



Board Meeting
&
Workshop

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District
700 Kennedy Court
Belton, Texas

Wednesday
August 25, 2022
1:30 p.m.

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Agenda

**NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE
CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
August 25, 2022**

Notice is hereby given that the above-named Board will hold a Workshop and Board meeting on Wednesday, August 25, 2022 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.

Workshop:

1. Discuss and review the District Drought designation related to water levels and spring-flow measurements.
2. Receive presentation from Bradford Eckhart, TAMU Law School Summer Intern, related to his assigned tasks and duties.

Board Meeting:

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Public comment.²
3. Approve minutes of the August 10, 2022, Board meeting.
4. Hold Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate for tax year 2022.
5. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action if necessary, to adopt the District Budget for FY2023.
6. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action if necessary, by Resolution to adopt the District tax rate for tax year 2022.
7. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to approve the FY22 line-item budget amendments as requested.
8. General Manager's Report concerning office management and staffing related to District Management Plan³.
9. Director comments and reports³.
10. Discuss agenda items for next meeting.
11. Set time and place for next meeting
12. Adjourn.

Dated the 12th day of August 2022.

Leland Gersbach, Board President

By: 
Dirk Aaron, Asst. Secretary

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

² Please limit comments to 3 minutes. The Board is not allowed to take action on any subject presented that is not on the agenda, nor is the Board required to provide a response; any substantive consideration and action by the Board will be conducted under a specific item on a future agenda.

³ No formal action will be taken by the Board on these agenda items. These items are on the agenda to provide CUWCD's staff, Stakeholder Committees, 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 CUWCD 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.

Minutes - Item #3

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District Meeting
700 Kennedy Court
Belton, TX
Wednesday, August 10, 2022
Minutes

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) held a Workshop at 10:00 a.m. and the Regular Board meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 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 3
Scott Brooks, Director, Pct 4

Absent:

Staff:

Dirk Aaron, General Manager
Shelly Chapman, Admin Manager
Brad Eckhart, Intern

Guest:

Stephanie Wong – LRE	Greg Stanton – USGS
Sandra Blankenship – WCID#1	Tomas Reynoso, Jr.
Bill Schumman – Bell County	Micaela Pedrazas – LRE (remote)
Justin Thompson -Bureau of Economic/Geology	

Kristen Valseth – USGS
Pete DiLillo

Board Meeting convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:30 p.m.

1. *Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.*

Vice President, David Cole, gave the invocation.
Secretary, Gary Young, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. *Public Comment.*

None.

(President, Leland Gersbach suggested the Board move to agenda item #6 and reconvene the show cause hearing. The Board agreed.)

6. *Reconvene show cause hearing on the following violation:*

a) Discuss, consider, and take the appropriate action necessary, upon receiving testimony related to the violation of District Rule 6.5 by drilling & completing a well on January 22, 2022, without a formal CUWCD permit on a tract of land less than 10 acres and great than or equal to 2-acres, Latitude 30.930066 ° Longitude -97.701384° by both Raul Zavala (“Driller”) (TDLR License #54363) officed at 1910 S. Wheeler St., Jasper TX 76951 and Mr. Tomas Reynoso (“Property Owner”), located at 15731 Cedar Valley Rd, Salado TX.

Show cause hearing reconvened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:31 p.m.

Dirk noted for the record that Tomas Reynoso, Jr was in attendance on behalf of his father. Dirk gave a recap of the details of the hearing and commented that he has been in touch with Mitchell & Associates, and everything is moving forward. Things are just taking a little longer due to circumstances beyond their control. The district’s field tech has been out to Reynoso’s property and verified that the well is still sealed and has not been in use.

Dirk recommended the Board give the Reynoso family an additional 90 days to complete all requirements.

Leland asked if there were any other comments or questions. Seeing there were none, Leland asked for a motion to grant the 90-day extension and reconvene the hearing at the November 9, 2022, Board meeting.

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to grant the 90-day extension and reconvene the show cause hearing on November 9, 2022. Vice President, David Cole, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

Show cause hearing close at 1:35 to reconvene with President, Leland Gersbach, on November 9, 2022.

Workshop convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 1:35 p.m.

Workshop Item #1: Receive presentation from USGS on Stream Flow Gauge and the results of the Water Quality Study from FY21.

Greg Stanton and Kristen Valseth with USGS gave a presentation and update on the Stream Flow Gauge and discussed the results of the Water Quality Study from FY21.

Workshop Item #2: Receive presentation from LRE related to the new DMS and potential projects and enhancements for FY23.

Stephanie Wong and Micaela Pedrazas with LRE gave a presentation on the new DMS and proposed projects for consideration for FY23.

Workshop Item #3: Receive presentation from UT-BEG Dr. Justin Thompson regarding the Groundwater Recoverability Tool Pilot Program.

Dr. Thompson gave a brief introduction of himself and his background. He presented the Groundwater Recoverability Tool Pilot Program to the Board for their consideration.

Workshop Item #4: Discuss and review the District Drought Designation related to water level and spring-flow measurements.

Dirk gave the Board an update on the district's drought designation and discussed drought conditions based on water level and spring flow measurements.

Workshop Item #5: Receive update on the 2022 Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts Groundwater Summit, Aug 29- Sept 1.

Dirk reminded Board members of the upcoming Groundwater Summit. He noted that Shelly will have registration/hotel information and agendas in a packet for them at the August 25th Board meeting.

Workshop Item #6: Receive update related to GMA8 DFC determination, per TWC section 36.108 and plans for the next round.

Dirk gave a brief update on GMA8 and the new chairman.

Workshop Item #7: Discuss and review items of interest concerning the FY2023 budget development.

Dirk presented items of interest concerning the FY2023 budget development. Dirk presented the Appraisal District's certified totals. The Board discussed potential studies, expenses, and possible tax rates to be considered.

Workshop closed and Regular Board Meeting reconvened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 4:18 p.m.

3. Approve minutes of the July 13, 2022, Board meeting.

Board members received the minutes of the July 13, 2022, Board meeting and workshop in their Board packet to review prior to the meeting.

