as of October 31, 2023 at \$66,513.88. Further reports for GMA8 and the TAGD were given. The Bell County Symposium was early November, which GM Bates attended, other networking and learning opportunities continue virtually. Public outreach and more opportunities are being planned as well as updates to the SUWCD website and a new cell phone plan.

Item 8 was discussion to set the next quarterly meeting with monitored well funding, subdivision status and commercial well applications on that agenda.

Item nine moved to adjourn at 11:34 AM made by Director Yick and second by Director Wilson. Motion carrys.

The board opened a public hearing at 11:35 AM to discuss, consider, receive comment and potentially act upon adoption of amendments the the District's Rules. No public was in attendance to come forward with any comments. Director Pechak made the motion to adopt said rules and Director Yick seconded – all approved, motion carried. The public hearing was closed at 11:37AM

Tasha Bates, General Manager