

**South Plains Underground Water Conservation District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, March 17, 2026 8:32AM**

March 17, 2026 SPUWCD Board Meeting called to order by President Barrett Brown at 8:32AM.

Board members present were Tye Day and John Mark Addison.

Also present were Manager Darice Russell, Field Technician Geoff Cooper, SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper.

Invocation offered by John Mark Addison at 8:33AM.

Floor opened for public comment at 8:33AM by President Barrett Brown..

Following motion by Tye Day and second by John Mark Addison, board meeting minutes from Tuesday, February 17, 2026 unanimously approved at 8:33AM.

Manager Darice Russell presented the financial report of February 281, 2026 which was unanimously approved after motion made by Tye Day and second by John Mark Addison at 8:45AM

President Barrett Brown closed floor to general public comment at 8:45AM and opened floor for public comment regarding approval of 10 irrigation well permits. Following motion by Tye Day and second by John Mark Addison, 11 permits were unanimously approved. Floor closed to comments on permit approvals at 8:49AM.

Field Manager Geoff Cooper presented monthly activities report, 8:50AM

There being no additional District Business, motion was made by John Mark Addison, seconded by Tye Day, and meeting was adjourned at 8:53AAM.

  
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Tuesday, February 17, 2026 8:29AM**

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Board members present were Tye Day, Tim Swaringen, Gabe Neill, and John Mark Addison.

Also present were Manager Darice Russell, Field Technician Geoff Cooper, Hydrologist Ray Brady of RMBJ Geo Inc.

Invocation offered by Tye Day at 8:29AM.

At 8:31AM, Hydrologist Ray Brady of RMBJ Geo Inc presented hydrology report and explanation of hydrology graphs for 2024 – 2025 year. Mr. Brady answered questions posed by board members and advised on attainment of DFC goals.

Mr. Brady exited board meeting at 8:54AM.

Floor opened for public comment at 8:54AM by President Barrett Brown..

Following motion by Gabe Neill and second by John Mark Addison, board meeting minutes from Tuesday, January 20, 2026 unanimously approved at 8:54AM.

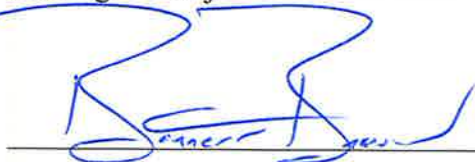
Manager Darice Russell presented the financial report of January 31, 2026 which was unanimously approved after motion made by Tye Day and second by Tim Swaringen at 8:58AM

President Barrett Brown closed floor to general public comment at 8:58AM and opened floor for public comment regarding approval of 11 irrigation well permits. Following motion by Gabe Neill and second by Tim Swaringen, 11 permits were unanimously approved. Floor closed to comments on permit approvals at 8:59AM.

Field Manager Geoff Cooper presented monthly activities report, 9:00AM.

Manager Darice Russell advised that Orders for Special Election to be held in May were delivered to Terry County Elections Official Crissy Franco on Tuesday, February 3, 2026.

There being no additional District Business, motion was made by Gabe Neill, seconded by Tye Day, and meeting was adjourned at 9:14AM.



March 17, 2026



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**South Plains Underground Water Conservation District  
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Tuesday, January 20, 2026 8:28AM**

January 20, 2026 SPUWCD Board Meeting called to order by President Barrett Brown at 8:28AM.

Board members present were Tye Day, Tim Swaringen, Gabe Neill, and John Mark Addison.

Also present were Manager Darice Russell, Field Technician Geoff Cooper, SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper

Invocation offered by Tim Swaringen at 8:28AM.

Floor opened for public comment at 8:29AM by President Barrett Brown.

At 8:29AM, following motion by Gabe Neill and second by Tye Day, minutes of December 16, 2025 regular board meeting approved unanimously.

Financial report of December 31, 2025 approved unanimously following motion by Tye Day and second by John Mark Addison, 8:31AM.

President Barrett Brown closed floor to general public comment at 8:32AM and opened floor for public comment regarding approval of 3 irrigation well permits. Following motion by Tye Day and second by Tim Swaringen, 3 permits were unanimously approved. Floor closed to comments on permit approvals at 8:33AM.

SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper presented a monthly activities report, 8:34AM.