Secretary, Gary Young, moved to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2022, 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 accept the monthly financial report for July 2022 (FY22) as presented.

Board members received the monthly financial report for July 2022 in their Board packet to review prior to the meeting.

Vice President, David Cole, moved to accept the monthly financial report for July 2022 as presented. Director, Scott Brooks, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

5. *Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to accept the monthly Investment Fund Account report for July 2022 (FY22) as presented.*

Board members received the monthly investment fund account report for July 2022 in their Board packet to review prior to the meeting.

Secretary, Gary Young, moved to accept the monthly investment fund account report for July 2022 as presented. Director, Jody Williams, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

6. *(discussed prior to workshop)*

7. *Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to approve the FY22 line-item budget amendments as requested.*

Dirk Aaron presented the request for line-item budget amendments for the purpose of:

1. Paying for legal counsel from Lloyd Gosselink related to general rules and accountability (rule-making changes)
2. Paying RW Harden consultant fees related to the evaluation for rules (rule-making changes).
3. Paying AGS consultant fees related to the evaluation of rules (rule-making changes).
4. Postage for 2nd Drought Declaration mail out (Edwards/Trinity well owners).
5. PO Box rental fee renewal for 1 year.

This is a simple adjustment between line items.

Vendor	Line Item	Invoice Amount	Available Funds	Amount Requested	New Balance	From	Available Funds	New Balance
Lloyd Gosselink	53703-Rule Accountabilit	\$1,487.50	\$0.00	\$1,487.50	\$1,487.50	53732-Permit Review-Legal Eval	\$10,366.60	\$8,879.10
RW Harden	53130.2 Eval of Rules	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	50250-Contingency	\$8,526.48	\$5,026.48
AGS	53130.2 Eval of Rules	\$2,178.00	\$0.00	\$2,178.00	\$5,678.00	50250-Contingency	\$5,026.48	\$2,848.48
Card Services	53740 - Postage	\$720.00	\$125.02	\$594.98	\$720.00	53620-Ed Outreach-Supplies	\$3,347.07	\$2,752.09
U'S Post Mast	53740 - Postage	\$332.00	\$0.00	\$332.00	\$1,052.00	53620-Ed Outreach-Supplies	\$3,347.07	\$2,752.09

Director, Jody Williams, moved to approve line-item budget amendments as presented. Secretary, Gary Young, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

8. *Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to call for the November 8th General Elections.*

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to direct Dirk to call for the November 8th General Elections. Vice President, David Cole seconded the motion.

9. *Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to approve that the General Manager execute an election contract with the Bell County Elections Department.*

Vice President, David Cole, moved to direct the General Manager to execute the election contract with Bell County Elections Department. Director, Scott Brooks, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

10. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to set the date/location for the 21st Annual Bell County Water Symposium.

Dirk discussed items of interest related to the annual water symposium. The date and location being considered are Wednesday, November 16th at the Bell County Expo Center. It was a good location and able to accommodate the number in attendance. Other details are to be determined.

Director, Scott Brooks, moved to set the date of the water symposium for November 16th at the Bell County Expo Center. Vice President, David Cole, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

11. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to set the preliminary tax rate for tax year 2022 on proposed budget FY23.

Leland stated that this item had been discussed at length in workshop item #7. He asked if there were any other comments or discussions to be made. There were none.

Director, Jody Williams, moved to set the preliminary tax rate at .002802. Secretary, Gary Young, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

12. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to set date for adoption of the FY23 budget.

Dirk laid out the timeline for notices and postings for the adoption of the FY23 budget. Based on the timeline, he recommended the Board set the date of August 25, 2022, for adoption of the FY23 budget.

Vice President, David Cole, moved to set the date of August 25, 2022, for adoption of the FY23 budget. Director, Scott Brooks, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

13. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to set the date for the public hearing and adoption of the tax rate for tax year 2022.

Vice President, David Cole, moved to set the date of August 25, 2022, for the public hearing and adoption of the tax rate for tax year 2022. Director, Scott Brooks, seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

14. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to conduct the annual performance review of the General Manager, in accordance with District Bylaws Article VI, Section 6.

Leland asked Dirk and the Board if they wanted to discuss the evaluation in public setting or move to executive session. It was agreed to enter executive sessions to discuss matters of personnel.

Executive Session convened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 4:36 p.m.

Regular Board meeting reconvened with President, Leland Gersbach, at 4:51 p.m.

15. General Manager's report concerning office management and staffing related to District Management Plan.

- Wilco concerns by citizens in western portions of the county working to possibly create a GCD.
- Keynote speakers being considered for the water symposium are Dr. Neilson-Gammon, Dr. Gabe Eckstein, Dr. Wendy Jepson, and Dr. Becky Grubbs-Bowling. Dirk is working on the agenda.
- Received the application for the Sanctuary of Salado. Dirk gave brief details.
- Reviewing/investigating several violations by permit holders.
- Discussed drought conditions and need to confirm and move to stage 3.

16. Review monthly report and possible consideration and Board action on the following:

- a) **Drought Status Reports** – Dirk discussed the drought conditions and drought declarations.
- b) **Education Outreach Update**
- c) **Monitoring Wells**
- d) **Rainfall Reports**
- e) **Well Registration Update**
- f) **Aquifer Status Report & Non-exempt Monthly Well Production Reports**

(Copiers of the Monthly Staff Reports were given to the Board Members to review. No action is required. Information items only.)

17. Director's comments and reports.

- **Leland Gersbach:** None
- **Jody Williams:** None
- **Gary Young:** Thanked Dirk for his continued hard work. Noted that Dirk would be speaking at the next Hidden Springs HOA meeting
- **Scott Brooks:** None
- **David Cole:** None

18. Discuss agenda items for the next meeting.

- Approve Budget
- Set Tax Rate
- Presentation from Brad Eckhart (summer intern)

19. Set the time and place of the next meeting.

Wednesday, August 25, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. at the CUWCD office.

20. Adjourn.

Board Meeting closed with President, Leland Gersbach, at 5:03 p.m.

