



Board Meeting
&
Workshop

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District
700 Kennedy Court
Belton, Texas

Monday
August 31, 2020
1:30 p.m.

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Agenda

**NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE
CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
TO BE HELD BY TELECONFERENCE AND VIDEOCONFERENCE
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE FOR
TAX YEAR 2020**

August 31, 2020

In accordance with Governor Abbott's declaration of the COVID-19 public health threat, action to temporarily suspend certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, and Executive Order, a quorum of CUWCD's Board of Directors will hold its regular Board meeting and Public Hearing by telephonic conference call and, for redundancy, videoconference. The public may access this meeting and make public comment by phone, pc, tablet and/or notebook using the contact information and instructions on page 2 & 3 of this notice.

Notice is hereby given that the above-named Board will hold a Public Hearing, Board meeting and Workshop on Monday, August 31, 2020 beginning at 1:30 p.m., in the Clearwater UWCD Board Room located at 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, Texas. The following items of business will be discussed¹.

Board Meeting:

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Public comment.²
3. Approve minutes of the August 21, 2020, Board meeting.
4. Hold Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate for tax year 2020.
5. Discuss, consider and take action if necessary, to adopt the District Budget for FY2021.
6. Discuss, consider and take action if necessary, by Resolution to adopt the District tax rate for tax year 2020.
7. General Manager's Report concerning office management and staffing related to District Management Plan³.
8. Director comments and reports.³
9. Discuss agenda items for next meeting.
10. Set time and place of next meeting.
11. Adjourn.

Workshop:

1. Receive presentation from LRE related to the drawdown tool for the Trinity Aquifer.
2. Receive update from Staff related to the BCAMC efforts.
3. Receive presentation from Will Anderson, Summer Intern, related to his assigned tasks and duties for July and August related to the Baylor Project, Weather Stations and Website.

Dated the 24th day of August, 2020.

Leland Gersbach, Board President

By: 
Dirk Aaron, Asst. Secretary

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Agenda items may be considered, deliberated and/or acted upon in a different order than set forth above.

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodations and equal opportunity for effective communications will be provided upon request. Please contact the District office at 254-933-0120 at least 24 hours in advance if accommodation is needed.

¹During the meeting, the Board reserves the right to go into executive session for any of the purposes authorized under V.T.C.A., Government Code, Chapter 551, for any item on the above agenda or as otherwise authorized by law.

²**Citizens who desire to address the Board on any matter may sign up to do so prior to this meeting. Public comments will be received during this portion of the meeting. Please limit comments to 3 minutes. No discussion or final action will be taken by the Board.**

³No formal action will be taken by the Board on these agenda items. These items are on the agenda to provide the District's staff, Public Advisory Committee, and Directors with an opportunity to bring to the public's and each other's attention important activities and issues pertinent to the management of groundwater within the District, including, but not limited to, current events in the District involving groundwater, wells, or District permittees, state or regional developments related to water management, and activities of the staff, and Directors. Substantive deliberation and formal action on any of these issues will be conducted pursuant to a specific item on a future agenda.

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**GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING, WORKSHOP AND
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2020**

Clearwater UWCD, in order to maintain governmental transparency and continued government operation while reducing face-to-face contact for government open meetings, is implementing measures according to guidelines set forth by the Office of the Texas Governor, Greg Abbott. In accordance with section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, Governor Abbott has suspended various open-meetings provisions that require government officials and members of the public to be physically present at a specified meeting location. CUWCD's adherence to the Governor's guidance temporary suspension procedure ensures public accessibility and opportunity to participate in CUWCD's open meeting, workshop and hearings.

Members of the public wishing to make public comment during the meeting must register by emailing schapman@cuwcd.org prior to 11:30 a.m. on August 31, 2020. This meeting will be recorded and the audio will be available online <http://www.cuwcd.org> or by requesting a copy from daaron@cuwcd.org . A copy of the agenda packet is available on the CUWCD's website prior to the meeting.

You may join CUWCD's Board meeting as follows:

CUWCD Board Meeting to Conduct Public Hearing on Proposed No-New-Revenue Tax Rate, Set Annual Budget and Set Final Tax Rate for Tax Year 2020

Mon, Aug 31, 2020 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM (CDT)

Join CUWCD meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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Minutes - Item #3

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting
700 Kennedy Court
Belton, TX
Friday, August 21, 2020
Minutes

In accordance with Governor Abbott's declaration of the COVID-19 public health threat, action to temporarily suspend certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, and Executive Order, a quorum of CUWCD's Board of Directors held a Special Board meeting by telephonic conference call and, for redundancy, video conference on Friday, August, 21, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. The meeting originated from the Clearwater UWCD Building, located at 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, Texas.

Board Members Present:

Leland Gersbach, President, Pct. 1
David Cole, Vice President, At Large
Gary Young, Secretary, Pct. 2
Jody Williams, Director, Pct.
Scott Brooks, Director, Pct. 4

Absent:

Staff:

Dirk Aaron, General Manager
Shelly Chapman, Admin. Manager

Guest: (remote)

None

No items to be discussed in Workshop.

Special Board Meeting convened with President, Leland Gersbach at 1:32 p.m.

President, Leland Gersbach, noted for the record that he, and Director Scott Brooks, were attending the meeting in the District's conference room. Directors David Cole, Gary Young, and Jody Williams were joining via telephone and/or video conference.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

President, Leland Gersbach, gave the invocation.
Director, Scott Brooks, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comment.

No public comments.

3. Approve minutes of the August 12, 2020 Board meeting and Workshop.

Board members received the minutes of the August 12, 2020 Board meeting and workshop in their Board Packet to review prior to the meeting.

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2020 Board meeting and Workshop. Vice President, David Cole, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

4. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action if necessary, to set the preliminary tax rate for tax year 2020 on proposed budget FY21.

Dirk noted that the purpose for this special meeting was to revisit the August 12th Board decision to set the preliminary tax rate at the "no new revenue" rate of .00352.

The Bell County Appraisal District miscategorized CUWCD as a Chapter 49 Water District instead of a Special District as of Chapter 36. Dirk reached out to the District attorneys for clarification and guidance. After working through everything with Bell County Appraisal District, the calculations have been redone with support documentation in hand. Based on the new calculations, Dirk suggested a "no new revenue tax rate" of \$.003344/\$100 valuation. This tax rate would generate revenue of \$752,403.00.

Director, Scott Brooks, moved rescind the decision of the August 12, 2020 Board meeting to set the "no new revenue" preliminary tax rate at .00352 and replace it with the corrected "no new revenue" preliminary tax rate of .003344. Secretary, Gary Young, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

5. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action if necessary, to set date for adoption of the FY21 budget.

