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**MINUTES**

**Of the January 8, 2024**

**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 Labus, Administrative Assistant; Monique Norman, Legal Counsel, Paul Kirby, DBSA, Matt Holdeman, resident |

The public hearing to consider action on the revised District Management Plan was called to order by President Wick at 9:30 a.m., on January 8, 2024, 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.

Mr. Van Dresar presented the board with revisions that were required by the Texas Water Development board that were received in December 2023. Specifically, Mr. Van Dresar discussed the addition of goal standard 3.2.b. regarding where the district monitors drought information and requirements to report on drought condition at least quarterly. Goal 7, addressing surface water management issues, was required, which annually documents the district’s participation in the regional water planning process. Goal 8, addressing natural resource issues, was required, which will annually document the number of new oil and gas units completed in the district and the number of complaints of contamination that the district received. Mr. Van Dresar stated that a correction was made to a number value in one of the tables. Mr. Van Dresar stated that the required revisions were emailed back to the Texas Water Development Board and staff was awaiting comment.

After a brief discussion and receiving no comments, Mr. Van Dresar read the resolution into the record. Mrs. Rodibaugh made the motion to adopt the revised management plan and allow staff to make any non-substantive changes if the Texas Water Development Board made any additional comments. Mr. Leer seconded the motion and Mrs. Labus conducted a roll call vote. The management plan was adopted with four ayes and Mr. Hayek voting nay.

There being no further agenda items, President Wick adjourned the public hearing at 9:50 a.m.

Mr. Wick call the meeting of the board of directors to order at 9:50 am. Immediately following the public hearing. A quorum to conduct business was declared to be present.

Mr. Wick asked for public comment. Mr. Leer presented a resignation letter to the board of directors, resigning his position and stated that he was doing so because he was disappointed that public funds were used in December to pay bills without being approved.

Mr. Leer exited the meeting.

Minutes from the November 6, 2023 Board of Directors meeting were presented by Mr. Van Dresar. Mrs. Rodibaugh made the motion to approve the minutes with one correction. Mr. Heinrich seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Mrs. Labus presented the November and December 2023 financial statements. Mrs. Rodibaugh made the motion to approve the financial statements and to pay the outstanding bills. Mr. Heinrich seconded the motion and it was approved. Mrs. Labus stated that the board of directors approves bills to be paid the month prior, so the bills in December were approved by the board in November. Mrs. Norman stated that by approving the budget for the fiscal year that the line item bills listed in the budget were approved for payment and didn’t need board approval each month.

The board considered action on check signing. Mrs. Rodibaugh made the motion to remove Mr. Leer from the check signing card at the bank. Mr. Heinrich seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

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

**Complaints:**

No complaints received in the month of December.

**Meetings and Public Education:**

On December 19, staff from the Brazoria County GCD were in the office to discuss the HALFF database.

**General Business**

1. **Update on GMA 12 and GMA 15** 
   * No GMA meetings in the month of December
2. **Update on Permit Approval**
   * + No permit was approved by the General Manager in the month of December.
3. **Drought Conditions (see attachments)**
   * As of December 26, all of Fayette County remains under D1 (Moderate Drought) conditions.
   * Rainfall averaged 1.82 inches total. The gauge at Buckner’s Creek collected the most with 2.63 inches and the gauge at Lake Fayette Power Plant collecting the least with 1.12 inches.
4. **Update Legislature and News Articles**

* Legislative update as available

1. **Unsold Properties Update**

* No unsold property in the month of December

Mr. Kirby updated the board regarding the static monitoring wells sites that were visited for data collection in December.

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. Heinrich seconding the motion and the motion was approved. President Wick adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

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