Leland Gersbach, President

ATTEST:

Gary Young, Secretary or
Dirk Aaron, Assistant Secretary

Budget/Tax Rate
Item #s 4, 5, 6

Board Meeting
August 25, 2022

Items # 4, 5, 6
FY23 Budget @ Tax Rate

Agenda Items:

4. Hold the Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate for tax year 2022.
5. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if necessary, to adopt the District Budget for FY2023.
6. Discuss, consider, and take action necessary, by Resolution, to adopt the District tax rate for tax year 2022.

Narrative: Purpose of today's public hearing meeting:

- 1) Hold the public hearing on the proposed preliminary tax rate of .002802 per \$100. Based on calculations by Bell County Appraisal District categorizes the District as a Special District (per Chapter 36) thus calculations and support documents are attached.

Facts:

- ✓ PROPOSED TAX RATE is \$0.002802 per \$100 valuation.
- ✓ NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE is \$0.002708 per \$100 valuation.
- ✓ VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE is \$0.003565 per \$100 valuation.

- ✓ The NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE is the tax rate that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year.

- ✓ 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.

- ✓ The PROPOSED TAX RATE is GREATER than the NO-NEW-REVENUE tax rate but LESS than the VOTER-APPROVAL RATE.

- ✓ This means that C.U.W.C.D. is proposing to marginal increase of property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

- ✓ The proposed increase on a HOMESTEAD is 14.5¢ for 2021 tax year.

- ✓ General Manager has suggestions for the budget to justify setting the tax rate at \$0.002802/\$100 valuation.

- ✓ The staff has conducted the proper notification in the TDT & KDH newspapers and on the District's website meeting the minimum 7 day notice of today's public hearing.

The attached budget worksheet is based on:

FY22 Original Budget Amount,
 FY22 Amended Budget as of August 10, 2022,
 FY22 year to date expenditures,
 FY22 projections, and recommendations

- **\$30,154,268,369** Certified Tax Base for CUWCD (see attached)
 - ✓ \$ 24,334,986,880.00 is Certified Totals of existing properties
 - ✓ \$ 892,958,171.00 is the Total New Value Taxable Properties
 - ✓ Totals are based on the Bell CAD certified totals as of July 15, 2021
- FY22 Anticipated Income for Permit fees, Delinquent Years, Interest, Transport Fees: \$ 62,500.00
- FY22 Deficit from Reserve Funds to balance \$.00
- Proposed Draft Budget Total: **\$ 907,422.00**

Proposed budget includes the following budgetary categories:

- Administrative Expenses: \$ 60,425.00
 - board fees, conferences, meals, hotels, audit, dues, GMA, mileage,
 - Does not include Contingency Fund.
 - Operating Expenses: \$ 428,802.00
 - 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)
 - Facility Costs: \$ 26,095.00
 - insurance, maintenance, repairs, janitorial (AC)
 - Utilities Costs: \$ 10,100.00
 - phone, electric, waste, water, internet
 - Salaries and Benefits: \$ 340,455.00
 - salary, health insurance, taxes, workers comp, retirement
 - includes COLA adjustment of 3.5%
 - Internship Program (One University Student)
 - Contingency (as needed to fund USGS study TBD) \$ 41,545.00
 - Reserve Fund (to balance the budget) \$ 0.00
- Total **\$ 907,422.00**

Studies:

- Modify the CUWCD Groundwater Management Model (GMM) with new data necessary and achieve management zone discernment of current and potential future pumping. Tasks #1 & #2 in FY22 @ \$24,500.00 and FY23 Tasks #3-#7. (RWHA/AGS) \$ 74,500.00
- Trinity Regional Study of Western Bell Co., Western Williamson Co., Western Travis Co. Project is a cost-share effort with CTGCD, SWTCGCD, Travis County and Clearwater with UT-BEG and Allan Standen LLC. \$ 20,000.00
- Baylor University Karst connectivity study associated with the Salado Spring Shed.
\$40,000 total thus FY23 and FY24 \$ 20,000.00
- LRE proposed efforts on Water Quality cost \$ 12,600.00
- District Staff is prepared to add Sodium, Magnesium, Calcium and Chloride to the current parameters tested. This would go into the DMS and support the efforts of LRE's WQ project. Raises the cost of water quality screen by \$1,000 per year thus \$ 4,500.00.

Standard Efforts:

- 3-D model enhancement \$ 5,000.00
(*annual calibration and new well source aquifer designations*).
- Monitor Well maintenance (no new construction) \$ 5,000.00
 - a) Funds necessary to repair wells and equipment as directed by TWDB staff.
 - b) WellIntel maintenance and repairs.
 - c) Pursue more affordable equipment in FY23 so that more monitor wells can be efficiently added to our monitoring efforts.
- Geophysical Logs (when opportunities to capture arise) \$ 5,000.00
- Trinity Aquifer pumping test (when opportunities arise) \$ 4,000.00
- Edwards BFZ Aquifer Pumping Test (when opportunities arise) \$ 4,000.00

Cooperative Opportunities:

- Bell/Cor RHCP Karst Coalition as described in the 5-year ILA with Bell County
- GM is the Project Manager per the ILA and is working with the Judge and the consulting firm (Blanton & Associates).
- BELCOR RHCP has 13 entities in the ILA. Estimate of need is: \$15,000.00

Technology:

- Engineer Austin Computer Sustainment. \$ 5,400.00
- LRE-DMS maintenance, break fix & necessary dashboard. \$ 1,500.00
- LRE-DMS Hosting fees \$ 500.00
- LRE-DMS Enhancements (NTE) \$ 6,200.00

Legal Counsel Expenses

- Permitting (\$ 25,000.00)
- GMA8/DFC/MAG (\$ 10,000.00)
- Endangered Species (\$ 10,000.00)
- Legislative Services (during session) (\$ 35,000.00)
- Legislative Research/Analysis (prior to and after session) (\$ 2,500.00)
- General Rules/Accountability Support (\$ 10,000.00)

Building Management needs, maintenance:

- Building condition and review (pest control replace carpet, outdoor painting, roof & hv/ac oversight & maintenance. (\$ 8,000.00)
- Building maintenance areas (lawn, internal repairs as needed).
- On boarding to the new facility upon completion by Bell County. (TBD)

Changes to calculations and notices were effective starting in 2020 and required for FY2023.

