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**MINUTES**

**Of the August 7, 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, Attorney, Paul Kirby, DBSA |

The meeting was called to order by President Wick at 9:30 a.m. on August 7, 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 July 10, 2023 Board of Directors meeting were presented by Mr. Van Dresar. Mr. Leer made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Hayek seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Minutes from the July 10, 2023 Public Hearing were presented by Mr. Van Dresar. Mr. Hayek made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Leer seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

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

Ms. Pyle presented the audit contract from Trlicek & Co. for approval. After a brief discussion, Mr. Leer made the motion to accept the contract. Mrs. Rodibaugh seconded the motion and it was approved.

President Wick recessed the regular meeting at 9:40 a.m. to go into Executive Session.

President Wick called to order the regular meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Mrs. Norman informed Mr. Van Dresar that better communication with the Board of Directors regarding medical and military absences was required. Mr. Van Dresar is to inform each board member when he will be away from the office for military or medical reasons.

Mr. Van Dresar and Ms. Pyle presented the preliminary budget. The Board discussed the FY 2023 -2024 budget and the changes that were asked for during the July 10, 2023 workshop.

The 2023-2024 budget was considered for action by the board. Mr. Leer made the motion to approve the budget. Mr. Hayek seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

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

**Complaints:**

No complaints were received in the month of July.

**Meetings and Public Education:**

I attended the TWDB Funding Workshop on July 27 at the Old Casino Hall in La Grange. Approximately 50 people were in attendance. TWDB discussed the various funding programs offered to political subdivisions for water and waste water infrastructure projects and what is needed to qualify for the funding.

**General Business**

1. **Update on GMA 12 and GMA 15** 
   * GMA-15 – Held a meeting on July 13 in Victoria. Paul and I attended the meeting. General business items were discussed. The main topic of discussion was with the TWDB regarding the new Central Gulf Coast Groundwater Availability Model. The representative from the TWDB received the questions and stated that he would forward them to the appropriate individuals at TWDB. Additionally, Victoria County GCD will distribute an RFQ to solicit consultants to assist the GMA during this round of planning.
   * GMA-12 – No meeting was held.
2. **Update on Permit Approval**
   * One permit application was processed by the General Manager during the month of July being:
     + P-2023-004 to ROCC Operating, LLC for 199 acre feet/year of water to be used for hydrocarbon fracing.
3. **Drought Conditions** 
   * As of August 1, Fayette County is under D1 (Abnormally Dry) conditions. D2 conditions are slowly moving into the county along the boundary with Bastrop County.
   * Rainfall averaged 0.92 inches total. The gauge at La Grange collected the most with 2.11 inches and the gauge at Muldoon collecting the least with 0.01 inches.
4. **Update Legislature and News Articles**

* Legislative update as available

1. **Unsold Properties Update**

* No bids for unsold property in the month of July

**Upcoming Meetings and Seminars**

August 24-GMA 12 meeting in Milano. (Tentative at the time of this report)

August 29-31-TAGD Groundwater Summit in San Antonio

September 4- District office closed for Labor Day

Items were identified for the next meeting’s agenda.

There being no further business, Mrs. Rodibaugh made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Mr. Leer seconding the motion and the motion was approved. President Wick adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

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