

**South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, August 13, 2024 8:29AM**

August 13, 2024 SPUWCD Board Meeting called to order by President Barrett Brown at 8:29AM.

Board members present were Tye Day, E.C. Harlan, Jon Williams, Gabe Neill.

Also present were General Manager Layne Marlow, Admin Assistant Darice Russell, SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper.

Invocation offered by E.C. Harlan at 8:29AM.

Floor opened for public comment at 8:30AM.

8:31AM, Tier 1 Water Ambassadors Randal Coffman from Gaines County 4H/Seminole ISD and Kyson Bunch from Yoakum County 4H/Plains ISD, presented slide show of Texas 4H Water Ambassador Leadership Academy attended from June 9 through June 15, 2024. Tier 2 Water Ambassador Randa Jordan from Gaines County 4H presented slide show of Texas 4H Water Ambassador Leadership Academy attended June 23 through June 27, 2024.

8:46AM, Terry County Chief Appraiser Eddie Olivas opened discussion of 2025 tax rates and discussed options. Following motion by Gabe Neill and second by Jon Williams, Board unanimously voted to propose an increase tax rate to .025000 for 2025 Tax Year at 8:56AM.

Following motion by E.C. Harlan and second by Tye Day, minutes of July 9, 2024 approved unanimously at 8:57AM.

Financial report of July 31, 2024 approved upon motion by Tye Day and second by E.C. Harlan, 9:00AM.

Floor closed to public comment at 9:00AM and opened for comments regarding permit hearing of 28 drilling permits.

9:02AM, Gabe Neill made motion, Jon Williams seconded, and motion passed to approve 28 well permits and floor was closed to public comments.

9:04AM, SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper presented monthly activities reports for July 2024..

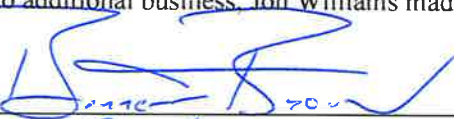
General Manager Layne Marlow presented Manager's Monthly Summary at 9:10AM.


Following motion by Gabe Neill and second by Tye Day, 2024 – 2025 Budget adopted at 9:17 AM.

Board President Barrett Brown opened floor for discussion of personnel matters. E. C. Harlan, Precinct 1 Board Member, submitted resume for position of Field Tech and thereby resigned board position. Remaining board members President Barrett Brown, Secretary/VP Gabe Neill, Tye Day and Jon Williams entered executive session.

10:27AM, Board closed executive session. E. C. Harlan hired as Field Tech position, to begin full-time salaried position November 1, 2024. When available, will begin training sessions with General Manager Layne Marlow at rate of \$19.23 hourly.

There being no additional business, Jon Williams made motion, Gabe Neill seconded and meeting was adjourned at 10:30AM.





September 10, 2024

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**South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, July 9, 2024 8:26AM**

July 9, 2024 SPUWCD Board Meeting called to order by President Barrett Brown at 8:26AM.

Board members present were Tye Day, E.C. Harlan, Jon Williams, Gabe Neill.

Also present were General Manager Layne Marlow, Admin Assistant Darice Russell, SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper.

Invocation offered by Tye Day at 8:26AM.

Floor opened for public comment at 8:27AM

Following motion by Gabe Neill and second by EC Harlan, minutes of June 11, 2024 approved unanimously at 8:27AM.

Financial report of June 30, 2024 approved upon motion by Tye Day and second by Gabe Neill, 8:33AM.

Floor closed to public comment at 8:33AM and opened for comments regarding permit hearing of 32 drilling permits.

8:34AM, EC Harlan made motion, Gabe Neill seconded, and motion passed to approve 32 well permits and floor was closed to public comments.

8:40AM, SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper presented monthly activities reports for June 2024.

8:44AM, Sean McArdle presented Algodon Solar Second Amendment Agreement and answered questions regarding tax abatement agreement.

9:11AM, EC Harlan made motion and Gabe Neill to deny acceptance of Algodon Solar Second Amendment Agreement.