- No-New-Revenue rate, instituted in 2020 by the Texas Legislature
- Voter Approval rate is capped at 3.5%
- July 19, 2022 – officer (Chief Appraiser) submitted the certified rates to CUWCD.
- 2022 Tax Rate Calculation Form 50-856 has been received on – August 2nd

GM Recommends & Requests the following:

- ✓ that the Board continue your annually discussion concerning the no-new revenue rate plus the additional review from new value property.
- ✓ that the Board minimal increases of revenue above the no-new revenue rate due to inflation and need for an addition staff member in two years.
- ✓ that the board discuss salary adjustments-based on “COLA” due to rapid inflation.
- ✓ that we hold fast to the benchmark dates set for July and August so that staff can meet “*truth in taxation*” requirements prior to September 1, 2022.

FY23 Budget Development Calendar

May 11 - Wed.	Regular Board Meeting: Approved Calendar for FY23 Budget preparation timeline.
June 8 – Wed.	Workshop: Budget Work Session (Review preliminary budget with update)
July 13 -- Wed.	Workshop: Budget Work Session
August 5 - Friday	BELL CAD provides the Voter Approval Rate (<i>former Rollback Rate</i>)
August 10 – Wed.	Regular Board meeting: Set preliminary tax rate and finalize budget Set date for public hearing
August 11- Thur.	7-Day Notice Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Publish Notice in newspaper of the Public Hearing, for ✓ Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 1:30 pm, ✓ Notice must state when and where the hearing on the proposed tax rate and adoption of FY23 budget will occur. ✓ Public Notice post with Co. Clerk and on the District Website.
August 25-Thur.	Board Meeting and Conduct Public hearing on tax rate. Adopt FY23 budget; adopt tax rate. File copy of adopted budget and tax rate with County Clerk's office.
September 1	Provide adopted tax rate to the Tax Appraisal District by this date.
Aug 30 th – Sept 1 st Tuesday – Thursday	Board Members attend the Texas Ground Water Summit in San Antonio

2022 Proposed Budget
August 15, 2022
Preliminary Tax Rate .002802/\$100

Income Analysis for No-New-Revenue based on \$30,154,268,369

No-New -Revenue Rate

Tax Rate	0.002708
Net Taxable Property	\$29,261,310,198.00
Approximate Total Levied	\$792,396.28
New Taxable Property	\$892,958,171.00
Tax on New Property	\$24,181.31
Possible Levy	\$816,577.59



Board approved preliminary tax rat on August 10, 20222

Tax Rate	0.002802
Net Taxable Property	\$29,261,310,198.00
Approximate Total Levied	\$819,901.91
New Taxable Property	\$892,948,171.00
Tax on New Property	\$25,020.41
Possible Levy	\$844,922.32

Estimated Tax rate at Maximum 3.5 % of No-New Revenue Rate

Tax Rate	0.003565
Net Taxable Property	\$29,261,310,198.00
Approximate Total Levied	\$1,043,165.71
New Taxable Property	\$892,948,171.00
Tax on New Property	\$31,833.60
Possible Levy	\$1,074,999.31

**Clearwater Underground Water Conservation
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**
October 2022 through July 2023

1:50pm
08/15/2022
Accrual Basis

	July '22	Oct '21 thru Jul '22	FY22 Original Budget	FY22 Amended Budget	\$ Over Budget	Proposed FY23 Budget	NOTES
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
40005 · Application Fee Income	0.00	9,600.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	-40,400.00	50,000.00	
40010 · Bell CAD Current Year Tax	291.07	744,876.26	777,106.00	777,106.00	-32,229.74	844,922.00	.002802 Preliminary Tax Rate
40015 · Bell CAD Delinquent Tax	569.53	6,297.45	10,000.00	10,000.00	-3,702.55	10,000.00	
40020 · Interest Income	1,568.58	4,353.39	1,000.00	1,000.00	3,353.39	1,000.00	
40030 · Transport Fee Income	0.00	1,336.29	1,500.00	1,500.00	-163.71	1,500.00	
40035 · Civil Penalties	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	
Total Income	2,429.18	768,463.39	839,606.00	839,606.00	-71,142.61	907,422.00	
Gross Profit	2,429.18	768,463.39	839,606.00	839,606.00	-71,142.61	907,422.00	
Expense							
50000 · Administrative Expenses							
50100 · Audit	0.00	7,700.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	-800.00	8,500.00	
50200 · Conferences & Prof Development	195.00	1,840.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	-2,160.00	4,000.00	
50250 · Contingency Fund	0.00	0.00	90,264.00	8,526.48	-8,526.48	41,545.00	
50300 · Director Expenses							
50305 · At Large	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	1,500.00	
50310 · Pct. 1	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	1,500.00	
50315 · Pct. 2	65.00	146.90	1,500.00	1,500.00	-1,353.10	1,500.00	
50320 · Pct. 3	385.00	385.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-1,115.00	1,500.00	
50325 · Pct. 4	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	1,500.00	
Total 50300 · Director Expenses	450.00	531.90	7,500.00	7,500.00	-6,968.10	7,500.00	
50400 · Director Fees							
50405 · At Large	150.00	1,650.00	2,550.00	2,550.00	-900.00	2,550.00	
50410 · Pct. 1	0.00	0.00	2,550.00	2,550.00	-2,550.00	2,550.00	
50415 · Pct. 2	150.00	1,950.00	2,550.00	2,550.00	-600.00	2,550.00	
50420 · Pct. 3	150.00	1,650.00	2,550.00	2,550.00	-900.00	2,550.00	

