

MENARD COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors
September 9, 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 Tax Rate 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. Director absent was 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 Tax Rate. 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 Public Hearing on the Proposed Increase of Export Fees by 3% in accordance with Chapter 36 at 1:15 pm at the Menard County Courthouse, 206 E. San Saba, Menard, Texas.

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

Board President Dr. Sheridan Duncan called the hearing to order at 1:15 pm after establishing a quorum.

No public comments were heard regarding the Proposed Increase of Export Fees by 3% in accordance with Chapter 36. The public hearing was adjourned at 1:30 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, and Lisa Brown. Director absent was Dick Winters. Staff Present was Meredith Allen and Lydia Damon.

1. Board President Dr. Sheridan Duncan called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm after establishing a quorum.
2. No public comment was heard.
3. Following the review of the August 9, 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. Jim Wright 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. Jay Kothmann made a motion to approve the expenses; Jim Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion was made by Jay Kothmann to approve and adopt the 2026-2027 Tax Rate as presented. The motion was seconded by Jim Wright. The motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion was made by Jim Wright to approve and adopt by resolution the increase of export fees by 3% in accordance with Chapter 36. Jay Kothmann seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The resolution was signed by all members present.
8. A motion was made to amend MCUWD Rules & Regulations and set for public hearing by Lisa Brown. The motion was seconded by Jim Wright. The motion carried unanimously.
9. Meredith Allen presented the 2025-2026 Budget Amendment. A motion was made by Jay Kothmann to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. The motion was seconded by Lisa Brown. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Discussion on Hickory well monitoring equipment locations. Jay Kothmann made a motion to table this agenda item until next month. Lisa Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
11. Manager's Comments: a. Update on the TWDB grant application for Hickory Well project: Meredith had conversations with TWDB staff while at the TAGD Summit; monitoring locations still pending; discussion on sonar vs sensor monitoring; location of well to be driller somewhere near the Hext Volunteer Fire Department that could be approximately 1,200 ft deep. b. GMA 7: The next meeting is scheduled October 22, 2026 at 10:30 am at the Sonora Civic Center; working with other Groundwater Districts on public hearing required for DFC proposal. c. Directives to Staff: Update from TAGD Summit – there was several mentions of data centers being built in rural areas, some data centers will require more energy, these are being built in urban areas; some data centers will require more water, these are being built in rural, water dependent areas. TAGD passed a balanced budget. Use of artificial intelligence (AI) with lots of review needed; some sessions discussed groundwater availability certificate reviews.
12. Jay Kothmann made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Wright. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.



Presiding Officer