Dirk requested the Board move the date to adopt the FY21 Budget and to hold the public hearing for the adoption of the tax rate to Monday, August 31, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. This will allow Dirk to properly post the public hearing as required.

Direct, Jody Williams, moved to set the date for adoption of the FY21 budget for Monday, August 31, 2020. Director, Scott Brooks, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

6. Discuss, consider and take action if necessary, to set the date for the public hearing and adoption of the tax rate for tax year 2020.

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to set the public hearing for adoption of the tax rate for tax year 2020 to Monday, August 31, 2020. Secretary, Gary Young, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

7. General Manager's Report concerning office management and staffing related to District Management Plan³.

- Dirk will send the notice to the paper this afternoon to be posted in the main body of the Temple Daily Telegram and Killeen Daily Herald on Monday, August 24th.

8. Director comments and reports³.

- **Gary Young:** none
- **David Cole:** none
- **Jody:** Commended Dirk for his diligence in catching the information error when setting the preliminary tax rate, and for his continued efforts working through it with Bell County Appraisal District.
- **Scott Brooks:** Agreed with Jody and thanked Dirk for being on top of things.
- **Leland Gersbach:** none

9. Discuss agenda items for next meeting.

- Presentation from LRE
- BCAMC update
- Hold public hearing on tax rate
- Adopt FY21 Budget
- Adopt tax rate
- Update by Will Anderson
- Demo of new website (beta version)

10. Set time and place of next meeting.

Monday, August 31, 2020 via telephonic/video conference

11. Adjourn.

Board meeting adjourned with President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:47 p.m.

Leland Gersbach, President

ATTEST:

Gary Young, Secretary or
Dirk Aaron, Assistant Secretary

2020 Tax Rate - Item #4

FY2021 Budget - Item #5

Board Meeting
August 31, 2020

Items # 4,5,6
FY21 Budget @ Tax Rate

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4. **Hold the Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate for tax year 2020.**
 5. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action if necessary, to adopt the District Budget for FY2021.
 6. Discuss, consider and take action necessary, by Resolution, to adopt the District tax rate for tax year 2020.

Narrative: Purpose of today's board meeting:

- 1) Hold the public hearing on the proposed preliminary tax rate of .003344 set the preliminary tax rate at the No-New-Revenue rate. Based on corrected calculations by Bell County Appraisal District mis-categorized Clearwater as a Chapter 49 Water District yet the District is a Special District (as Chapter 36) thus calculations have been redone and support documents are attached. General Manager has the following suggestions for the budget to justify setting the tax rate at **\$.003344/\$100 valuation**. The staff has conducted the proper notification in the newspapers and on the district website prior

The attached budget worksheet is based on:

FY20 Original Budget Amount
FY20 Amended Budget as of August 27, 2020
FY20 year to date expenditures
FY21 projections, and recommendations

- FY21 proposed "No New Revenue Tax Rate" income based on \$.003344/\$100 of **\$22,500,092,632** Certified Tax Base for CUWCD (see attached) \$ 752,403.00
(This total is based on the Bell CAD certified totals as of July 22, 2020.)
- FY21 Anticipated Income for Permit fees, Delinquent Years, Interest, Transport Fees: \$ 59,000.00
- FY21 Deficit from Reserve Funds to balance \$.00
- Proposed Draft Budget Total Income: **\$ 811,403.00**

Proposed budget includes the following *budgetary categories and historical percentages*:

- Administrative Expenses: \$ 55,600.00
 - board fees, conferences, meals, hotels, audit, dues, GMA, mileage,
 - Does not include Contingency Fund.
- Operating Expenses: \$ 493,050.00
 - studies, adv, geo-consulting, 3D model, gages, WQ, monitor wells,
 - BCAMC efforts in 2020
 - computer systems, website, educ. outreach, equipment, legal, permits,
 - Office supplies, postage, printing, subscriptions,
 - Science efforts (attached priority proposals)

• <u>Facility Costs:</u>	\$ 18,875.00
• insurance, maintenance, repairs, janitorial (AC)	
• <u>Utilities Costs:</u>	\$ 9,200.00
• <u>phone, electric, waste, water, internet</u>	
• <u>Salaries and Benefits:</u>	\$ 289,452.00
• salary, health insurance, taxes, workers comp, retirement	
• Salary goal should be to stay below 35% of total budget	
• Internship Program (One University Student)	
• <u>Contingency</u>	\$ 0.00
• <u>Reserve Fund (to balance the budget)</u>	\$ 54,774.00
Total	\$ 866,177.00

FY21 Proposed-Scientific Studies:

BCAMC Fund share of Bell County Adaptive Management Coalition Participation	
• Annual BCAMC support of joint studies	(\$ 20,000.00)
• ESA Regulatory Reimbursable Task Orders, professional services	(\$ 0.00)
• ESA Special 4(d)rule development, professional services	(\$ 0.00)
• ESA SSA-DPS Petition for delisting, professional services	(\$ 50,000.00)
USGS Water Sciences, Austin Texas (water quality evaluation of the Mid-Trinity)	(\$ 50,100.00)
LRE Water (#2) on Rules/Management Plan/Areas/Zones/Science/Policy evaluation	(\$ 16,400.00)
WSP professional services related to TWDB Edwards BFZ Numerical GAM (NTE)	(\$ 45,000.00)
LRE Water (#5) on Conducting Regional Drawdown Study of Trinity Aquifer	(\$ 5,120.00)
LRE Water (#4) (Build Edwards BFZ Aquifer Trends Tool for Synoptic Understanding)	(\$ 10,240.00)
INTERA ASR Recoverability Tool/Feasibility Study, Bell Coalitions (2nd Yr/Phase II)	(\$ 20,000.00)
Baylor, Dr. Joe Yelderman	
(Surface Water/Groundwater Interaction below Belton Dam/Miller Springs)	(\$ 7,500.00)
Lovlace Water Wells, Annual Monitor Well Construction (site and aquifer TBD)	(\$ 0.00)
Includes time assisting with Geo-Physical Logs and Pump Test.	