General Manager Layne Marlow presented Manager's Monthly Summary at 9:13AM.

From 9:20 until 9:27AM, General Manager Layne Marlow presented 2024 – 2025 Proposed Budget and discussion regarding salaries, personnel continued.

Board entered executive session from approximately 9:37AM until 10:11AM.

Board President Barrett Brown advised unanimous decision made by Board during executive session that Administrative Assistant Darice Russell would be promoted to General Manager position effective January 1, 2024, at a yearly salary of \$50,000, medical insurance stipend to remain at \$750.00 per month. Will hire Field Technician, starting pay to be \$40,000 per year, with \$750.00 medical insurance stipend. Advertising and search to begin immediately.

There being no additional business, Gabe Neill made motion, Barrett Brown seconded and meeting was adjourned at 10:23AM.



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August 13, 2024

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**South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2024 8:30AM**

June 11, 2024 SPUWCD Board Meeting called to order by VP/Secretary Gabe Neill at 8:41AM.

Board members present were Tye Day, E.C. Harlan, Barrett Brown, Gabe Neill.

Also present were General Manager Layne Marlow, Admin Assistant Darice Russell, SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper.

Invocation offered by EC Harlan at 8:41AM.

Board members discussed board officer positions. Following motion by Gabe Neill and second by EC Harlan, board voted unanimously to elect Barrett Brown as board president, 8:42PM.

President Barrett Brown opened floor for public comment at 8:43AM

Meeting minutes of May 14, 2024 board meeting were unanimously approved following motion by Gabe Neill and second by Tye Day at 8:43AM.

At 8:44AM, approval passed of May 31, 2024 financial report following motion by Gabe Neill and second by EC Harlan.

At 8: 46AM, President Barrett Brown opened floor for public comment regarding approval of 27 well permits; no comments offered.

Floor closed for public comment regarding permit approvals and general public comments at 8:47AM.

8:49AM, Tye Day made motion, Gabe Neill seconded, and motion passed to approve 27 well permits

8:49AM, SPCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper presented monthly activities reports for May 2024.

General Manager Layne Marlow presented Manager's Monthly Summary at 9:06AM.

Board member Jon Williams joined meeting at 9:06AM.

Board began discussions about personnel matters: hiring of field tech or general manager/field tech. Decision to be made at July board meeting with intention of advertising position available, hiring and onboarding new position by beginning of fiscal year 2025, September 1, 2024.

There being no additional business, Gabe Neill made motion, EC Harlan seconded and meeting was adjourned at 9:34AM.



July 9, 2024

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**South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 2024 8:30AM**

May 14, 2024 SPUWCD Board Meeting called to order by President Matt Hogue at 8:32AM.

Board members present were Matt Hogue, Tye Day, E.C. Harlan, Barrett Brown, Gabe Neill, and Jon Williams.

Also present were General Manager Layne Marlow, Admin Assistant Darice Russell, SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper, and Terry County Elections Official Krystal Valentin.

Invocation offered by Gabe Neill at 8:33AM.

President Matt Hogue opened floor for public comment at 8:33AM

From 8:33AM, Krystal Valentin administered Oath of Office to Barrett Brown, Precinct 4; Gabe Neill, Member at Large; and Jon Williams, Precinct 2. All appropriate documents signed, signatures notarized by Krystal Valentin. Mrs. Valentin left meeting at 8:37AM.

Meeting minutes of April 9, 2024 board meeting were unanimously approved following motion by Barrett Brown and second by Gabe Neill at 8:37AM.

At 8:45AM, approval passed of April 30, 2024 financial report following motion by EC Harlan and second by Tye Day.

At 8: 46AM, President Matt Hogue opened floor for public comment regarding approval of 50 well permits; no comments offered.

Floor closed for public comment regarding permit approvals and general public comments at 8:46AM.

8:46AM, EC Harlan made motion, Tye Day seconded, and motion passed, with Member-at-Large Gabe Neill abstaining, to approve 50 well permits.