Field Manager Geoff Cooper presented monthly activities report, 8:35AM. Following report of monthly activities, Board determined that current rainfall monitoring program would continue and be allowed to phase itself out. As rain gauges fail, they will not be replaced. Functioning gauges might be strategically relocated to cover county, but no new gauges will be purchased. Office will issue letter in upcoming months.

Board excused SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper.

Board discussed issue with 2026 tax rate and discussions with Truth in Taxation Expert Connie Rose with MVBA. Phonecall made to Attorney Greg Ellis at appx. 9:05AM and ended appx. 9:20AM. Upon completion of phonecall, board determined that SPUWCD will reduce 2027 tax by .001997 to offset 2026 tax rate; no refunds checks will be issued; SPUWCD will compose a letter of explanation to be included with 2027 tax statements, printed in newspaper, posted on website and social media page. Suggestion was made by Attorney Ellis that SPUWCD should contact County Judge, State Representative and State Senator to discuss/request raising cap for special districts.

Following motion by Gabe Neill and second by Tim Swaringen, board voted unanimously to order a special election to increase the maximum tax rate allowable from .025 to .050 at 9:28AM

There being no additional District Business, motion was made by Gabe Neill, seconded by Tye Day, and meeting was adjourned at 9:28AM.



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February 17, 2026

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**South Plains Underground Water Conservation District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, December 16, 2025 8:30AM**

December 16, 2025 SPUWCD Board Meeting called to order by President Barrett Brown at 8:31AM.

Board members present were Tye Day and Tim Swaringen.

Also present were Manager Darice Russell, Field Technician Geoff Cooper, SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper

Invocation offered by Tye Day at 8:32AM.

Floor opened for public comment at 8:32AM by President Barrett Brown.

At 8:33AM, following motion by Tim Swaringen and second by Tye Day, minutes of November 18, 2025 regular board meeting approved unanimously.

Financial report of November 30, 2025 approved unanimously following motion by Tye Day and second by Tim Swaringen, 8:35AM.

President Barrett Brown closed floor to general public comment at 8:36AM and opened floor for public comment regarding approval of 2 irrigation well permits. Following motion by Tim Swaringen and second by Tye Day, 2 permits were unanimously approved. Floor closed to comments on permit approvals at 8:36AM.

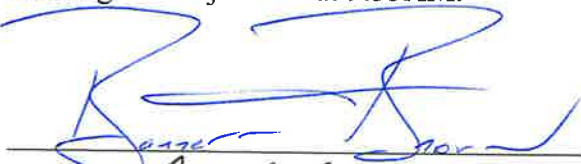
SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper presented a monthly activities report, 8:38AM.

Field Manager Geoff Cooper presented monthly activities report, 8:45AM.

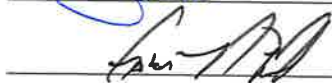
Board excused SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper.

Board discussed issue with tax rate brought to attention by ex-manager Jason Coleman. Manager Darice Russell provided status update following repeated search for records, unsuccessful search for documentation at county clerk's office, discussions with attorney Greg Ellis and Chief Tax Appraiser Eddie Olivas. Several options were discussed regarding how and when to remedy. Phonecall was made to Chief Appraiser Eddie Olivas, who advised that he would contact tax attorney and call back. Before adjournment of meeting, Mr. Olivas called back and advised that Connie Rose, from law firm MVBA will be contacting Manager Darice Russell. Board members requested that status update be delivered via email following input from Ms. Rose.

There being no additional District Business, motion was made by Gabe Neill, seconded by Tim Swaringen, and meeting was adjourned at 9:35AM.



January 20, 2025



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**South Plains Underground Water Conservation District  
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Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:30AM**

November 18, 2025 SPUWCD Board Meeting called to order by President Barrett Brown at 8:29AM.

Board members present were Tye Day, Gabe Neill, Tim Swaringen, John Mark Addison.

Also present were Manager Darice Russell, Field Technician Geoff Cooper.

Invocation offered by Gabe Neill at 8:30AM.

Floor opened for public comment at 8:30AM by President Barrett Brown.

At 8:30AM, following motion by Tye Day and second by John Mark Addison, minutes of October 21, 2025 regular board meeting approved unanimously.

Financial report of October 31, 2025 approved unanimously following motion by Gabe Neill and second by Tim Swaringen, 8:33AM.

President Barrett Brown closed floor to general public comment at 8:33AM and opened floor for public comment regarding approval of 5 irrigation well permits. Following motion by Tye Day and second by Tim Swaringen, 5 permits were unanimously approved. Floor closed to comments on permit approvals at 8:42AM.