Standard Data Management/Infrastructure needs and/or enhancements:

Halff Associates (hosting, data repository, dashboard and reporting updates)	(\$ 4,000.00)
Allan Standen Consulting Hydrogeologist for annual 3D model calibration.	(\$ 5,000.00)
LRE (break fix of management tools to N1 Permits and Wat	(\$ 1,640.00)
USGS Water Sciences, Austin Texas (stream gage)	(\$ 15,900.00)
Engineer Austin (hosting website, website enhancements, IT sustainment)	(\$ 7,200.00)
Halff Associates (platform migration to enhanced software/dashboard and tools)	(\$ 0.00)
Monitor Wells (equipment needs with TWDB and District recorder wells)	(\$ 15,000.00)

Standard Geoscience Consulting

LRE Water on Permit Support and Groundwater Availability Certifications	(\$ 15,000.00)
WSP on GMA8 DFC development and cooperation with other GCDs.	(\$ 10,000.00)
LRE (Groundwater Investigations as needed)	(\$ 7,000.00)
GMA8 (technical and administrative)	(\$ 10,000.00)

Legal Counsel Expenses

Permitting	(\$ 15,000.00)
GMA8/DFC/MAG	(\$ 10,000.00)
Endangered Species	(\$ 15,000.00)
Legislative Services (during session)	(\$ 35,000.00)
Legislative Research/Analysis (prior to and after session)	(\$ 2,500.00)
General Rules/Accountability Support	(\$ 15,000.00)

Staff Recommendation:

- **General Manager** is providing recommended **Scientific Priorities** in the proposed budget for FY21.
- **Board Members** are encouraged to review the budgetary categories outlined as percentages:
 - Administration
 - Operating Expenses
 - Facility
 - Utilities
 - Salaries/Benefits
 - Contingency Fund
- **Board Members** encouraged to set the tax rate at \$0.003344
Truth-N-Taxation document expressed as “No New Revenue Rate”

Comparison of FY20 as amended to proposed FY21

	<u>FY20</u>	<u>Proposed FY21</u>
<i>Admin:</i>	\$ 61,450.00	\$ 60,100.00
<i>Operating:</i>	\$ 445,100.00	\$ 423,050.00
<i>Facility:</i>	\$ 21,975.00	\$ 18,875.00
<i>Utilities:</i>	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 9,200.00
<i>Staffing:</i>	\$ 282,888.00	\$ 289,452.00
<i>Contingency Balance:</i>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<u>Revenue from Fund Balance</u>		<u>\$ 54,774.00</u>
<i>Total:</i>	\$ 793,499.00	\$ 866,177.00

Recommended that CUWCD continue to focus on the established Guiding Principles of the Budgetary Development Process:

- 1) Budget represents NO-New-Revenue budget framework at .003344.
- 2) Budget will be balanced and/or utilize reserve funds in order to retain lower tax rates thus balance tax relief with continuing to the level of research expected by stakeholders
- 3) Budget affords district to cut taxes by using reserve funds.
- 4) Budget funds needed monetary levels necessary for joint planning in GMA8.
- 5) Budget funds needed monetary levels necessary to support TWDB GAM program.
- 6) Budget funds needed monetary levels necessary to support BCAMC or ESA studies.
- 7) Budget funds necessary "Legislative Services".
- 8) Budget maintain current levels of conservative expenditures and efficiency.
- 9) Budget provides revenue necessary for the GM and Staff at levels necessary to meet the District Management Plan objectives thus performance metrics.
- 10) Budget invests in enhanced knowledge of the Aquifer systems in the District.
- 11) Budget supports the need for a process that is proper in making "rule amendments" and in accordance with new legislation and scientific understanding necessary for improved well spacing and management areas/zones.

**Clearwater Underground Water Conservation
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
October 2019 through July 2020**

8/27/2020

FY21 Budget - Draft #6

	Oct '19 thru July '20	FY20 Original Budget	FY20 Amended Budget	\$ Over Budget	FY21 Proposed Budget	Notes
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
40005 · Application Fee Income	11,400.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	-18,600.00	30,000.00	
40010 · Bell CAD Current Year Tax	701,601.58	734,499.00	734,499.00	-32,897.42	752,403.00	Drop .00357 to .003344 (NNR Rate)
40015 · Bell CAD Delinquent Tax	6,141.60	12,500.00	12,500.00	-6,358.40	12,500.00	
40020 · Interest Income	11,550.07	15,000.00	15,000.00	-3,449.93	15,000.00	
40030 · Transport Fee Income	1,464.77	1,500.00	1,500.00	-35.23	1,500.00	
Total Income	732,158.02	793,499.00	793,499.00	-61,340.98	811,403.00	
Gross Profit	732,158.02	793,499.00	793,499.00	-61,340.98	811,403.00	
Expense						
50000 · Administrative Expenses						
50100 · Audit	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00	0.00	7,500.00	Year 3
50200 · Conferences & Prof Development	2,750.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	-1,250.00	4,000.00	
50250 · Contingency Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
50300 · Director Expenses						
50305 · At Large	375.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-1,125.00	1,500.00	
50310 · Pct. 1	500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-1,000.00	1,500.00	
50315 · Pct. 2	385.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-1,115.00	1,500.00	
50320 · Pct. 3	385.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-1,115.00	1,500.00	
50325 · Pct. 4	385.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-1,115.00	1,500.00	
Total 50300 · Director Expenses	2,030.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	-5,470.00	7,500.00	
50400 · Director Fees						
50405 · At Large	1,650.00	2,550.00	2,550.00	-900.00	2,550.00	Approx 17 Mtgs 13 Regular 1 Water Symposium 3 TAGD/Water Summit
50410 · Pct. 1	0.00	2,550.00	2,550.00	-2,550.00	2,550.00	
50415 · Pct. 2	1,950.00	2,550.00	2,550.00	-600.00	2,550.00	
50420 · Pct. 3	1,500.00	2,550.00	2,550.00	-1,050.00	2,550.00	