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50425 · Pct. 4	0.00	0.00	2,550.00	2,550.00	-2,550.00	2,550.00	
Total 50400 · Director Fees	450.00	5,250.00	12,750.00	12,750.00	-7,500.00	12,750.00	
50500 · Dues & Memberships	0.00	3,404.80	4,000.00	4,000.00	-595.20	4,000.00	
50550 · Election Expense	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	-500.00	5,000.00	
50600 · GMA 8 Expenses							
50605 · Technical Committee	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	5,000.00	AGS
50610 · Administration	0.00	1,760.78	2,500.00	2,500.00	-739.22	2,500.00	
Total 50600 · GMA 8 Expenses	0.00	1,760.78	7,500.00	7,500.00	-5,739.22	7,500.00	
50700 · Meals	89.61	504.95	1,000.00	1,000.00	-495.05	1,000.00	
50800 · Mileage Reimbursements	0.00	2,587.82	5,000.00	5,000.00	-2,412.18	5,000.00	
50900 · Travel & Hotel	344.95	2,786.91	4,500.00	4,500.00	-1,713.09	5,175.00	
Total 50000 · Administrative Expenses	1,529.56	26,367.16	145,514.00	63,776.48	-37,409.32	101,970.00	
52000 · Salary Costs							
52005 · Administrative Assistant	4,666.67	46,666.70	56,000.00	56,000.00	-9,333.30	57,960.00	+ 3.5%
52010 · Educational Coord/Support Tech	4,166.67	41,666.70	50,000.00	50,000.00	-8,333.30	51,750.00	+ 3.5%
52015 · Manager	8,333.33	83,333.30	100,000.00	100,000.00	-16,666.70	103,500.00	+ 3.5%
52020 · Part Time/Intern	1,246.00	3,486.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	-1,014.00	4,500.00	
52025 · Office Assistant/Field Tech	3,916.67	39,166.70	47,000.00	47,000.00	-7,833.30	48,645.00	+ 3.5%
52040 · Health Insurance	2,876.93	31,200.89	34,525.00	34,525.00	-3,324.11	34,525.00	TBD
52045 · Payroll Taxes & Work Comp	1,743.51	16,791.40	25,300.00	25,268.00	-8,476.60	26,636.00	
52050 · Retirement	861.25	8,612.50	11,385.00	11,385.00	-2,772.50	11,986.00	+ 3.5%
52055 · Payroll Expenses	58.66	319.28	125.00	425.00	-105.72	425.00	
52060 · Freshbenies	44.00	376.00	432.00	464.00	-88.00	528.00	Increase 6/1 \$4/person
Total 52000 · Salary Costs	27,913.69	271,619.47	329,267.00	329,567.00	-57,947.53	340,455.00	
53000 · Operating Expenses							
53010 · Bank Service Charges	-92.02	35.18	50.00	200.00	-164.82	350.00	
53020 · Advertisement	0.00	199.50	4,000.00	4,000.00	-3,800.50	4,000.00	
53030 · Appraisal District	0.00	5,706.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	-3,294.00	9,000.00	

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53100 - Clearwater Studies							
53105 - Trinity Studies							
53105.1 - Pumping Distribution	0.00	1,595.00	3,750.00	3,750.00	-2,155.00	0.00	
53105.2 - Pumping Test	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	
53105.3 - Synoptic	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53105.4 - GAM Run	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	24,500.00	-24,500.00	74,000.00	RWH/AGS
53105.5 - Mgmt Options	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	-7,000.00	0.00	
53105.6 - Water Quality Studies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,600.00	LRE
Total 53105 - Trinity Studies	0.00	1,595.00	17,750.00	35,250.00	-33,655.00	90,600.00	
53110 - Edwards BFZ Studies							
53110.1 - Pumping Distribution	0.00	1,595.00	3,750.00	3,750.00	-2,155.00	0.00	
53110.2 - Pumping Test	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	
53110.3 - Synoptic	0.00	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	20,000.00	Baylor
53110.5 - Water Quality Studies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53110.6 - GAM Calibration	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	5,000.00	AGS
Total 53110 - Edwards BFZ Studies	0.00	1,595.00	13,750.00	13,750.00	-12,155.00	29,000.00	
53115 - Drought Contingency Plan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53120 - Endangered Species							
53120.1 - Coalition	0.00	7,312.50	0.00	31,250.00	-23,937.50	15,000.00	BelCorRHCP Coalition
53120.2 - Reimburseable Order	0.00	22,054.70	22,500.00	22,500.00	-445.30	0.00	
53120.3 - 4(d) rule	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53120.4 - DPS Petition	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53120 - Endangered Species - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total 53120 - Endangered Species	0.00	29,367.20	22,500.00	53,750.00	-24,382.80	15,000.00	
53125 - Environmental Flows	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

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53130 · General Consulting							
53130.1 · DFC Process	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	2,825.00	-2,825.00	7,500.00	AGS
53130.2 · Eval of Rules	2,175.00	12,411.40	5,000.00	12,411.40	0.00	0.00	
53130.3 · Eval. Hydrogeologic Report	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53130.4 · Investigations	34.00	3,751.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	-4,249.00	8,000.00	
53130.5 · Geo Logging	0.00	2,900.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-2,100.00	5,000.00	
53130.6 · Aquifer Monitor Well Tool	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53130.7 · ASR Study	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53130.8 · Data Release	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total 53130 · General Consulting	2,209.00	19,062.40	23,000.00	28,236.40	-9,174.00	20,500.00	
53135 · Monitor Well Construction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53140 · Monitor Wells Expenses	0.00	3,380.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-1,620.00	5,000.00	
53141 · Weather Station Expense	177.00	177.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	-1,823.00	2,000.00	
53145 · Spring Flow Gauge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53150 · Water Quality	459.14	1,639.81	3,500.00	3,500.00	-1,860.19	4,500.00	Testing new parameters
53155 · 3-D Visualization	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	25,000.00	Regional 3D vis/calibration
Total 53100 · Clearwater Studies	2,845.14	56,816.41	92,500.00	146,486.40	-89,669.99	191,600.00	
53200 · Spring Flow Gage System							
53205 · Op. & Maintenance	0.00	15,900.00	15,900.00	15,900.00	0.00	16,377.00	(+3%)
53210 · Installation	0.00	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	0.00	16,377.00	
53300 · Computer Consulting							
53305 · Enhancements - Data Base	0.00	38,479.25	38,500.00	38,500.00	-20.75	6,200.00	LRE
53306 · Hosting - Data Base/Breakfix	0.00	0.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00	2,000.00	LRE
53310 · Hosting - PDI	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	-250.00	0.00	LRE
53311 · Hosting - Website	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53312 · Enhancements - Website	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53315 · IT Network Sustainment	450.00	4,500.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	-900.00	5,400.00	Engineer Austin
53317 · Management Tool Sustainment	0.00	1,575.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	-425.00	1,500.00	LRE
Total 53300 · Computer Consulting	450.00	44,554.25	47,400.00	47,400.00	-2,845.75	15,100.00	

