

MENARD COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors
August 12, 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 2026-2027 Budget at 1:00 pm at the Menard County Courthouse, 206 E. San Saba, Menard, Texas.

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

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 2026-2027 Budget. 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, Jim Wright, Jay Kothmann, Lisa Brown and Dick Winters. Staff Present was Meredith Allen and Lydia Damon. Guest present was Thomas Michalewicz and Caroline Runge.

1. Board President Dr. Sheridan Duncan called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm after establishing a quorum.
2. No public comment was heard.
3. Following the review of the July 15, 2026, minutes, Jay Kothmann made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Lisa Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Lydia Damon presented the Financial Report. Dick Winters made a motion to approve the financial report. Lisa Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Lydia Damon presented the payment of the bills for the previous month. Jim Wright made a motion to approve the expenses; Lisa Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion was made by Lisa Brown to approve and adopt the 2026-2027 Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Jim Wright. The motion carried unanimously.
7. Meredith Allen presented the tax rate worksheet for review. After review and discussion on possible options for the proposed tax rate, a motion was made by Jay Kothmann to approve the voter approval rate of \$0.065594 and set for public hearing. The motion was seconded by Jim Wright. The motion carried unanimously.
8. Meredith Allen presented the proposed lease for office space from Menard County. Discussion about the options for office space ensued. The Board directed Meredith Allen to send a letter to the County Commissioners, County Judge and the County Treasurer offering a counteroffer in the rent amount. The letter should include the offer of a meeting to discuss further if needed. The Board requested a copy of the draft letter be emailed for their review. No action taken at this time.
9. The monthly monitor well report was presented for review. Quarterly sensor data was downloaded. No action required.
10. Manager's Comments: a. Update on the TWDB grant application for Hickory Well project: Hickory well information is still being gathered. More information should be available for the September meeting. b. GMA 7: The next meeting is scheduled October 22, 2026 at 10:30 am at the Sonora Civic Center. c. Directives to Staff: Meredith and Lydia will be attending the Texas Association of Groundwater Districts Summit in San Antonio September 1-3.
11. Dick Winters made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Wright. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.


Presiding Officer