	Oct '19 thru July '20	FY20 Original Budget	FY20 Amended Budget	\$ Over Budget	FY21 Proposed Budget	Notes
50425 · Pct. 4	0.00	2,550.00	2,550.00	-2,550.00	2,550.00	@ \$150/mtg
Total 50400 · Director Fees	5,100.00	12,750.00	12,750.00	-7,650.00	12,750.00	
50500 · Dues & Memberships	2,647.00	2,750.00	2,750.00	-103.00	2,850.00	10% increase TAGD/TWCA
50550 · Election Expense	0.00	500.00	500.00	-500.00	500.00	Election year (cancelled)
50600 · GMA 8 Expenses						
50605 · Technical Committee	6,578.80	5,000.00	11,250.00	-4,671.20	5,000.00	
50610 · Administration	589.21	5,000.00	5,000.00	-4,410.79	5,000.00	
Total 50600 · GMA 8 Expenses	7,168.01	10,000.00	16,250.00	-9,081.99	10,000.00	
50700 · Meals	476.89	1,000.00	1,000.00	-523.11	1,000.00	
50800 · Mileage Reimbursements	2,072.71	5,000.00	5,000.00	-2,927.29	5,000.00	
50900 · Travel & Hotel	1,681.49	4,500.00	4,500.00	-2,818.51	4,500.00	
Total 50000 · Administrative Expenses	31,126.10	55,200.00	61,450.00	-30,323.90	55,600.00	
52000 · Salary Costs						
52005 · Administrative Assistant	40,133.30	48,161.00	48,161.00	-8,027.70	49,124.00	2%
52010 · Educational Coord/Support Tech	34,166.70	41,000.00	41,000.00	-6,833.30	41,820.00	2%
52015 · Manager	68,535.80	82,243.00	82,243.00	-13,707.20	83,888.00	2%
52020 · Part Time/Intern	0.00	2,640.00	2,640.00	-2,640.00	2,640.00	
52025 · Office Assistant/Field Tech	33,333.30	40,000.00	40,000.00	-6,666.70	40,800.00	2%
52040 · Health Insurance	38,107.74	41,274.00	41,274.00	-3,166.26	41,274.00	
52045 · Payroll Taxes & Work Comp	13,843.40	17,500.00	17,500.00	-3,656.60	19,645.00	
52050 · Retirement	7,263.10	9,513.00	9,513.00	-2,249.90	9,704.00	District match 4.5%
52055 · Payroll Expenses	77.94	125.00	125.00	-47.06	125.00	
52060 · Freshbenies	360.00	432.00	432.00	-72.00	432.00	
Total 52000 · Salary Costs	235,821.28	282,888.00	282,888.00	-47,066.72	289,452.00	
53000 · Operating Expenses						
53010 · Bank Service Charges	0.00	50.00	50.00	-50.00	50.00	
53020 · Advertisement	1,087.50	3,500.00	3,500.00	-2,412.50	3,500.00	
53030 · Appraisal District	6,197.75	8,000.00	8,000.00	-1,802.25	8,500.00	Taxing Unit Fee
53100 · Clearwater Studies						
53105 · Trinity Studies						

	Oct '19 thru July '20	FY20 Original Budget	FY20 Amended Budget	\$ Over Budget	FY21 Proposed Budget	Notes
53105.1 · Pumping Distribution	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53105.2 · Pumping Test	1,360.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	-640.00	0.00	
53105.3 · Synoptic	3,052.50	5,600.00	5,600.00	-2,547.50	5,120.00	LRE (Task 2021.5)
53105.4 · GAM Run	14,925.50	25,000.00	25,000.00	-10,074.50	0.00	
53105.5 · Mgmt Options	0.00	0.00	7,200.00	-7,200.00	16,400.00	LRE (Task 2021.2)
53105.6 · Water Quality Studies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	57,600.00	USGS \$50,100 / Baylot \$7,500
Total 53105 · Trinity Studies	19,338.00	32,600.00	39,800.00	-20,462.00	79,120.00	
53110 · Edwards BFZ Studies						
53110.1 · Pumping Distribution	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53110.2 · Pumping Test	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53110.3 · Synoptic	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53110.4 · Spring Shed (Baylor)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53110.5 · Water Quality Studies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53110.6 · GAM Calibration	7,555.00	18,200.00	11,000.00	-3,445.00	45,000.00	WSP
Total 53110 · Edwards BFZ Studies	7,555.00	18,200.00	11,000.00	-3,445.00	45,000.00	
53115 · Drought Contingency Plan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53120 · Endangered Species						
53120.1 · Coalition	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	BCAMC (base contribution)
53120.2 · Reimbursable Order	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	USFWS
53120.3 · 4(d) rule	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	BCAMC
53120.4 · DPS Petition	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	BCAMC SSA/DPS
53120 · Endangered Species - Other	30,000.00	15,000.00	35,000.00	-5,000.00	0.00	
Total 53120 · Endangered Species	30,000.00	15,000.00	35,000.00	-5,000.00	70,000.00	
53125 · Environmental Flows	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53130 · General Consulting						
53130.1 · DFC Process	9,018.75	10,000.00	10,000.00	-981.25	10,000.00	
53130.2 · Eval of Rules	1,440.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-3,560.00	5,000.00	
53130.3 · Eval. Hydrogeologic Report	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53130.4 · Investigations	4,285.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	-2,715.00	7,000.00	
53130.5 · Geo Logging	0.00	10,000.00	3,750.00	-3,750.00	5,000.00	

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53130.6 · Aquifer Monitor Well Tool	3,368.75	7,000.00	7,000.00	-3,631.25	10,240.00	LRE - add Edwards (Task 2021.4)
53130.7 · ASR Study	27,000.00	27,000.00	27,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	ASR Coalition
53130.8 · Data Release	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total 53130 · General Consulting	45,112.50	66,000.00	59,750.00	-14,637.50	57,240.00	
53135 · Monitor Well Construction	0.00	70,000.00	31,355.95	-31,355.95	0.00	
53140 · Monitor Wells Expenses	1,154.95	15,000.00	15,000.00	-13,845.05	15,000.00	
53141 · Weather Station Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	
53145 · Spring Flow Gauge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53150 · Water Quality	1,206.63	2,500.00	2,500.00	-1,293.37	2,500.00	
53155 · 3-D Visualization	11,000.00	28,000.00	28,000.00	-17,000.00	5,000.00	
Total 53100 · Clearwater Studies	115,367.08	247,300.00	222,405.95	-107,038.87	275,860.00	
53200 · Spring Flow Gage System						
53205 · Op. & Maintenance	0.00	15,900.00	15,900.00	-15,900.00	15,900.00	USGS
53210 · Installation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total 53200 · Spring Flow Gage System	0.00	15,900.00	15,900.00	-15,900.00	15,900.00	
53300 · Computer Consulting						
53305 · Enhancements - Data Base	2,365.88	7,500.00	7,500.00	-5,134.12	0.00	HALFF
53306 · Hosting - Data Base	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	HALFF
53310 · Hosting - PDI	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	HALFF
53311 · Hosting - Website	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	-1,800.00	1,800.00	Engineer Austin
53312 · Enhancements - Website	4,125.00	17,500.00	17,500.00	-13,375.00	0.00	Engineer Austin
53315 · IT Network Sustainment	4,950.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	-450.00	5,400.00	Engineer Austin
53317 · Management Tool Sustainment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,640.00	LRE (Task 2021.6)
Total 53300 · Computer Consulting	15,440.88	36,200.00	36,200.00	-20,759.12	12,840.00	
53400 · Computer Licenses/Virus Prtctn	1,185.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-315.00	1,500.00	
53450 · Computer Repairs and Supplies	369.06	1,500.00	1,500.00	-1,130.94	1,500.00	
53500 · Computer Software & Hardware	3,643.42	5,500.00	5,500.00	-1,856.58	4,000.00	
53550 · Copier/Scanner/Plotter	4,865.60	6,000.00	6,000.00	-1,134.40	6,000.00	Xerox - lease
53600 · Educational Outreach/Marketing						
53603 · Event Sponsor/Income	-2,250.00	0.00	0.00	-2,250.00	0.00	Symposium Sponsors - TBD
53605 · Event Cost	11,403.91	12,000.00	12,000.00	-596.09	10,000.00	
53615 · Promotional Items	158.50	5,000.00	5,000.00	-4,841.50	5,000.00	

