

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
HARDIN COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hardin County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1 was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, pursuant to notice duly posted in accordance with law. The meeting was held at 333 Commercial Drive, Hardin County, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Jack Maddox

Buddy Hughes

Tim Jones

Jody Aiena

Absent: Tim Beard

Also present were Wayne Turk, representatives of Utility Innovations, a representative of LJA Engineering and Guy N. Goodson as legal counsel to the District.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Maddox.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Public Comments. None.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Minutes. The Board approved the minutes of October 15, 2019 upon motion duly made by President Maddox and seconded by Director Jones.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Manager's Report.

(a) Operational Report:

President Maddox recognized the representatives of Utility Specialties who presented the Operator's Report dated November 19, 2019. The report was reviewed as to work performed, well pumpage, completion of the lead and copper sampling and repairs made on

District facilities or at customers residences. It was noted that Utility Specialties had purchased two panels and six pumps and had two panels and three pumps in inventory.

(b) Repairs due to Harvey: It was noted this item was directly related to Agenda Item No. 7, so President Maddox moved to a report and possible action on the TTHM issues.

(c) TTHM Issues:

A lengthy discussion followed concerning the District's wells, the aquifer from which the District secured its water and other operational issues to address the possible reason for the District's 2-year problems with TTHM levels. President Maddox indicated that he had spoken with other entities and felt that a transition to use of chloramines was not necessarily the most viable solution due to the additional operational cost that would be associated with their use. President Maddox questioned the District's operators as to whether recent changes in chemical components could have led to any of the TTHM issues, and the operators indicated they were not aware of any chemical issues, but both President Maddox and the District's operators agreed that a more aggressive flushing program should be undertaken immediately.

(d) TCEQ Enforcement Action:

President Maddox stated he was only aware of the pending issue on the TCEQ enforcement.

(e) Lead-Copper Testing:

It was noted that this matter had been covered in the Manager's Report.

President Maddox also asked about the issue of balancing water pumpage and why that would be a desired goal of the District.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Well Site #1 Rehabilitation Project – project pay request and Certificate of Construction Completion. The Board recognized a representative of LJA

Engineering who had been onsite doing a final inspection of the final closeout items for the project. The Board was provided with a pay request in final from T. Johnson Industries together with a Certificate of Construction Completion. It was noted that the final pay request to T. Johnson Industries was in the amount of \$59,370.00. It was additionally noted there was an invoice from LJA Engineering on the project in the amount of \$886.00. After discussion and upon motion duly made by Director Aiena and seconded by Director Hughes, the Board approved the project pay request to T. Johnson Industries, the engineering invoice to LJA Engineering and approved the Certificate of Construction Completion, as submitted.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: TWDB CWSRF Urgent Need Project (Residential Sanitary Sewer Grinder Stations). The Board recognized the representative of LJA Engineering who indicated that the pre-bid meeting was scheduled for the following day on November 20 with the bid opening on November 26.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Report on Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) Public Assistance/approve actions for FEMA Public Assistance. The Board recognized Mr. Turk who provided a spreadsheet of payments received and noted that the District had received a payment for its direct administrative cost of \$16,963.00 related to grinder replacements. Mr. Turk noted this was the final funds that would be received by the District. He noted as well that final payment had been made by the Texas Municipal League, so the District had received all funds they should anticipate from the Hurricane/Tropical Storm Harvey recovery efforts. The Board thanked Mr. Turk for his continued efforts in this regard.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Report from Pine Island Bayou Drainage Committee. President Maddox made a brief report indicating that some funding had been authorized in the amount of \$5,000.00 for a cleanout of District drainage facilities and reported on a meeting which he attended

with other local interest groups about the creation of a drainage district to serve that area of Hardin County. President Maddox noted he had discussed the matter with legal counsel who advised of certain issues that would be related to establishment of a specific area rather than County or drain way wide drainage district. A discussion followed, and the Board agreed they would hear additionally from the Pine Island Bayou Drainage Committee and from County and Regional entities who were considering funding applications through the Texas Water Development Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Monthly Financial Statements. The Board recognized Mr. Turk who noted in the statement the receipt of the FEMA reimbursements as well as TML funds. After discussion and upon motion duly made by Director Hughes and seconded by President Maddox, the monthly financial statements were approved as presented.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Accounts Payable. Mr. Turk presented the monthly accounts payable in the amount of \$26,914.49 and noted the absence of an invoice from Eastex Labs and further noted the two notices for bidding and grinder systems in *The Examiner*. The Board asked that he inquire with LJA Engineering on this to confirm that this was not a double billing. After discussion and upon motion duly made by Director Hughes and seconded by Director Aiena, the Board approved the accounts payable in the amount of \$26,914.49.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Correspondence. The Board recognized Mr. Turk who provided several matters including correspondence from the Texas Municipal League and a voluntary program of the EPA.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Comments from Board Members. President Maddox raised additional issues including the continued need for drainage improvements, but more particularly that the District and residents should focus attention on working with the entities on this establishment of base flood elevations for properties in the District and noted what devastating effect it would have if

data from certain flood events was used to reestablish flood plain elevations and concurrent base flood elevations for constructive facilities. There were no additional comments from Board members.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: **Adjourn.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

President of the Board

Secretary of the Board