	July '22	Oct '21 thru Jul '22	FY22 Original Budget	FY22 Amended Budget	\$ Over Budget	Proposed FY23 Budget	NOTES
53400 · Computer Licenses/Virus Prctn	169.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-500.00	1,500.00	
53450 · Computer Repairs and Supplies	0.00	578.95	2,000.00	2,000.00	-1,421.05	2,000.00	
53500 · Computer Software & Hardware	1,223.89	3,134.63	5,000.00	5,000.00	-1,865.37	5,000.00	
53550 · Copier/Scanner/Plotter	486.56	4,865.60	6,000.00	6,000.00	-1,134.40	6,000.00	
53600 · Educational Outreach/Marketing							
53603 · Event Sponsorships	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,500.00	
53605 · Event Cost	1,688.89	6,542.09	10,000.00	10,500.00	-3,957.91	2,500.00	(+15%)
53615 · Promotional Items	0.00	2,044.36	5,000.00	5,000.00	-2,955.64	5,000.00	
53620 · Supplies & Equipment	0.00	652.93	4,500.00	4,000.00	-3,347.07	4,500.00	
53625 · Curriculum	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total 53600 · Educational Outreach/Marketing	1,688.89	9,239.38	19,500.00	19,500.00	-10,260.62	20,500.00	
53650 · Furniture & Equipment	0.00	554.72	2,500.00	2,500.00	-1,945.28	2,500.00	
53700 · Legal							
53701 · Drought Contingency Plan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53702 · Endangered Species	0.00	6,217.75	15,000.00	15,000.00	-8,782.25	10,000.00	
53703 · General (rules/accountability)	8,088.00	48,539.12	15,000.00	48,539.12	0.00	10,000.00	
53704 · Legislative Research/Analysis	502.50	2,044.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	-456.00	2,500.00	
53705 · Legislative Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,000.00	(Legislative year)
53706 · GMA/DFC/MAG support	0.00	2,073.04	10,000.00	10,000.00	-7,926.96	10,000.00	
Total 53700 · Legal	8,590.50	58,873.91	42,500.00	76,039.12	-17,165.21	67,500.00	
53720 · Office Supplies	425.14	1,740.96	3,500.00	3,350.00	-1,609.04	3,500.00	
53730 · Permit Reviews							
53731 · Geoscience	0.00	23,086.50	25,000.00	25,000.00	-1,913.50	25,000.00	
53732 · Legal Evaluation	397.50	6,545.40	25,000.00	16,912.00	-10,366.60	25,000.00	
Total 53730 · Permit Reviews	397.50	29,631.90	50,000.00	41,912.00	-12,280.10	50,000.00	
53740 · Postage	593.22	2,374.98	2,500.00	2,500.00	-125.02	2,875.00	(+15%)
53750 · Printing	0.00	1,874.40	2,500.00	2,500.00	-625.60	2,500.00	

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53760 · Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	-20,000.00	20,000.00	
53780 · Subscriptions	11.71	567.01	900.00	900.00	-332.99	900.00	
53785 · Mobile Classroom Expense	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	2,000.00	
53790 · Vehicle Expense	697.09	5,004.27	4,000.00	6,000.00	-995.73	5,600.00	(+40%)
Total 53000 · Operating Expenses	17,486.62	242,652.05	333,250.00	414,687.52	-172,035.47	428,802.00	
54000 · Facility Costs							
54100 · Insurance							
54101 · Liability	0.00	2,003.12	1,300.00	2,003.12	0.00	2,400.00	(+20%)
54102 · Property	0.00	1,849.26	1,800.00	1,849.26	0.00	2,220.00	(+20%)
54103 · Surety Bonds	0.00	200.00	1,200.00	1,100.26	-900.26	1,000.00	
54104 · Worker's Comp	0.00	872.20	1,100.00	872.20	0.00	1,100.00	(Original Budget)
54105 · Liability - Vehicle	0.00	825.16	1,250.00	825.16	0.00	1,250.00	(Original Budget)
Total 54100 · Insurance	0.00	5,749.74	6,650.00	6,650.00	-900.26	7,970.00	
54200 · Building Repairs/Maintenance	0.00	-1,313.79	8,000.00	8,000.00	-9,313.79	8,000.00	
54300 · Janitorial Service	300.00	3,000.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	-600.00	6,000.00	(upgrade janitorial srvs)
54400 · Janitorial Supplies	0.00	268.37	750.00	750.00	-481.63	750.00	
54500 · Lawn Maintenance/Service	225.00	2,250.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	-750.00	3,000.00	
54600 · Security	59.90	329.45	375.00	375.00	-45.55	375.00	
Total 54000 · Facility Costs	584.90	10,283.77	22,375.00	22,375.00	-12,091.23	26,095.00	
55000 · Utilities							
55200 · Electricity	0.00	1,601.58	2,500.00	2,500.00	-898.42	2,500.00	
55300 · Internet	159.99	1,399.91	2,000.00	2,000.00	-600.09	2,900.00	(increase bandwidth)
55400 · Phone	165.88	1,516.05	2,400.00	2,400.00	-883.95	2,400.00	
55500 · Water/Garbage	0.00	1,771.69	2,300.00	2,300.00	-528.31	2,300.00	
Total 55000 · Utilities	325.87	6,289.23	9,200.00	9,200.00	-2,910.77	10,100.00	
Total Expense	47,840.64	557,211.68	839,606.00	839,606.00	-282,394.32	907,422.00	
Net Ordinary Income	-45,411.46	211,251.71	0.00	0.00	211,251.71	0.00	

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Other Income/Expense							
Other Income							
61025 - Sale of Assets	50,000.00	50,000.00					
Total Other Income	50,000.00	50,000.00					
Net Other Income	50,000.00	50,000.00					
Net Income	4,588.54	261,251.71	0.00	0.00	261,251.71	0.00	

Notice of Public Hearing
on Tax Rate
Advertisement 8/15/2022

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

This notice only applies to a taxing unit other than a special taxing unit or municipality with a population of less than 30,000, regardless of whether it is a special taxing unit.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$	0.002802	per	\$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$	0.002708	per	\$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$	0.003565	per	\$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 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 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year.