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53620 · Supplies & Equipment	506.05	4,500.00	4,500.00	-3,993.95	4,500.00	
53625 · Curriculum	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total 53600 · Educational Outreach/Marketing	9,818.46	21,500.00	21,500.00	-11,681.54	19,500.00	
53650 · Furniture & Equipment	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	1,500.00	
53700 · Legal						
53701 · Drought Contingency Plan	0.00	5,000.00	2,692.58	-2,692.58	0.00	Lloyd Gosselink
53702 · Endangered Species	5,996.00	3,000.00	10,500.00	-4,504.00	15,000.00	
53703 · General (rules/accountability)	11,372.05	10,000.00	21,144.05	-9,772.00	15,000.00	
53704 · Legislative Research/Analysis	5,374.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	-4,626.00	2,500.00	
53705 · Legislative Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,000.00	Ty Embrey - Legislative year
53706 · GMA/DFC/MAG support	12,307.42	10,000.00	12,307.42	0.00	10,000.00	
Total 53700 · Legal	35,049.47	38,000.00	56,644.05	-21,594.58	77,500.00	
53720 · Office Supplies	2,671.03	3,000.00	3,000.00	-328.97	3,000.00	
53730 · Permit Reviews						
53731 · Geoscience	6,648.75	15,000.00	12,967.95	-6,319.20	15,000.00	
53732 · Legal Evaluation	17,032.00	15,000.00	17,032.05	-0.05	15,000.00	
Total 53730 · Permit Reviews	23,680.75	30,000.00	30,000.00	-6,319.25	30,000.00	
53740 · Postage	1,262.02	2,500.00	2,500.00	-1,237.98	2,500.00	
53750 · Printing	1,296.97	2,500.00	2,500.00	-1,203.03	2,500.00	
53760 · Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	-20,000.00	20,000.00	
53780 · Subscriptions	439.88	900.00	900.00	-460.12	900.00	
53785 · Mobile Classroom Expense	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	2,000.00	
53790 · Vehicle Expense	2,784.21	4,000.00	4,000.00	-1,215.79	4,000.00	
Total 53000 · Operating Expenses	225,159.08	451,350.00	445,100.00	-219,940.92	493,050.00	
54000 · Facility Costs						
54100 · Insurance						
54101 · Liability	1,115.24	1,300.00	1,118.70	-3.46	1,300.00	TML
54102 · Property	1,699.32	1,650.00	1,699.32	0.00	1,800.00	
54103 · Surety Bonds	720.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	-480.00	1,200.00	

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54104 · Worker's Comp	994.98	800.00	994.98	0.00	1,100.00	
54105 · Liability - Vehicle	904.54	1,250.00	1,187.00	-282.46	1,250.00	
Total 54100 · Insurance	5,434.08	6,200.00	6,200.00	-765.92	6,650.00	
54200 · Building Repairs/Maintenance	2,726.39	8,550.00	8,550.00	-5,823.61	5,000.00	
54300 · Janitorial Service	3,000.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	-600.00	3,600.00	
54400 · Janitorial Supplies	744.48	750.00	750.00	-5.52	750.00	
54500 · Lawn Maintenance/Service	1,850.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	-650.00	2,500.00	
54600 · Security	329.45	375.00	375.00	-45.55	375.00	
Total 54000 · Facility Costs	14,084.40	21,975.00	21,975.00	-7,890.60	18,875.00	
55000 · Utilities						
55200 · Electricity	1,694.85	2,500.00	2,500.00	-805.15	2,500.00	
55300 · Internet	1,349.91	2,000.00	2,000.00	-650.09	2,000.00	
55400 · Phone	1,506.84	2,400.00	2,400.00	-893.16	2,400.00	
55500 · Water/Garbage	1,939.30	2,300.00	2,300.00	-360.70	2,300.00	
Total 55000 · Utilities	6,490.90	9,200.00	9,200.00	-2,709.10	9,200.00	
Total Expense	512,681.76	820,613.00	820,613.00	-307,931.24	866,177.00	
Net Ordinary Income	219,476.26	-27,114.00	-27,114.00	246,590.26	-54,774.00	
Other Income/Expense						
Other Income						
61050 · Reserve Funds from Prior Years	0.00	27,114.00	27,114.00	-27,114.00	0.00	
Total Other Income	0.00	27,114.00	27,114.00	-27,114.00	0.00	
Net Other Income	0.00	27,114.00	27,114.00	-27,114.00	0.00	
Net Income	219,476.26	0.00	0.00	219,476.26	-54,774.00	

Statements required in notice if the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate but does not exceed the voter-approval tax rate, as prescribed by Tax Code §26.06(b-2).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.003344 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of CLEARWATER U.W.C.D..

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.003344 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.003344 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.003626 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for CLEARWATER U.W.C.D. from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

If the voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that CLEARWATER U.W.C.D. may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

If the proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that CLEARWATER U.W.C.D. is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 31, 2020 at 1:30 PM at Clearwater UWCD Headquarters, 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, TX.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, CLEARWATER U.W.C.D. is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Governing Body of CLEARWATER U.W.C.D. at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal: Leland Gersbach David Cole Scott Brooks Jody Williams Gary Young
 AGAINST the proposal:
 PRESENT and not voting:
 ABSENT:

The 86th Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by CLEARWATER U.W.C.D. last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by CLEARWATER U.W.C.D. this year.

	2019	2020	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.003570	\$0.003344	6% decrease
Average homestead taxable value	\$162,758	\$175,008	8% increase
Tax on average homestead	\$6	\$6	0% increase
Total tax levy on all properties	\$729,998	\$752,403	3% increase

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for CLEARWATER U.W.C.D. at 2549395841 or info@bellcad.org .

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Trump: Plasma treatment authorized for COVID-19

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on announced emergency authorization to treat COVID-19 patients with convalescent plasma — a move he called “a breakthrough.” One of his top health officials called “promising” and other health experts said needs more study before it’s celebrated.

The announcement came after White House officials complained there were politically motivated delays by the Food and Drug Administration in approving a vaccine and therapeutics for the disease that has upended Trump’s reelection chances.