SOCOP Education Coordinator Monthly Report presented by Manager Darice Russell, 8:43AM.

Manager Darice Russell presented the Annual Report to the Board of Directors on Attainment of Management Plan Goals and Selected Activities of the South Plains Underground Water Conservation District for Fiscal Year 2025, September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

Board discussed rain gauges and options to continue or cease Rainfall monitoring program. Issue tabled until beginning of 2026.

Board discussed discontinuing the printed resource materials racks located in front office due to disuse. Will keep small office-printed brochures on District services, rules and domestic wells and will remove and discontinue all other publications. Board in agreement that continuously updated information is more readily available on District website and Internet.

There being no additional District Business, motion was made by Gabe Neill, seconded by John Mark Addison, and meeting was adjourned at 9:20AM.

  
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December 16, 2025

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**South Plains Underground Water Conservation District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, October 21, 2025 8:30AM**

October 21, 2025 SPUWCD Board Meeting called to order by President Barrett Brown at 8:30AM.

Board members present were Tye Day, Gabe Neill, Tim Swaringen, John Mark Addison.

Also present were Manager Darice Russell, Field Technician Geoff Cooper, SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper, Derek Ray of Davis, Ray & Co., PC.

Invocation offered by Tim Swaringen at 8:30AM.

Floor opened for public comment at 8:31AM by President Barrett Brown.

At 8:31AM, following motion by Tye Day and second by John Mark Addison, minutes of September 16, 2025 regular board meeting approved unanimously.

Financial report of September 30, 2025 approved unanimously following motion by Gabe Neill and second by Tim Swaringen, 8:33AM.

Derek Ray of Davis, Ray & Co., PC, presented Independent Auditor's Report for the Year Ended August 31, 2025, 8:42AM.

President Barrett Brown closed floor to general public comment at 8:42AM and opened floor for public comment regarding approval of 9 irrigation well permits. Following motion by Tye Day and second by Gabe Neill, 9 permits were unanimously approved. Floor closed to comments on permit approvals at 8:43AM.

SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper presented monthly activities report, 8:44AM.

Manager Darice Russell advised Board of upcoming hearing regarding creation of Terry County Reinvestment Zone – Sundown and consideration of tax abatement for Sundown Wind, LLC and Caprock Solar, LLC scheduled October 27, 2025 at 9:00AM in Commissioner's Courtroom.

There being no additional District Business, motion was made by Gabe Neill, seconded by Tim Swaringen, and meeting was adjourned at 8:50AM.



November 18, 2025



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**South Plains Underground Water Conservation District  
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Tuesday, September 16, 2025 8:30AM**

September 16, 2025 SPUWCD Board Meeting called to order by President Barrett Brown at 8:30AM.

Board members present were Tye Day, Gabe Neill, Tim Swaringen, John Mark Addison.

Also present were Manager Darice Russell, Field Technician Geoff Cooper, SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper.

Invocation offered by Tye Day at 8:30AM.

Floor opened for public comment at 8:30AM by President Barrett Brown.

At 8:30AM following motion by Tye Day and second by Gabe Neill, minutes of August 19, 2025 regular board meeting approved unanimously.

Financial report of August 31, 2025 approved unanimously following motion by Gabe Neill and second by Tim Swaringen, 8:34AM.

President Barrett Brown closed floor to general public comment at 8:34AM and opened floor for public comment regarding approval of 13 irrigation well permits. Following motion by Gabe Neill and second by Tye Day, 13 permits were unanimously approved. Floor closed to comments on permit approvals at 8:39AM.


SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper presented monthly activities report, 8:42AM.

Field Technician Geoff Cooper presented monthly activities report at 8:44AM.

Board President Barrett Brown opened floor for public comment regarding 2026 Tax rate of .026697. No comments offered, public comment closed at 8:55AM and board voted unanimously to adopt 2026 tax rate of .026997 following motion by Tim Swaringen and second by Tye Day.

Board President Barrett Brown announced Letter of Engagement for Davis, Ray & Co., PC to perform yearly audit. Motion made by Gabe Neill to approve and hire Davis, Ray & Co., to conduct yearly audit. Second made by Tim Swaringen and unanimously approved at 8:59AM.

There being no additional District Business, motion was made by Gabe Neill, seconded by Tye Day, and meeting was adjourned at 9:25AM.

  
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