The voter-approval tax 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.

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 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON 08/25/2022 01:30 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 Clearwater UWCD 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 and Gary Young.

AGAINST the proposal: _____

PRESENT and not voting: _____

ABSENT: _____

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas 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
(name of taxing unit)
 to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by CLEARWATER U.W.C.D. this year.
(name of taxing unit)

	2021	2022	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.003100	0.002802	9.61 decrease
Average homestead taxable value	193,727	219,528	13.31 increase
Tax on average homestead	6	6	0 increase
Total tax levy on all properties	789,994	844,922	6.95 increase

(Include the following text if these no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate adjustments apply for the taxing unit)

No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments

State Criminal Justice Mandate (counties)

The _____ County Auditor certifies that _____ County has spent \$ _____ in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. _____ County Sheriff has provided _____ information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for the reimbursement of such costs.

This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by _____ /\$100.

Indigent Health Care Compensation Expenditures (counties)

The _____ spent \$ _____ from July 1 _____ to June 30 _____ on indigent health care compensation procedures at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance.

For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$ _____.

This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by _____ /\$100.

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures (counties)

The _____ spent \$ _____ from July 1 _____ to June 30 _____ to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals in criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted under Article 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure, and to fund the operations of a public defender's office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure, less the amount of any state grants received. For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent defense compensation expenditures is \$ _____.

This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by _____ /\$100.

Eligible County Hospital Expenditures (cities and counties)

The _____ spent \$ _____ from July 1 _____ to June 30 _____ on expenditures to maintain and operate an eligible county hospital.

For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's eligible county hospital expenditures is \$ _____.

This increased the no-new revenue maintenance and operations rate by _____ /\$100.

(If the tax assessor for the taxing unit maintains an internet website)

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for _____ CLEARWATER U.W.C.D. at _____ (254) 939-5841 or _____ customerservice@bellcad.org, or visit _____ www.bellcad.org for more information.

(If the tax assessor for the taxing unit does not maintain an internet website)

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for _____ at _____ or _____.

KDH News & TDT News
Advertisements
August 15, 2022

...run time and a busy commercial center, the city also became a convenient stop for itinerant photographers willing to ply their trade. The rolling photo studios could piggyback onto passing trains when business cooled. Then, they would chug into the next burg and set up shop.

The peripatetic photographers were also masterful promoters of themselves. The Times eagerly announced the photo cars' arrivals.

Depending on the developing and printing processes used, the photos could be black-and-white or a warm sepia tone. All were cherished by their owners and handed down through generations.

Photos produced in the traveling studios were then transformed into prints, cabinet cards and, after 1900, photographic postcards. Cabinet cards, popular from the mid-19th century to the early 1900s, consisted of photographs on thin papers mounted on heavy-duty 4-by-6-inch cards.

Another appeal of the photo car was the photographers' ability to undercut existing studios in town. "The low price and fine work are attracting crowds of people daily at the Railroad Photo Car," the Times reported. "The finest work done in Texas can be had at this car in less than one-third of the usual price."

a dozen cabinet cards for 25 cents. The Times added that more than 1,800 already have patronized the traveling photographers.

Another Times blurb announced, "The Railroad Photo Car from St. Louis arrived yesterday. It has five fine artists employed and the work seen at the car is very fine."

This was likely the Parsons Palace Car Photo Co., operated by Frederick R. Parsons (1859-1928) and Andrew B. Duncan (1850-1924). Parsons maintained a St. Louis studio for many years, while Duncan was the official photographer for the Frisco line for more than a decade. (Frisco was a partner line with the Santa Fe Railway.)

Both Parsons and Duncan listed their occupations as "artists" on census forms and city directories. Other itinerant photographers advertised themselves "viewists."

The Santa Fe Railway was especially deft at promotions and creating romantic images of beautiful people leisurely traveling along scenic vistas. To attract more ridership, traveling photo studios would snap (for a fee) passengers boarding trains heading to exotic climes. Thus, the photo became the first of a treasure trove of cross-country trip souvenirs.

What made the traveling

was their reported artistry in finishing and retouching photos. "We were particularly struck by the graceful poses of so many pretty children and women," reported one account of a photo car's product. "Those who patronized this car will be well pleased, we believe, and will also tell their friends about it."

While the mobile businesses were in town, they would also drag tripods to photograph buildings, local scenes and the railway's rolling stock for future promotional enterprises. An enterprising photographer could make \$100 daily (in 1890 dollars).

Life on a rail photo car could be challenging. In July 1912, fire partially destroyed a photo car parked in Belton. In 1908, the Texas Railroad Commission was forced to take up the matter of an abandoned photo car on the Cotton Belt side tracks in Waco, when owners could not be found.

The popularity of rail photo cars waned as Kodak introduced its Brownie camera in 1900 to help sell the company's film rolls. This quick-snap cardboard box with a convex-concave lens was easy to use. In its first year, Kodak sold 15,000.

Thus, photography moved into the realm of the everyday and everywhere.

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said. Her other dog had a double qualification.

"She's owned dogs all of her life, she said, and has been in agility trials four years.

"I love it," she said. "I used to do horses. I got remarried and I didn't want to travel as much. Then I discovered agility."

The bond the owner gets with their dog is amazing, she said.

"You run as one," she said. "It's like you have a mind meld."

The whole point is to make

dog," she said.

The other thing she likes about agility is the community of people, she said.

"Everyone cheers everybody else on," she said. "It's fun, a complicated atmosphere."

It was a very busy Saturday, she said, as the dogs and their owners were wearing their tutus, but the people did.

Gregg and Amy Tabor of Dallas brought five Shelties to the agility trial, but only three of them competed. Piper,

Gregg said his wife won two qualifications.