On the eve of the Republican National Convention, Trump put himself at the center of the FDA’s announcement of the authorization at a news conference Sunday evening. The authorization makes it easier for some patients to obtain the treatment but is not the same as full FDA approval.

The blood plasma, taken from patients who have recovered from the coronavirus and rich in antibodies, may provide benefits to those battling the disease. But the evidence so far has not been conclusive about whether it works, when to administer it and what dose is needed.

In a letter describing the emergency authorization, the chief scientist for the FDA, Denise Hinton, said “COVID-19 convalescent plasma should not be considered a new standard of care for the treatment of patients with COVID-19. Additional data will be forthcoming from other analyses and ongoing, well-controlled clinical trials in the coming months.”

But Trump had made clear to aides that he was eager to showcase good news in the battle against the virus, and the timing allowed him to head into his convention with momentum. He and aides billed it as a “major” development and used the White House briefing room to make the announcement.

Trump also displayed some rare discipline in the evening news conference, sticking to his talking points, deferring to the head of the FDA, Stephen Hahn, and only taking three questions from reporters.

The White House had grown agitated with the pace of the plasma approval. The accusations of an FDA slowdown, which were presented without evidence, were just the latest assault from Trump’s team on what he refers to as the “deep state” bureaucracy. White House chief of staff Mark Meadows did not deal in specifics, but said that “we’ve looked at a number of people that are not being as diligent as they should be in terms of getting to the bottom of it.”

“This president is about cutting red tape,” Meadows said in an interview Sunday on “This Week” on ABC. “He had to make sure that they felt the heat. If they don’t see the light, they need to feel the heat because the American people are suffering.”

During Sunday’s 18-minute press conference, Trump said he thought there had been a “logjam” at the FDA over granting the emergency authorization. He alleged there are people at the FDA “that can see things being held up... and that’s for political reasons.”

Dr. Joshua Sharfstein said the statement, and Hahn’s silence while Trump said it, “was disgraceful.”



President Donald Trump pauses while speaking during a media briefing in the James Brady Briefing Room of the White House on Sunday.

“The FDA commissioner allowed basically allowed the president to mischaracterize the decision and attack the integrity of FDA employees. I was horrified,” said Sharfstein, a vice dean at Johns Hopkins University’s school of public health who was a top FDA official during the Obama administration.

“This is a promising therapy that has not been established,” he said.

The push on Sunday came a day after Trump tweeted sharp criticism on the process to treat the virus, which has killed more than 175,000 Americans and imperiled his reelection chances. The White House has sunk vast resources into an expedited process to develop a vaccine, and Trump aides have been banking on it being an “October surprise” that could help the president make up ground in the polls.

“The deep state, or whoever, over at the FDA is making it very difficult for drug companies to get people in order to test the vaccines and therapeutics,” Trump tweeted. “Obviously they are hoping to delay the answer until after November 3rd. Must focus on speed, and saving lives!”

Earlier this month, Mayo Clinic researchers reported a strong hint that blood plasma from COVID-19 survivors helps other infected patients recover. But it wasn’t considered proof.

More than 70,000 patients in the U.S. have been given convalescent plasma, a century-old approach to fend off flu and measles before vaccines. It’s a go-to tactic when new diseases come along, and history suggests it works against some, but not all, infections.

The Mayo Clinic reported preliminary data from 37,000 coronavirus patients treated with plasma, and said there were fewer deaths among people given plasma within three days of diagnosis, and also among those given plasma containing the highest levels of virus-fighting antibodies.

But it wasn’t a formal study: The patients were treated in different ways in hospitals around the country as part of an FDA program designed to speed access to the experimental therapy. That “expanded access” program tracks what happens to the recipients, but it cannot

prove the plasma — and not other care they received — was the real reason for improvement.

Administration officials, in a call with reporters Sunday, discussed a benefit for patients who were within three days of admission to a hospital and were not on a respirator, and were given “high-titer” convalescent plasma containing higher concentrations of antibodies. They were then compared to similar patients who were given lower-titer plasma. The findings suggest deaths were 35% lower in the high-titer group.

There’s been little data on how effective it is or whether it must be administered fairly early in an illness to make a significant difference, said Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious diseases expert at Vanderbilt University.

Aiming to ward off a possible a run on convalescent plasma after the announcement, government officials have been working to obtain plasma and to team with corporate partners and nonprofit organizations to generate interest among previously infected patients to donate.

Hahn, who called the development “promising,” said Trump did not speak to him about the timing of the announcement. He said “this has been in the works for several weeks.”

ORDER: Plan

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Calvary Christian School of Excellence in Harlingen plan to open for face-to-face classes on Aug. 31 and Sept. 8, respectively.

Last month, Abbott said Texas counties don’t have the power to preemptively shut down campuses to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Abbott said that power rests with local school boards and state education officials.

Jeremy Dvs, an attorney with Plano-based First Liberty which represents the two schools, told officials in a letter that “any effort by Cameron County to enforce its unlawful order... will be viewed as an affront to the religious liberty of the two schools and met with the strictest legal defense.”

Daniel N. Lopez, an attorney for Cameron County said in an Aug. 20 letter that officials were not opposed to granting Laguna Madre Christian Academy an exemption because the school is small and it came up with a plan that meets state guidelines for reopening.

But Calvary Christian School is bigger and its reopening plan was still being reviewed, officials said.

Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño Jr. said First Liberty is misconstructing the county’s order regarding schools as an attack on religious freedom.

“This is not a political or religious issue. This is health and safety and protection of our children issue. I don’t understand their rationale in wanting to put their children and teachers at risk. But I guess that’s their decision to make — not one I would make,” said Treviño, the county’s top elected official.

The number of reported coronavirus cases in Texas increased by 3,184 and there were 101 more deaths due to COVID-19, the illness caused by the virus, Texas health officials reported Sunday. Officials reported 5,186 people were hospitalized due to the virus.

There are a reported total of 377,517 virus cases and 11,370 deaths, although the true number of cases in Texas is likely higher because many people have not been tested and studies suggest people can be infected and not feel sick. State health officials reported 111,381 active cases of the virus and that 41,776 people have recovered.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

Notice of Public Hearing on the proposed 2020 Tax Rates for the City of Cleburne, Texas. The proposed 2020 Tax Rates are: Property Tax Rate: 0.004141, School District Tax Rate: 0.004141, and Voter Approval Tax Rate: 0.000000. The proposed 2020 Tax Rates are subject to voter approval at the 2020 election. The proposed 2020 Tax Rates are subject to voter approval at the 2020 election. The proposed 2020 Tax Rates are subject to voter approval at the 2020 election.

