

**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, December 17, 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 Beard

Absent: Jody Aiena

Absent: Tim Jones

Also present were Wayne Turk, Josh Armfield and Karin Warren of Utility Innovations, Jeff Leavins 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 November 19, 2019 upon motion duly made by President Maddox and seconded by Director Hughes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Manager's Report.

(a) Operational Report:

The Board recognized Josh Armfield and Karin Warren of Utility Innovations. Mr. Armfield presented the Utility Innovations Management Report dated December 17, 2019 and noted that Utility Innovations had responded to 21 grinder calls. The Board then

entered into a lengthy discussion concerning the variance in the water pumpage between Water Well #1 and Water Well #2 and whether there could be a better well balancing as President Maddox indicated he was concerned about excess motor initiations, stoppages and what effect it may have on the life of the water well motors. The Board agreed to continue monitoring the matter and moved to a review of matters in the Operations Report. Mr. Armfield noted that the District Operator was awaiting the remaining lead and copper sampling results and had performed one line locate, repaired two water meter leaks, repaired a sewer leak in an alley behind Pine Needles and Pine Timbers, had zero panels and zero pumps purchased, and had one panel and two pumps in inventory as of the end of the month of November. Questions followed from President Maddox as to whether additional pumps or panels had been acquired, and Mr. Turk stated there were additional pumps and panels acquired since the end of November.

(b) Repairs due to Harvey: No action on this item.

(c) TTHM Issues:

The Board recognized Karin Warren who provided a TCEQ guidance document and detailed data for the past 15 years concerning the District's water operations and TTHM levels. Ms. Warren indicated that after review, it was the opinion of Utility Innovations that the high TTHM levels were due to bromides, and the method for eliminating or reducing the bromides was better aeration of the District's water supply. The Board was concerned over the possible cost of installing an aeration system and whether any permitting would be required. A discussion followed, and Mr. Armfield stated it was not his opinion that a permit amendment would be required as the addition of aeration was not modification or injection of chemical into the water, but rather reconfiguration of a facility for operational

purposes. Both he and Ms. Warren indicated they would reach out to the TCEQ technical systems group on the possible resolution through aeration of the bromide issue.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: TWDB CWSRF Urgent Need Project (Residential Sanitary Sewer Grinder Stations) – Presentation of bid tabulation and recommendation of bid award. The Board recognized Jeff Leavins who presented his bid tabulation for the proposed TWDB grant funded sanitary sewer grinder pump station project. The bids were reviewed, and it was noted that the low bidder who LJA Engineering had qualified for the project was Jet Aeration with a base bid plus supplemental bid totaling \$330,175.20. It was noted that an additional alternate bid item for installation of additional electrical conduit in the amount of \$28,457.00 was not recommended for award at this time but would be considered later after presenting information to the TWDB for elimination of certain grinder units in an amount sufficient to fund this additional bid alternative and would be accomplished through a grant change order amendment. After discussion and upon motion duly made by President Maddox and seconded by Director Hughes, the Board authorized the award of the sanitary sewer grinder pump station project to Jet Aeration in the amount for \$330,175.20.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Report on Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) Public Assistance/approve actions for FEMA Public Assistance. The Board recognized Wayne Turk who indicated that as he had previously reported, the District had received its funds for direct administrative cost, and there would be no more funds being received from FEMA and all that was remaining was the closeout of the existing projects.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Report from Pine Island Bayou Drainage Committee. No members of the Committee were present, but President Maddox did note that certain ditches within the District had been mowed, and also, after the mowing, it was noted by residents in the District that there was

a continued erosion problem. A discussion then followed as to the responsibilities for the maintenance of the drainage facilities within the District, and President Maddox indicated that in previous conversations, County representatives indicated that while they had received a grant to improve drainage facilities through the District, the County was not responsible for continued maintenance. Legal counsel suggested that the District secure a copy of the GLO grant agreement between the County and GLO, as it would delineate responsibilities for both construction and maintenance of GLO funded projects.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Monthly Financial Statements. The Board recognized Mr. Turk who presented the monthly financial statements noting District deposits for service fees and expenses to be paid. After discussion and upon motion duly made by Director Beard and seconded by Director Hughes, the financial statements were approved as presented.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Accounts Payable. Mr. Turk presented the accounts payable in the amount of \$29,020.06. In reviewing those, a question was raised as to an invoice from Automatic Pump & Equipment in the amount of \$588.00. Mr. Armfield noted that invoice should have been direct billed by Automatic Pump to the operator and not to the District. After adjusting and removing that invoice, Mr. Turk presented invoices for payment. After discussion and upon motion duly made by Director Hughes and seconded by Director Beard, the Board approved the accounts payable as revised.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Engineering invoices for Well #1 and grant project. The Board recognized Mr. Turk who presented an invoice in the amount of \$1,341.00 from LJA Engineering for the closeout of the Well #1 project. After discussion and upon motion duly made by President Maddox and seconded by Director Hughes, the LJA invoice was approved for payment as presented.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Correspondence. The Board recognized Mr. Turk who presented correspondence from the State on the limitations placed under Senate Bill 2 and other correspondence followed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Comments from Board Members. Comments then followed from the Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

President of the Board

Secretary of the Board