

GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE WATER DISTRICT

East Cedar Creek Fresh Water Supply District (ECCFWSD) was created by the state legislature in 1977. Although the district title states "Fresh Water Supply District" the district is actually a "Municipal Utility District" of the State of Texas, a governmental agency entitled to sovereign immunity under the constitution and laws of the state in the performance of the governmental functions of providing water and wastewater services. The District's governing authority is vested in a seven-member Board of Directors. Board members qualify to serve by execution of the constitutional oath of office. Board members are elected for four-year terms with three or four positions elected every two years. Current board members under the "ABOUT US" section under Board of Directors. The District's first Board of Directors were appointed by the state and included Roscoe Welch, William W. Turner, Fred Willis, Jerome T. David, David S. Leinbach, C.P. Ackles, and Dalton Bynum. Following this first appointed Board, directors are elected to office for four year terms. If at any time the number of qualified directors should fall below four, the Commissioner's Court of Henderson County will restore the Board's membership to seven by appointments. The district's general elections are held in November of even numbered years. Anyone wanting information concerning the qualifications for a position of Board member should contact the District's main office at the intersection of Welch Lane and Hammer Road in Gun Barrel City. The Board of Directors has the authority to do any and all acts necessary, proper or expedient to carry out the purposes for which the District was organized. As a public entity, the District's Board of Directors conducts its business in open, public session except for personnel, legal, and real estate issues which may be discussed in closed executive sessions. The Board is prohibited by state law from acting upon any issue in a closed session. Currently, the District's Board of Directors holds a general meeting each month, usually on the third Wednesday of the month. These public meetings are held at the District's main office building at 12:30 pm. For an item or subject area to be discussed or acted upon by the Board, it must be listed as an item on a meeting agenda which is published and made public a minimum of 72 hours prior to any meeting. Time is provided on the agenda for public comments. Anyone wanting to address the Board concerning a business or service matter will be allowed to do so during the public comment portion of the meeting. Occasionally, the Board may hold a special meeting to address special issues. Sometimes, they hold workshops where they may discuss issues but may not take action or make decisions. At all meetings, general, special, or workshop, the publication known as "Robert's Rules of Order" constitutes the rules of order for the conduct of these meetings. The current Board of Directors encourages public attendance to their meetings. As board members, they are public servants, striving to do what is best for the District's customers while ensuring public health regarding the District's services. In meeting their obligations, the Board is oftentimes confronted with tough decisions concerning District policies, needs, rates and fees. As a non-profit entity, the Board strives to balance its annual budget with the necessary revenues to meet the necessary expenses.