8:50AM, President Matt Hogue opened floor for public comment regarding 2024 – 2029 Groundwater Management Plan with revisions suggested and requested by Texas Water Development Board. There being no comments, the Board approved and adopted the 2024 – 2029 Groundwater Management Plan.

8:52AM, SPCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper presented monthly activities reports for April 2024.

General Manager Layne Marlow presented Manager’s Monthly Summary at 9:02AM.

Kaci Morris, Field Representative of Congressman Jodey Arrington, entered meeting at 9:05 and presented retiring SPUWCD Board President Matt Hogue with a United States Flag which has been flown over the United States Capitol. Staff and SOCOP, as well as remaining board members, offer thanks to Matt for 32 years of service as a board member, 9 of which were served as president.

There being no additional business, Gabe Neill made motion, Tye Day seconded and meeting was adjourned at 9:22AM.



June 11, 2024

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**South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 9, 2024 8:30AM**

February 13, 2024 SPUWCD Board Meeting called to order by President Matt Hogue at 8:32AM.

Board members present were Matt Hogue, Tye Day, E.C. Harlan, and Gabe Neill.

Also present were General Manager Layne Marlow, Admin Assistant Darice Russell, and SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper.

Invocation offered by Gabe Neill at 8:32AM.

President Matt Hogue opened floor for public comment at 8:32AM

Meeting minutes of February 13, 2024 board meeting were unanimously approved following motion by Tye Day and second by EC Harlan at 8:32AM.

At 8:39AM, approval passed of February 29, 2024 financial report and March 31, 2024 financial report following motion by Gabe Neill and second by E.C. Harlan.

At 8: 40AM, President Matt Hogue opened floor for public comment regarding general business and approval of 33 well permits; no comments offered. Floor closed for public comment regarding permit approvals and general public comments at 8:42AM.

8:35AM, EC Harlan made motion, Tye Day seconded, and motion passed to approve 33 well permits.

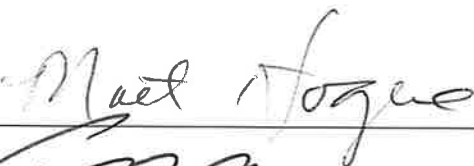
SPCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper presented monthly activities reports for February and March, 8:47AM.

8:52AM, discussion and signatures on documentation regarding cancellation of 2024 General Election and appointment of board members as noted: Jonathan Williams, Precinct 2, Barrett Brown, Precinct 4 and Gabe Neill, Director at Large. EC Harlan made motion, Tye Day seconded and appointments/cancellation of election passed unanimously.


9:02AM board reviewed altered Power of Attorney returned by Gary Paddack, along with response of Attorney Greg Ellis. EC Harlan made motion and Tye Day seconded, denial/refusal of altered PoA.

General Manager Layne Marlow presented Manager's Monthly Summary at 9:08AM. Current water levels, while incomplete at this time, recorded at .36 feet down.

There being no additional business, Gabe Neill made motion, Tye Day seconded and meeting was adjourned at 9:22AM.



May 14, 2024



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Darice Russell

From: Darice Russell
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 10:19 AM
To: Jeffrey Davis; Kim Carter; Nancy Gonzales; Teresa Guerra (tguerra@terrycounty.org); jpalermo@hockleycounty.org; Tammy Doshier (tdoshier@hockleycounty.org)
Subject: Postings for Board Meeting/Permit Hearing

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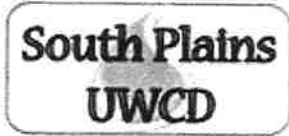
Due to lack of quorum (spring break), our board meeting/permit hearing for tomorrow, Tuesday, March 12, 2024, has been cancelled.

I have made changes to our website and Facebook page, but am not sure how y'all handle this and thought I'd better let you know so you can remove the postings – not sure if a day makes a difference or not.

Thank you!