COUNCIL: More time for items

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In response to the pandemic, council meetings have been virtual, using a program called Zoom, having several members participate remotely. Prior to this, the council chambers had chairs taped off and selective seats open to the public to adhere to social distancing guidelines during council meetings.

“I think it’s important to go back to our weekly meetings and appreciate the council voting to do just that,” Mayor Jose Segarra said by email on Sunday. “We have to get through with the budget and a lot of other items that will be discussed and acted on. This will give council a week, following the workshop, meeting before they have to vote on it.”

Councilwoman Debbie Nash-King supported returning to the regular schedule

because it will give the residents more time to review the agenda without the feeling of being rushed.

“It will also give the city council and city staff ample time to discuss the items on the agenda in order to make quality decisions for the betterment of our community,” she said by email on Sunday. “I encourage all of our city residents to participate in the weekly council meetings and share their concerns because we are here to serve you.”

Councilman Butch Menking also commented on the change.

“It was important to adjust our meeting frequency to do our part in slowing the virus spread,” Menking said by email on Sunday. “Getting back to our weekly meeting starting in September permits a more robust deliberation on matters requiring council approval.”

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Table with 3 columns: 2019, 2020, Change. Rows include Total tax rate per \$100 of value, Average homestead taxable value, Tax on average homestead, and Total tax levy on all properties.

Backroads

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times. Locally, the date Oct. 7, 1912, is also significant.

Bell County voters owe a big thanks to hundreds of women in the early 20th century who dared to oppose the status quo to fight for the right to vote.

Women began working for poll privileges in the late 1800s. The Texas Equal Rights Association, organized in 1893 in Dallas, had active auxiliaries in Belton and Temple. As a result, suffrage news began regularly appearing in Temple and Belton newspapers.

However, many women were also caught up in the efforts to outlaw alcohol. Thus, prohibition fights and suffrage fights fought each other for attention.

Within the first decade of the 20th century, women's suffrage was a force to be reckoned with. The early suffragists had several attributes in common. They were white and wealthy — either from their husbands or from inheritance. They were educated, eloquent and able to organize. They were college- and well-organized. They were.

Their message was clear. Give women access to the ballot box so they will be better mothers, teachers, businesswomen and working women. They argued that they could use the ballot to improve schools, playgrounds, parks, public health, sanitation and working conditions.

According to Banks, wife of a prominent Temple attorney, Bell County's "suffrage wave," as she wrote in 1918, struck Temple in fall 1912.

On Oct. 7, "a little bunch of Temple women gathered at the Carnegie Library and formed themselves into The Equal Suffrage Association of Temple," she wrote. "I remember we debated whether we were called 'suffragists' or 'suffragettes.' Anyway, in those days the cause was not as popular as it is today."

She enlisted as first president her close friend, Zollie Luther Jones (1865-1954), wife of prominent banker W. Goodrich Jones and daughter of a president of Baylor Female College.

Banks recalled that the success of their movement was "due to forces' efficiency as an officer and her personality as a woman." Banks was the promoter and strategic planner, serving as an Aaron to Jones' Moses.

The charter group included 21 wives and daughters of prominent men. Soon, 23 more joined them; then, more than 100. They buttonholed prominent men in town to support their cause. The irony: They couldn't vote to win the vote; they needed men to vote in their favor.

Banks admitted being labeled as "ridiculous and lunatics" did sting, but they were determined.

Others, such as Carrie Morgan Hodges (1877-1965), took no back pass when it came to standing up for their

rights. Hodges, wife of the pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, knew her proper place, and she ignored it, especially when it came to speaking up for women's right to vote.

In March 1917, the Temple Chamber of Commerce sponsored a debate at Temple High School on women's rights and suffrage in a packed auditorium. She debated a local attorney, freshly minted from Yale University Law School in front of an imposing crowd of students and townspeople.

Their topic: "Women's Place in the Affairs of the World." She spoke in favor of women's voting rights, the attorney took the contrarian view.

"Never before or since did I wax so eloquent," she wrote in a 1965 memoir. The Temple Daily Telegram in March 1917 carried her speech in full and declared her the winner.

As a result, during Temple High's all-male student body elections, the female students formed their own caucus and nominated their own slate of officers.

A few weeks later, Hodges spoke at a Heidenheimer women's rights rally. "At the time, a minister's wife was to be seen but not heard on such a debatable subject. I went. I spoke on the cause I believed in. I did see that it was not reported in the Daily Telegram because of the effect it might have on my husband and his ministry. I am chuckling now over my daring," she said.

All the work eventually paid

off. Texas lawmakers allowed women to vote in the 1918 primary. Temple and Belton newspapers reported that hundreds of women queued around the block for 17 days to register during the sweltering summer of 1918.

Bell County registered an estimated 6,000 women, compared to the total male roll of about 7,500. As expected, in the May 1919 election, prohibition handily won the county, and the suffrage vote squeaked by.

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"This president is about cutting red tape," Meadows said in an interview on "This Week" on ABC. "He had to make sure that they felt the heat. If they don't see the light, they need to feel the heat because the American people are suffering."

The push on Sunday came a day after Trump tweeted sharp criticism on the process to treat the virus, which has killed more than 175,000 Americans and imperiled his re-election chances.

leaved by Bell County Sheriff Department's Animal Control deputies. Damon Connell, animal facilities manager, said Connell and his crew work in the rural parts of Bell County, he said.

"Raccoons are not usually relocated because they can carry rabies," Connell said. "The animals that are relocated are taken at least 20 miles but not more than 10 miles from where they were trapped, he said. Many animals are released into wildlife areas near Stillhouse Hollow Lake."

Killean has an animal services manager who told Shine four essential things are needed for all wildlife species to survive: food, water, shelter and space. To control wildlife, one of the factors has to change because it can't survive unless its needs are met.

"The wildlife will either migrate to another area capable of providing their needs or perish," Shine said. "For long-term wildlife management, habitat manipulation is far more effective than trapping and relocating the animal."

Many times, neighbors feed animals outside or don't secure trash and that invites foragers like raccoons, Shine said. "Even something as simple as putting out bird feeders attracts wildlife," Shine said.

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Summers

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"As far as we know, the area has never been known as Summers (Mill) because it was named after D.C. Summers."

Irving said the mill, which is on the conference center's land at 7441 FM 1123, was originally built in the 1800s by John Myers but later bought by D.C. Summers in 1879.

The community, at the time, was mainly focused on farming and had about 50 residents living there, Irving said. The community had three churches, a school and a post office in addition to the mill.

Irving said Summers was the one who modernized the milling process, with the gristmill making flour and

being used for sawing. "It was a pretty cutting-edge mill at the time," Irving said. "There was never an external wheel, it was a metal under-shot turbine that they imported from France. They brought all the metal equipment from France to Galveston, and from Galveston to Belton by ox cart."

