South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2026 8:27AM

SPUWCD Board President Barrett Brown called meeting to order at 8:27AM.

Invocation offered by Gabe Neill at 8:27AM.

Floor opened for public comment at 8:28AM. No comments forthcoming, floor closed for public comment at 8:32AM.

Following motion by Tim Swaringen and second from John Mark Addision, minutes from June 16, 2026 board meeting and cancellation notification of July 21, 2026 board meeting approved at 8:28AM.

Financial reports of June 30, 2026 and July 31, 2026 unanimously approved following motion by Tye Day and second Gabe Neill at 8:32AM.

President Barrett Brown closed floor to public comments and opened floor for comments regarding approval of 52 water well permits. Gabe Neill made motion, Tye Day seconded, and board unanimously approved 52 water well permits. Floor closed to public comment of water well permits at 8:34AM.

SOCOP/Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper presented monthly activities report.

Field Manager Geoff Cooper presented monthly activity report.

Board member Tim Swaringen exited monthly meeting at 8:59AM.

General Manager Darice Russell presented Proposed Budget for 2026/2027. Board entered executive session at 9:05AM and exited at 9:12AM.

President Barrett Brown advised that Board approved 3% salary increase for General Manager and Field Manager.

Board accepted Proposed Budget, including proposed tax rate of 0.023003. Board agreed to initiate fees for services such as water testing. Board agreed to increase permit issuance fee to $150 - $200 non-refundable and begin charging drillers directly for documents not returned and every time amendment to correct documents issued.

Future business will include adoption of 2026/2027 Budget and 2027 tax rate.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:19AM following motion by John Mark Addison and second by Tye Day.

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South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, July 21, 2026 8:30AM

July 21, 2026 SPUWCD Board Meeting cancelled at 1:08PM on Monday, July 20, 2026 upon order of President Barrett Brown, due to inability to form quorum.

August 18, 2026

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South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2026 8:32AM

June 16, 2026 SPUWCD Board Meeting called to order by General Manager Darice Russell at 8:32AM.

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

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

Invocation offered by Tim Swaringen at 8:34AM.

Floor opened for public comment at 8:36AM by General Manager Darice Russell. There being no public comment, floor closed to public comment at 8:37 AM.

General manager Darice Russell opened Tuesday, June 16, 2026 Board Meeting to Public Hearing and Comment regarding GMA2 DFC Scenario 23 at 8:37AM.

There being no public comments regarding GMA2 DFC Scenario 23, floor was closed to public comment and public hearing closed at 8:38AM.

Following motion by Tim Swaringen and second by John Mark Addison, minutes of May 19, 2026 board meeting unanimously approved at 8:38AM.

Manager Darice Russell presented the financial report of May 31, 2026 which was unanimously approved after motion made by John Mark Addison and second by Tye Day at 8:39AM.

General Manager Darice Russell opened floor for public comment regarding approval of 7 irrigation well permits. Following motion by Tim Swaringen and second by Tye Day, 7 permits were unanimously approved and Floor closed to comments on permit approvals :41AM.

Board member Gabe Neill entered board meeting at 8:42AM.

SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper presented monthly activities report.

Field Manager Geoff Cooper presented monthly activities report.

General manager Darice Russell called for vote on adoption of GMA2 DFC Scenario 23. John Mark Addison made motion, Tim Swaringen seconded and GMA2 DFC Scenario 23 unanimously adopted at 8:49AM.

Following motion by Gabe Neill and second by Tim Swaringen, board voted unanimously to approve payment of $5,599.99 to Terry County Elections office for May 2, 2206 General Election.

There being no additional District Business, motion was made by Tye Day, seconded by John Mark Addison, and meeting was adjourned at 8:51AM.

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South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2026 8:27AM

May 19, 2026 SPUWCD Board Meeting called to order by President Barrett Brown at 8:27AM.

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

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

Invocation offered by Gabe Neill at 8:28AM.

Floor opened for public comment at 8:28AM by President Barrett Brown.
April 21, 2026 unanimously approved at 8:28AM.

Manager Darice Russell presented the financial report of April 21, 2026 which was unanimously approved after motion made by Tim Swaringen and second by John Mark Addison at 8:30AM

President Barrett Brown closed floor to general public comment at 8:30AM and opened floor for public comment regarding approval of 13 irrigation well permits. Following motion by Gebe Neill and second by Tye Day, 13 permits were unanimously approved. Floor closed to comments on permit approvals at 8:32AM.

SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper presented monthly activities report.

Field Manager Geoff Cooper presented monthly activities report, 8:36AM

President Barrett Brown opened floor to public comment on adoption of Scenario 23 for GMA2 DFC. There being no comment, floor closed at 8:40AM.

Board conducted canvass of May 2, 2026 General Election results. All results approved and adopted and documentation signed.

There being no additional District Business, motion was made by Gabe Neill, seconded by Tye Day, and meeting was adjourned at 9:13AM.

June 16, 2026

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South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2026 8:29AM

April 21, 2026 SPUWCD Board Meeting called to order by President Barrett Brown at 8:29AM.

Board members present were 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 8:29AM.

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

Board Member Tye Day joined meeting at 8:31AM.

Following motion by Gabe Neill and second by John Mark Addison, board meeting minutes from Tuesday, March 17, 2026 unanimously approved at 8:31AM.

Manager Darice Russell presented the financial report of March 31, 2026 which was unanimously approved after motion made by Tim Swaringen and second by Gabe Neill at 8:35AM

President Barrett Brown closed floor to general public comment at 8:35AM and opened floor for public comment regarding approval of 10 irrigation well permits. Following motion by Gebe Neill and second by Tye Day, 46 permits were unanimously approved. Floor closed to comments on permit approvals at 8:36AM.

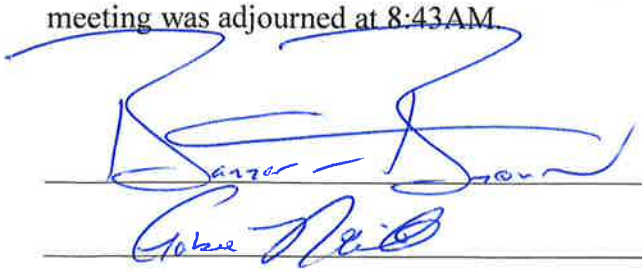
SOCOP Education Coordinator Michelle Cooper presented monthly activities report.

Field Manager Geoff Cooper presented monthly activities report, 8:38AM

General Manager Darice Russell presented summary of GMA2 Meeting held in Plains, Texas on March 25, 2026 and presented board with Scenario 23 information.

President Barrett Brown opened floor to public comment on adoption of Scenario 23 for GMA2 DFC. There being no comment, floor closed at 8:40AM.

There being no additional District Business, motion was made by Gabe Neill, seconded by Tim Swaringen, and meeting was adjourned at 8:43AM.



May 19, 2026

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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.

April 21, 2026

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South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 8:29AM

February 17, 2026 SPUWCD Board Meeting called to order by President Barrett Brown at 8:29AM.

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
Board of Directors Meeting
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.

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
Board of Directors Meeting
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.

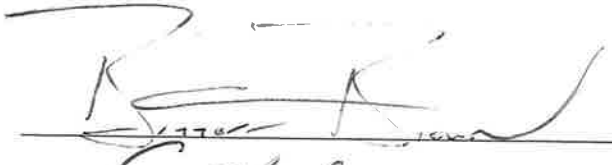
SOCOP Education Coordinator Monthly Report presented by Manager Darice Russell, 8:43AM.

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.



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
Board of Directors Meeting
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.

October 21, 2025

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