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February 13, 2024 SPUWCD Board Meeting called to order by President Matt Hogue at 8:30AM.

Board members present were Matt Hogue, Tye Day, E.C. Harlan, and Gabe Neill.

Also present were General Manager Layne Marlow, Admin Assistant Darice Russell, SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper, and RMBJ principals Ray Brady and Amy Bush.

Invocation offered by Gabe Neill at 8:30AM.

Meeting minutes of January 9, 2024 board meeting were unanimously approved following motion by Tye Day and second by Gabe Neill at 8:31AM.

At 8:34AM, approval passed of January 31, 2024 financial report following motion by Tye Day and second by E.C. Harlan.

At 8:34AM, President Matt Hogue opened floor for public comment regarding general business and approval of 15 well permits; no comments offered, floor closed for public comment regarding permit approvals and general public comments at 8:45AM.

8:35AM, Gabe Neill made motion, Tye Day seconded, and motion passed to approve 15 well permits.

8:36AM Amy Bush of RMBJ gave PowerPoint presentation of water conditions and DFC status; Ray Brady of RMBJ discussed current research and study of water quality between Ogallala, Ogallala/Cretaceous and Cretaceous wells.

SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper presented Education Coordinator's Monthly Report at 9:01AM.

9:05AM, discussion and signatures on documentation regarding 2024 general election and poll taken on positions up for election: Matt Hogue, Precinct 2; Barrett Brown, Precinct 4; Gabe Neill, At-Large. Matt Hogue advised board members that he would not seek re-election to SPUWCD board.

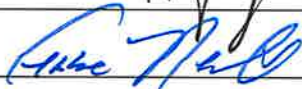
General Manager Layne Marlow presented Manager's Monthly Summary at 9:08AM.

Future business included request that Jennifer, meteorologist with RMBJ, be scheduled to visit during board meeting in upcoming months. Mr. Brady and Mrs. Bush agreed to coordinate and schedule visit.

There being no additional business, Gabe Neill made motion, Tye Day seconded and meeting was adjourned at 9:40AM.



April 9, 2024



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**South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 9, 2024 8:28AM**

January 9, 2024 SPUWCD Board Meeting called to order by President Matt Hogue at 8:33AM.

Board members present were Matt Hogue, Tye Day, Barrett Brown, and Gabe Neill.

Also present were General Manager Layne Marlow, Admin Assistant Darice Russell, and SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper.

Invocation offered by Matt Hogue at 8:33AM.

Meeting opened to public comment at 8:33AM.

Meeting minutes of December 12, 2023 board meeting were unanimously approved following motion by Gabe Neill and second by Barrett Brown at 8:34AM.

At 8:37AM, approval passed of December 31, 2023 financial report following motion by Tye Day and second by Gabe Neill.

At 8: 41AM, President Matt Hogue opened floor for public comment regarding approval of 16 well permits; no comments offered, floor closed for public comment regarding permit approvals and general public comments at 8:41AM.

8:58AM, Tye Day made motion, Gabe Neill seconded, and motion passed to approve 16 well permits.

SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper presented Education Coordinator's Monthly Report at 8:47AM.

At 8:48AM, Board President Matt Hogue opened discussion regarding possible rule changes for domestic wells and/or creating a separate irrigation category for wells less than existing irrigation parameters but more than 25,000 gpm domestic wells. General Manager Layne Marlow presented discussion materials obtained from SandyLand UWCD. Board agreed to continue discussion and consider possible action at February 13, 2024 board meeting.

General Manager Layne Marlow presented Manager's Monthly Summary at 9:07AM. Following motion by Tye Day and second by Gabe Neill, board unanimously approved Employee Policy to match holiday schedule with Terry County Courthouse/Commissioner Court Holiday Schedule at 9:12AM.

There being no additional business, Barrett Brown made motion, Gabe Neill seconded and meeting was adjourned at 9:19AM.



February 13, 2024



February 13, 2024

**South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, December 12, 2023 8:28AM**

November 14, 2023 SPUWCD Board Meeting called to order by President Matt Hogue at 8:28AM.