Summers Mill is now a conference center and Christian retreat after it was bought in 1987 by Paul and Jane Meyer.

Temple City Manager Brent Myers said the Board of Geographic Names, which is responsible for standardizing names for use by the federal government, contacted the city for its opinion on the

change. "(D.C.) Summers was listed in the 1880 census as manager of the mill, and in 1881, he was appointed postmaster," Myers said. "There is also a Texas Historical Marker that was dedicated on the site which has the name as Summers Mill with a 'u'."

So there is a lot of evidence locally that the intended name was supposed to be Summers Mill.

Council members said they had never known that there was a discrepancy with the name as Temple Mayor Tim Davis lived near the community at one time. The Council chose to support the name change rather than other options which included

Statements required in notice: If the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate, but does not exceed the voter-approval tax rate, as prescribed by Tax Code §26.06(b-2).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.003344 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of CLEARWATER U.W.C.D.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.003344 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.003344 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.003626 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for CLEARWATER U.W.C.D. from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

If the voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that CLEARWATER U.W.C.D. may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

If the proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate, this means that CLEARWATER U.W.C.D. is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 31, 2020 at 1:30 PM at Clearwater UWCD Headquarters, 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, TX.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, CLEARWATER U.W.C.D. is not required to hold an election in which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Governing Body of CLEARWATER U.W.C.D. at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) \div 100$$

List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal: Le'and Gerbach David Cole Scott Brooks Jody Williams Gary Young

AGAINST the proposal: PRESENT and not voting: ABSENT:

Tel: 817-931-70

The 86th Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homesteaded by CLEARWATER U.W.C.D. last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homesteaded by CLEARWATER U.W.C.D. this year.

	2019	2020	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.003570	\$0.003344	6% decrease
Average homesteaded taxable value	\$182,758	\$175,008	8% increase
Tax on average homesteaded	\$6	\$6	0% increase
Total tax levy on all properties	\$729,998	\$752,403	3% increase

For assistance in tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for CLEARWATER U.W.C.D. at 254-939-8841 or info@clearwater.org

Horses

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For example, he said, when you are riding across the pen, you may be applying leg pressure.

"Then for the stop, you will take your feet out of the rib cage," he said. "Once you stop and go the other way, you may need to use the foot to either catch up with the cow or move a little one way or the other."

Ba'ns has competed in the sport. He had a mare a few years ago that finished in the top 10 in one of the novice classes, he said.

A retired telephone man, he got a late start with cutting horses, he said.

"I grew up in the city," he said. "I had such a fierce love for horses. I had no direction. I saw a cutting one day and I said, 'that's what I want to do.' I've made a study of it for the last 30 or 40 years."

He may send his training colts out to a younger person for the first 30 rides or so, he said.

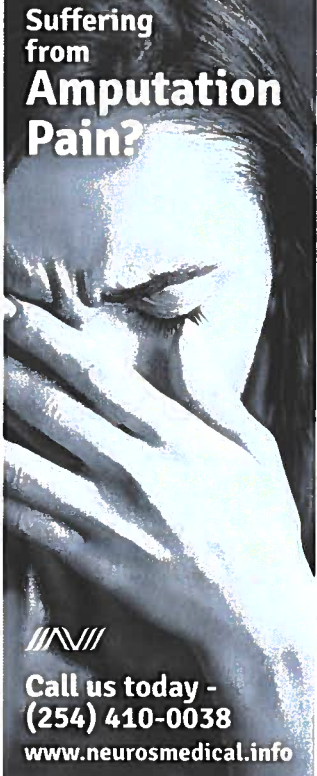
"I normally start their ground work about before they become a two-year-old," he said.

Using a small round pen, he teaches them voice commands to get them acquainted with the tension that comes from having a rider, he said.

"I try some different things to access their mind and teach them to be controlled," he said. "We start teaching leg pressure from the ground up."

"It's fulfilling to me to see a young horse learn and develop their skills," he said. "They have some God-given talent. To watch them express themselves and gain confidence, it's like watching your kids graduate from college."

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Resolution - Item #6

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**RESOLUTION AND ORDER
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CLEARWATER
UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING HELD AUGUST 31, 2020**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 § A RESOLUTION AND ORDER
COUNTY OF BELL §
 § SETTING ANNUAL TAX RATE
CLEARWATER UWCD §**

The Board of Directors of the Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District met in a regular session, open to the public, after due notice, at the Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District, located at 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, Texas, within the boundaries of the District, on the 26th day of August 2020, whereupon the roll was called of the members of the Board of Directors, to wit:

Leland Gersbach President
David Cole Vice President
C. Gary Young Secretary
Scott A. Brooks Director
Jody Williams Director

Five (5) of the five (5) Board members were present, thus constituting a quorum.

WHEREUPON, among other business conducted by the Board, Director _____ introduced the Order set out below and moved for its adoption, which motion was seconded by Director _____ and, after full discussion and the question being put to the Board of Directors, said motion was carried by the following vote:

“Aye”: ____ ; “No”: ____ ; “Abstained”: ____ ; “Absent”: ____ .

The Order thus adopted is as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors was authorized by applicable statutory law to levy a sufficient tax to cover all maintenance and operation expenses of the District;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors reviewed and approved its budget for its fiscal year October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021, and determined what tax rate should be set to meet such budget requirements;

DRAFT

WHEREAS, the appraisal roll of the District for 2020 has been prepared and certified by the Tax Appraisal District of Bell County and submitted to the District's tax collector; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT THAT:

I.

The operation and maintenance tax rate for tax year 2020 shall be \$0.003344 per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation. Be it known that this 2020 tax rate is less than last year's \$0.00357 per \$100 of assessed valuation, but this rate will increase total taxes in Clearwater by 0%, or \$0.00 on the average appraised value of a residence at \$175,008.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THIS TAX RATE WILL NOT REDUCE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME.

The Bell County Tax Assessor and Collector shall take all steps necessary and authorized by the law to collect taxes as owed pursuant to this order. Said taxes shall be levied, assessed and collected at the rate of \$0.003344 per \$100 valuation for 2020 as provided for in the District's enabling act; Chapters 36 Texas Groundwater Water Code, as applicable; and all other applicable laws.

II.

The Board President or Vice President are authorized to execute, and the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary to attest, this order on behalf of the Board of Directors.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 31st day of August 2020.

CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: _____
Leland Gersbach, Board President (or)
David Cole, Board Vice President

ATTEST:

C. Gary Young, Board Secretary (or)
Dirk Aaron, Assistant Secretary