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**MINUTES**

**Of the October 2, 2023**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

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| **Directors Present:** | Harvey Hayek, Leo Wick, Cynthia Rodibaugh, Mark Heinrich, Robert Leer |
| **Directors Absent:** | None |
| **Others Present:** | David Van Dresar, General Manager, Wendi Pyle, Administrative Assistant; Monique Norman, Legal Counsel, Paul Kirby, DBSA, Public: Matthew & Annette Holdeman, Andy Wier |

The meeting was called to order by President Wick at 9:30 a.m., on October 2, 2023, at the Fayette County Agricultural Building Conference Room 104 located at 255 Svoboda Lane, in La Grange, Texas. A quorum to conduct business was declared to be present.

President Wick asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Minutes from the September 11, 2023 Board of Directors meeting and the September 11, 2023 Tax Rate Hearing were presented by Mr. Van Dresar. Mr. Hayek made the motion to approve the minutes from both the Regular meeting and the Tax Rate Hearing. Mr. Heinrich seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Ms. Pyle presented the September 2023 financial statements. Mr. Leer made the motion to approve the financial statements and to pay the outstanding bills. Mr. Hayek seconded the motion and it was approved.

The board considered action on changing health insurance provider for the District. Ms. Pyle presented the Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance quote for approval. Ms. Pyle explained to the board the options available and requested approval. Ms. Pyle and Mr. Van Dresar both informed the board of directors that both were on board with the new insurance plan being presented. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Hayek made the motion to accept the change in insurance provider coverage for the District. Mrs. Rodibaugh seconded the motion and it was approved.

The board considered action on pursuing a storage unit rental. Mr. Van Dresar and Ms. Pyle presented the board with a brief overview of the cost of the storage unit rental. Ms. Pyle explained to the board that currently the office is not able to accommodate the equipment and files and a need for a storage unit for a short time period would allow the staff to move files required by the State to be kept and go through the Records Retention process and hold equipment that isn’t used on a daily basis. Mrs. Rodibaugh made the motion to approve the request for the storage unit. Mr. Leer seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Mr. Van Dresar presented the District Manager’s report to the board:

**Complaints:**

Received a report of a flex pipe running from Fayette County to Gonzales County on Branecky Road near Flatonia. On September 18, I conducted an investigation of the report. Upon arrival in the area, a flexible pipe was seen on Highway 90 traveling north on Old Waelder Road and continuing west on Highway 90. I followed the flex pipe along Branecky Road and into Gonzales County. The pipe terminated at a frac pond in Gonzales County where I noted the line connected to a pump. Pictures were obtained. I contacted Gonzales County UWCD and informed the General Manager of the flex pipe. I followed the flex pipe back into Fayette County to a location near Interstate 10 where the line was seen enter a property. Pictures were obtained.

Gonzales County UWCD contacted the oil company that owned the flex line and informed them of the violation. Gonzales County UWCD will have jurisdiction of this case.

**Meetings and Public Education:**

No public education or meeting was attended in the month of September.

**General Business**

1. **Update on GMA 12 and GMA 15** 
   * GMA-15 – No meeting was held.
   * GMA-12 – No meeting was held.
2. **Update on Permit Approval**
   * + One permit was approved by the General Manager in the month of September.
       - P-2023-005 to Steve Hillhouse for 90 acre feet per year to be used as irrigation water.
3. **Drought Conditions (see attachments)**
   * As of September 28, Fayette County remains under D4 (Extreme Drought) conditions.
   * Rainfall averaged 2.38 inches total. The gauge at Carmine collected the most with 4.71 inches and the gauge at Buckner’s Creek collecting the least with 0.99 inches.
4. **Update Legislature and News Articles**

* Legislative update as available

1. **Unsold Properties Update**

* Four bids for unsold property in the month of September being:
  + 47699: Clear Lake Pines, Section 3, Lot 352, a bid of $1,800.00 was rejected from James McGraw
  + 47699: Clear Lake Pines, Section 3, Lot 352, 0.3542, a bid of $6,200.00 was accepted from Kimberley Girard
  + 27971: GAR-ZAP (407), Blk L, .5, 21,780 SFT, No bldgs. or MH, a bid of $1,000.00 was rejected from Matthew Childress
  + 27971: GAR-ZAP (407), Blk L, .5, 21,780 SFT, No bldgs. or MH, a bid of $3,000.00 was accepted from S. Nicole Mackey

Items were identified for the next meeting’s agenda.

There being no further business, Mr. Heinrich made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Mr. Leer seconding the motion and the motion was approved. President Wick adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Leo Wick, Sr., President Cynthia Rodibaugh, Secretary/Treasurer