Board members present were Matt Hogue, Tye Day, Barrett Brown, and EC Harlan.

Also present were General Manager Layne Marlow, Admin Assistant Darice Russell, and SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper.

Invocation offered by Tye Day at 8:28AM.

Meeting opened to public comment at 8:28AM.

Meeting minutes of November 14, 2023 board meeting were unanimously approved following motion by Tye Day and second by EC Harlan at 8:29AM.

At 8:35AM, approval passed of November 30, 2023 financial report following motion by Barrett Brown and second by Tye Day.

8:36AM, General Manager Layne Marlow presented the Board with the September 1, 2022 thru August 31, 2023 Annual Report.

At 8:56AM, President Matt Hogue opened floor for public comment regarding approval of 16 well permits; no comments offered, floor closed for public comment regarding permit approvals and general public comments at 8:57AM.


8:58AM, Tye Day made motion, EC Harlan seconded, and motion passed to approve 16 well permits.

SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper presented Education Coordinator's Monthly Report at 9:02AM.

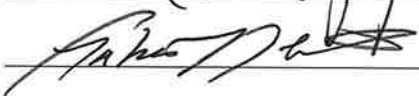
At 9:03AM, Board President Matt Hogue opened discussion regarding possible rule changes for domestic wells and/or creating a separate irrigation category for wells less than existing irrigation parameters but more than 25,000 gpm domestic wells. General Manager Layne Marlow presented discussion materials obtained from SandyLand UWCD. Board agreed to continue discussion and consider possible action at January 9, 2024 board meeting.

General Manager Layne Marlow presented Manager's Monthly Summary at 9:32AM.

There being no additional business, Barrett Brown made motion, EC Harlan seconded and meeting was adjourned at 9:32AM.



January 9, 2024



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**South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, November 14, 2023 8:31AM**

November 14, 2023 SPUWCD Board Meeting called to order by President Matt Hogue at 8:31AM.

Board members present were Matt Hogue, Tye Day, Gabe Neill, and EC Harlan.

Also present were General Manager Layne Marlow, Admin Assistant Darice Russell, SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper, and Derek Ray of Davis, Ray & Co., PC.

Invocation offered by EC Harlan at 8:28AM.

Meeting opened to public comment at 8:28AM.

Meeting minutes of October 10, 2023 board meeting were unanimously approved following motion by Tye Day and second by Gabe Neill at 8:28AM.

At 8:30AM, approval passed of October 30, 2023 financial report following motion by Gabe Neill and second by EC Harlan.

8:40AM, Derek Ray of Davis, Ray & Co., PC, CPA presented results of FY 2023 Financial Audit; motions made by Gabe Neill and seconded by EC Harlan to approve FY 2023 Financial Audit and unanimously approved as presented.

At 8:41AM, President Matt Hogue opened floor for public comment regarding approval of 25 well permits; no comments offered, floor closed for public comment regarding permit approvals and general public comments at 8:42AM.

8:42AM, Gabe Neill made motion, Tye Day seconded, and motion passed to approve 25 well permits.

SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper presented Education Coordinator's Monthly Report at 8:43AM.

General Manager Layne Marlow presented Manager's Monthly Summary at 8:49AM.

8:50AM Board reviewed and discussed increase of distance between property lines and other wells. Board determined that no further action will be taken at this time.

9:01AM, Board President Matt Hogue opened floor to public comment regarding the 2023 – 2028 Groundwater Management Plan. General Manager Layne Marlow presented the Groundwater Management Plan and lead discussion. At 9:22AM, public comment session closed and 2023 – 2028 Groundwater Management Plan adopted following motion by Gabe Neill and second by Tye Day.

There being no additional business, Gabe Neill made motion, EC Harlan seconded and meeting was adjourned at 9:25AM.





December 12, 2023

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**South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
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Tuesday, October 10, 2023 8:31AM**

September 13, 2023 SPUWCD Board Meeting called to order by President Matt Hogue at 8:31AM.

