

PERMIAN BASIN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

708 West St. Peter Street, P.O. Box 1314
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**NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AND PUBLIC HEARINGS¹**

Thursday, September 17, 2026

MINUTES

708 West St. Peter Street, Stanton, Texas

In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, a quorum of the Board will meet in person at the District office, located at 708 West St. Peter Street, Stanton, Texas.

Members of the public wishing to make public comment during the meeting or hearings must register in person at the time of the meeting or by emailing permianbasin@pbuwcd.com prior to 3 P.M. on September 17, 2026.

During this meeting or hearings, the Board reserves the right to go into executive session for any of the purposes authorized under the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, for any item on this agenda or as otherwise authorized by law.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

1. Open Meeting

- a. The President will call the meeting to order and establish quorum.**

Raymond Straub, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:39 pm. A quorum was established with Brad Tunnell, Dusty Choate and Raymond Straub, Jr. present. Also in attendance were Amy Bush, Ray Brady, Angela Lance and Natasha Hernandez.

- b. Public Comment - limited to five (5) minutes on any agenda item.**

Sandra Woods, Evelyn Wheeler and Jennifer Hickman made comments regarding the Tatum wells. In response, Zak Kelter and Brad Tatum also commented on said wells.

Brad Tunnell made a motion to recess the Regular Meeting and open Public Hearing for Protest. Dusty Choate seconded the motion and all were in favor. Meeting recessed at 7:54 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROTEST FOR TATUM WATER WELLS

- 1. Call to order the hearing on applications for drilling permits for Brad and Claire Tatum. Hearing called to order at 7:55 pm.**

In attendance:

Directors: Brad Tunnell, Dusty Choate and Raymond Straub, Jr.

District Staff: Angela Lance and Natasha Hernandez

Public & Protest Parties: Jennifer Hickman, Sandra Woods, Evelyn Wheeler, Claire & Brad Tatum, Don Tatum, Zak Kelter and Allison Robertson.

Determining Party Status:

For the applicant: Mr & Mrs. Tatum

For the protestant: Jennifer Hickman and Evelyn Wheeler

Brad Tunnell made a motion to grant the party status and Dusty Choate seconded the motion. All in favor and party status granted.

After hearing both parties' comments and requests, and consulting with legal counsel during the hearing, the Tatums and protestants discussed circumstances that would satisfy both applicant and protestants.

2. Adjourn hearing then consider and act on applications for drilling permits for Brad and Claire Tatum.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 pm after both parties came to the agreement below:

Water levels in Well C1 (Permit No. 10957) and the Applicant's NE Domestic Well (Permit No. 10905) shall be measured quarterly, following a minimum 24-hour period during which the pumps have remained off. The water-level measurements shall be submitted to the District and evaluated in comparison with the established regional water-level trend. The District shall review this agreement annually and may revisit the monitoring requirements based on the results and available regional water-level data.

Dusty Choate made a motion to approve the above-mentioned permit conditions. Brad Tunnell seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

1. Call to order hearing on proposed budget and proposed tax rate for fiscal year ending September 30, 2027.

Public Hearing on proposed budget and proposed tax rate for fiscal year 2026-2027 was called to order at 10:33 pm. No public attendance, no comments received.

2. Adjourn hearing then consider and act on budget for fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, and proposed tax rate for next year.

Brad Tunnell made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing and Dusty Choate seconded the motion. Public Hearing on FY 26-27 budget and tax rate adjourned at 10:34 pm.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, CONTINUED

Regular Board Meeting resumed at 10:35 pm.

2. Regular Business

- a. Consider approval of the minutes from the meeting of August 27, 2026.

Brad Tunnell made a motion to approve the August 27, 2026 minutes. Dusty Choate seconded the motion and all approved.

- b. Consider approval of a report on the district's financial status for periods ending August 31, 2026.

Brad Tunnell made a motion to approve the financial reports. Dusty Choate seconded the motion. All in favor.

- c. Consider approval of applications, extensions, and amended permits received since the last meeting.

Dusty Choate made a motion to approve the permits/registrations. Brad Tunnell seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

- d. The Board will consider and act to adopt the Proposed District Budget for 2026-2027.
Dusty Choate made a motion to adopt the 2026-2027 District Budget. Brad Tunnell seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- e. The Board will consider and act to adopt the Proposed Tax Rate for 2026-2027.
Dusty Choate made a motion to adopt the Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.002459/\$100 for FY 2026-2027. Brad Tunnell seconded the motion and all approved.

3. Reports

- a. Manager's Report
Angela gave a brief District update.
- b. Hydrologist's Report
Amy discussed the District receiving the TWDB Grant and kickoff.

4. Executive Session: The Board may consider adjourning into Executive Session in accordance with the Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code 551.074 (A) (1) 1, if necessary.
- a. Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. N/A
 - b. Adjourn to Executive Session for Legal Counsel N/A

5. Return from Executive Session.

- a. The Board may reconvene in Open Session. N/A
- b. The Board may take action on items discussed in Executive Session. N/A

6. Adjourn

Brad Tunnell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dusty Choate seconded the motion and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

Director

 PRESIDENT

Date

10-22-2026