

MENARD COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors
July 15, 2026

Pursuant to notice posted in accordance with law, the Board of Directors of the Menard County Underground Water District held a Public Hearing on the Proposed Desired Future Conditions of Relevant Aquifers within Groundwater Management Area 7 at 1:00 pm at the Menard County Courthouse, 206 E. San Saba, Menard, Texas.

Directors present were Dr. Sheridan Duncan, Jay Kothmann, Lisa Brown and Dick Winters. Director absent was Jim Wright.

Board President Dr. Sheridan Duncan called the hearing to order at 1:00 pm after establishing a quorum.

No public comments were heard regarding the Proposed Desired Future Conditions of Relevant Aquifers within Groundwater Management Area 7. The public hearing was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Pursuant to notice posted in accordance with law, the Board of Directors of the Menard County Underground Water District held a meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the at the Menard County Courthouse, 206 San Saba, Menard, Texas. Directors Present were Dr. Sheridan Duncan, Jay Kothmann, Lisa Brown and Dick Winters. Director Absent was Jim Wright. Staff Present was Meredith Allen and Lydia Damon. Guest present was Kyle Garmany.

1. Board President Dr. Sheridan Duncan called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm after establishing a quorum.
2. Kyle Garmany provided information on a press release about the Texas Water Trade and the Menard County Water Control & Improvement District #1 regarding the sale of 515 acre feet and donation of same to the San Saba River Water & Land Trust.
3. Following the review of the May 13, 2026, minutes, Jay Kothmann made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Dick Winters seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Lydia Damon presented the Financial Report. Lisa Brown made a motion to approve the financial report. Dick Winters seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Lydia Damon presented the payment of the bills for the previous month. Jay Kothmann made a motion to approve the expenses; Lisa Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Meredith Allen presented the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2026. A motion was made by Lisa Brown to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Dick Winters. The motion carried unanimously.
7. Meredith Allen presented a financial overview of operations and grant activities. The District was awarded a Texas Water Development Board grant for monitoring of the Hickory Aquifer. The grant allows two years to complete the project; reimbursement received upon payment of invoices. The grant includes three monitor wells and the possibility of drilling a Hickory Aquifer well. Meredith will gather information for possible monitoring wells and a drilling location and present it at the next Board meeting. The grant agreement still needs final approval and signatures. No action required.
8. A motion was made by Jay Kothmann to open a bank account dedicated to the TWDB grant. The motion was seconded by Lisa Brown. All Board members, with the exception of Lisa Brown (due to job restraints), will be allowed to sign checks on this account. The motion carried unanimously.
9. The Board entered Executive Session at 1:44 pm for Deliberations about Personnel Matters: In Accordance with Texas Government Code 551.074.
10. The Board reconvened into Open Session at 1:51 pm.
11. Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code allows the District to increase export fees annually. The increase requires public hearing. A motion was made by Lisa Brown to set the public hearing to increase export fees by 3% in accordance with Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code. The motion was seconded by Dick Winters. The motion carried unanimously.

12. After review of the financial operations, grant activities and proposed budget, a motion was made by Dick Winters to approve the proposed budget and set for public hearing. The motion was seconded by Lisa Brown. The motion carried unanimously.
13. The quarterly well registration report was presented for review. There was seven wells registered during the second quarter of which one is existing, one is requesting to be permitted and the remaining are new wells. No action required.
14. The quarterly drought and rainfall report were presented for review. The website www.waterdatafortexas.org/drought reported that Menard County is in the None – No Drought category. The second quarter rainfall report showed 11.92” of rain. No action required.
15. The monthly monitor well report was presented for review. No action required.
16. Manager’s Comments: a. Update on the TWDB grant application for Hickory Well project: The grant has been awarded in the amount of \$300,000, still need the Grant agreement signed before any Grant operations can begin. b. GMA 7: The next meeting is scheduled October 22, 2026 at 10:30 am at the Sonora Civic Center. c. Directives to Staff: Continue work on locating Hickory wells for monitoring.
17. Lisa Brown made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dick Winters. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.



Presiding Officer