Board members present were Barrett Brown, Tye Day, Gabe Neill, and EC Harlan.

Also present were General Manager Layne Marlow, Admin Assistant Darice Russell, and Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District Manager Amber Blount.

Invocation offered by EC Harlan at 8:31AM.

Meeting opened to public comment at 8:35AM.

Meeting minutes of September 12, 2023 board meeting were unanimously approved following motion by Tye Day and second by Barrett Brown at 8:32AM.

At 8:34AM, approval passed of September 20, 2023 financial report following motion by Gabe Neill and second by EC Harlan.

At 8:35AM, President Matt Hogue opened floor for public comment regarding approval of 26 well permits; no comments offered, floor closed for public comment regarding permit approvals and general public comments at 8:34 AM.

8:35AM, Tye Day made motion, Gabe Neill seconded, and motion passed to approve 26 well permits.

8:36AM, Board President Matt Hogue opened floor to public comment regarding 2023/2024 Tax Rate. Chief Appraiser Eddie Olivas reviewed 2023/2024 Tax Rate, revenue estimates and answered questions. At 8:53AM, public comment session closed following motion by EC Harlan and second by Barrett Brown. Board agreed and adopted 2023/2024 Tax Rate as Voter Approved Rate at 0.023734/100 following motion by Tye Day and second by Barrett Brown.

8:55AM, Manager Layne Marlow reviewed Manager's Monthly Summary.

At 8:57AM, Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District Manager Amber Blount introduced to discuss possibility of increasing distance between property lines and distance between wells as a means to slow well drilling in Terry County. Board agreed to discuss issue further at next meeting.

There being no additional business, Barrett Brown made motion, EC Harlan seconded and meeting was adjourned at 9:13AM.



November 14, 2023



November 14, 2023

**South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2023 8:34AM**

September 13, 2023 SPUWCD Board Meeting called to order by Member Tye Day at 8:34AM.

Board members present were Barrett Brown and EC Harlan.

Also present were General Manager Layne Marlow, Admin Assistant Darice Russell, and Terry County Chief Appraiser Eddie Olivas.

Invocation offered by Barrett Brown at 8:35AM.

Board President Matt Hogue entered meeting at 8:35AM.

Meeting opened to public comment at 8:35AM.

Meeting minutes of August 8, 2023 board meeting were unanimously approved following motion by Tye Day and second by EC Harlan at 8:36AM.

At 8:39AM, approval passed of August 31, 2023 financial report following motion by Tye Day and second by Barrett Brown.

At 8:40AM, President Matt Hogue opened floor for public comment regarding approval of 27 well permits; no comments offered, floor closed for public comment regarding permit approvals at 8:44 AM. 8:44AM, EC Harlan made motion, Tye Day seconded, and motion passed to approve 25 well permits.


General Manager Layne Marlow presented SOCOP Education Coordinator's summary of activities for August and forecast of upcoming engagements at 8:46AM.

8:47AM, Board President Matt Hogue opened floor to public comment regarding 2023/2024 Tax Rate. Chief Appraiser Eddie Olivas reviewed 2023/2024 Tax Rate, revenue estimates and answered questions. At 8:53AM, public comment session closed following motion by EC Harlan and second by Barrett Brown. Board agreed and adopted 2023/2024 Tax Rate as Voter Approved Rate at 0.023734/100 following motion by Tye Day and second by Barrett Brown.


8:55AM, Manager Layne Marlow reviewed Manager's Monthly Summary.

At 8:57AM, Board Member EC Harlan requested floor to discuss possibility of increasing distance between property lines and distance between wells as a means to slow well drilling in Terry County. Board agreed to table further discussion until Tuesday, October 10, 2023 board meeting and President Matt Hogue requested item be posted on agenda.

There being no additional business, Barrett Brown made motion, EC Harlan seconded and meeting was adjourned at 9:11AM.



October 10, 2023



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