"I haven't won anything," he said. "But I had fun, and that's why we do this -- to play with our dogs and have fun. We always enjoy our stay here."

The Tabors didn't wear tutus. She said she didn't know where to get them.

They plan to make another agility trial this weekend at the Watt Arena in the Will Rogers Memorial Center in Fort Worth, he said.

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TRAFFIC

Motorist killed in I-35 crash in Temple

STAFF REPORT

A motorist was killed early Sunday morning when a vehicle crashed into an Interstate 35 retaining wall.

Temple Police officers investigating the fatal accident that occurred at about 1:45 a.m. on southbound I-35 near exit 299.

"The vehicle struck the retaining wall near the exit, causing the crash," Temple Police Department said in a news release. "The driver was the only occupant in the vehicle."

The motorist's identity will be released after next of kin are notified, the release said.

The incident hampered travel on southbound I-35 for hours as the investigation continued early Sunday.

Two southbound lanes and exit 299 were closed during the investigation.

Police ask that anyone with information

contact them at 254-298-5500 or the Bell County Crime Stoppers at 254-526-8477, where callers can report anonymously.

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Table with 2 columns: Tax Rate Type and Rate. Includes Proposed Tax Rate, No-New-Revenue Tax Rate, and Voter-Approval Tax Rate.

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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 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON 08/25/2022 at 01:30 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 Clearwater UWCD of CLEARWATER U.W.C.D. at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

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FOR the proposal: Leland Gersbach, David Cole, Scott Brooks, Jody Williams and Gary Young.

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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.

Table with 4 columns: Category, 2021, 2022, Change. Rows include Total tax rate, Average homestead taxable value, Tax on average homestead, and Total tax levy on all properties.

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LOTTO TEXAS Saturday night's Lotto Texas numbers 18-22-24-25-34

CASH FIVE Saturday night's Cash 5 numbers 1-5-9-24-35

POWERBALL Saturday night's Powerball numbers 19-24-35-43-62 Powerball number 2 Power Play number 10



Ronnie King is finishing up a haircut for Jaydis Tatum, 10, as mom Ashley Tatum of Copperas Cove looks on. She brought in her three boys for haircuts Sunday at Ronnie's Cuts and was able to receive haircuts and backpacks to start school Tuesday.

SCHOOL

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as students, bus drivers and parents get into the swing of commuting to campus. Be aware that traffic patterns around school zones may have changed since the last school year, according to TxDOT. "Stay alert and put your cell phone away," say law enforcement personnel and school officials. "Using a handheld electronic device while driving in an active school zone is against the law."

And, TxDOT reminds drivers to always obey school zone speed limit signs. Remember, traffic fines increase in school zones.

Drop off and pick up your children in your school's designated areas, not the middle of the street. Keep an eye on children gathered at bus stops. Watch for children who might dart across the street or between vehicles.

And if these recommendations weren't enough, the Killeen Police Department and KISD staff will be out at school campuses to assist if needed or to issue citations where necessary.

ARREST

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County Sheriff's Office appreciates the support that the Williamson County community has shown towards the solving of this tragic crime," Williamson County sheriff's Cmdr. John Foster said in a written statement.

The sheriff's office said it would provide no further details, since the investigation is ongoing.

Pier was found shot to death Aug. 4 along County Road 245 outside of Florence. She might have been killed after

stopping to help someone, law enforcement officials previously said.

Pier was driving home from visiting a relative in Round Rock when the incident occurred, officials have said.

Diana Pier's husband, John Pier, said he and his wife had lived in the Round Rock area since 1985 and moved to Florence about four years ago. He declined further comment.

According to Diana Pier's obituary, she and her husband were planning to travel to Italy to celebrate their 44th year of marriage. She was a legal secretary, a notary

and worked at Exfluo/FluoroMed for 24 years as a document controller, the obituary said.

She belonged to St. Helen Catholic Church in Georgetown, the obituary said. She also belonged to Saint William Catholic Church in Round Rock for 35 years, where she taught and sang in the choir, according to the obit. It said she led the children's story hour at the Florence Public Library as a volunteer, was on the board of Our Lady of the Rosary Cemetery, was the bereavement leader of Christ Child Society and provided care to elderly people.

CAPITOL

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on Capitol Hill remain on edge after supporters of the then-president stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

Authorities said the man, identified as Richard A. York III, 29, of Delaware, crashed into the barricade and that as he was getting out of the car, the vehicle became engulfed in flames. The man then opened fire, firing several shots into the air as police approached.

Capitol Police said the man shot himself as the officers neared. He was later pronounced dead.

Capitol Police Chief Tom Manger said officers did not hear the man say anything before he opened fire "indiscriminately" in the street with a handgun and walked toward the Capitol building. Authorities are investigating whether the man may have set his car on fire, the

chief said, because the collision did not appear to cause the blaze.

Police officers at the scene saw the man fatally shoot himself as they approached, Manger said.

The chief said investigators located addresses for the man in Delaware and Pennsylvania and learned he had a criminal history in the past decade, though his motive remained unclear and he had no links to the Capitol.

"We don't have any information that would indicate his motivation at this point," Manger said.

Police said "it does not appear the man was targeting any member of Congress" and that investigators are examining the man's background as they work to try to discern a motive. Both the House and Senate are in recess and very few staff members work in the Capitol complex at that hour.

Authorities said no other injuries were reported and police do not believe any officers returned fire.

a U.S. government plane landing about 7 p.m. Sunday at Songshan Airport in Taipei, the Taiwanese capital. Four members of the delegation were on the plane. Markey met with South

Lowenthal from California and Don Beyer from Virginia. Chinese warplanes have continued crossing the midpoint of the Taiwan Strait on a daily basis even after the con-

"China has overreacted, and its actions continue to be provocative, destabilizing, and unprecedented," Kurt Campbell, a deputy assistant to President Joe Biden, said on a call with reporters.

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	2021	2022	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	0.003100	0.002802	9.61 decrease
Average homestead taxable value	193,727	219,528	13.31 increase
Tax on average homestead	6	6	0 increase
Total Tax Levy on all properties	789,994	844,922	6.95 increase

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