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, May 18, 2021, 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

Tim Jones

Tim Beard

Allen Davis

Absent: Buddy Hughes

Also present were Wayne Turk, Office Manager, and representatives of Utility Specialties Mrs. Marty Adams, and Mr. Davenport.

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 minutes of April 20, 2021 were unanimously approved upon motion duly made by President Maddox and seconded by Director Beard.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Manager's Report.

(a) Operational Report:

The Board recognized representatives of Utility Specialties, and Mr. Davenport presented the Operators Report:

- 1. In April we responded to 14 grinder calls
- 2. Amount of water pumped at Well #1 was 1.257 MG Avg. of 41,900 per day
- 3. Amount of water pumped at Well #2 was 1.470 MG Avg. of 49,013 per day
- 4. 14 Line Locates
- 5. Called out to 1014 Pine Timbers, issue was at sewer tap, dug up and repaired
- 6. Repaired sewer leak on Pine Shadows caused by contractor

- 7. Replaced check valve at main on sewer at 302 Pinehurst
- 8. Well #1 Generator had temp light on. Installed new block heater
- 9. Used 2 Refurbished pumps, 5 in stock
- 10. Purchased 0 Panels and 0 Pumps
- 11. We have 0 Panel and 2 Pumps

President Maddox will talk with the District's attorney regarding invoicing for the repairs to the sewer line cut by the contractor on Pine Shadows.

Mr. Davenport also reported on the status of Booster Pump #2 for Well #1: Automatic Pump is currently waiting on bearings that come from China. The Board then reviewed the possibility of getting the pump that is in the storage unit checked out and use it to replace that #2 pump. Mr. Davenport stated that the pump was taken to Automatic Pump and they are to provide a cost for any repairs (it had gone under water). Also getting a price for a motor.

President Maddox asked about the repair of a grinder pump and Mrs. Adams stated that a new pump was being checked out, and there were changes to the design. The old style pump was no longer available.

A report from Karen, on chlorine residuals in the water system, was reviewed. The TCEQ answered a customer complaint for corrosive water. The TCEQ tested Well #1 and in the distribution found level of chloride above the secondary constituent allowable level of 300 mg/L. The district will be required to show the level has been lowered through operational changes, if possible. Operations will take base line samples and then make some changes to operations and take samples again to see if levels are lowered.

Questions followed from the Board, and after discussion and upon motion duly made by Director Beard and seconded by President Maddox, the Manager's Report was approved as presented.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: **Monthly Financial Statements.** The Board recognized Wayne Turk who presented the accounting statement from BBVA Compass Bank dated May 18, 2021. Mr. Turk noted that the TWDB CWSRF grant was now complete, and the bank account closed. Mr. Turk also noted the District was getting back to a stable condition with reserves for emergency issues that may develop

from storms and hurricanes. After review and upon motion duly made by Director Beard and seconded by President Maddox, the monthly financial statements were approved as presented.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Accounts Payable. The Board again recognized Mr. Turk who provided the

accounts payable. Director Beard asked about the charge for asbestos testing. Mr. Turk provided information that was on the invoice that stated the required tests of the water system to comply with TCEQ requirements. After discussion and upon motion duly made by President Maddox and seconded by Director Beard, the Board unanimously approved the accounts payable in the amount of \$20,593.59.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Update status of TWDB Grant and Contract. Mr. Turk again noted the TWDB grant was closed but Amegy Bank had invoiced for annual Administrative fees. TCEQ had contracted with Amegy Bank to hold the grant funds and an administrative fee of \$500 was required every February. Even though the project was completed in October, 2020, it wasn't until March, 2021 that TWDB had completed their review and released the balance of the funds. Thus, Amegy Bank issued another invoice in February, 2021 for the fee. Mr. Turk had requested it be waved but Amegy Bank management would not do it. He is currently reviewing with the TWDB contact but the fee will likely be on the bills for next month's meeting. The Board acknowledged that would likely happen.

<u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 8</u>: **Correspondence**. The Board recognized Mr. Turk who advised the District had received the following:

- Notice that TASI Group had acquired Mission communications.
- The estimated 2021 Taxable Value of the District--\$101,055,428.
- Notice from TCEQ about "Drought Response for Public Water Systems." No action needed unless the Board changes existing procedures.
- Notice from TCEQ that an emailed copy of the 2020 audit wasn't acceptable. A hard copy was
 mailed to them with a record of their receipt.
- The EMMA data has been files with regard to the 2020 audit.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Comments from Board Members. President Maddox asked if the water meter readings had been carried out as contracted. Mrs. Adams stated that Utility Specialties had it done in a timely manner—no problems.

There was some discussion regarding a service for Kilgore and that he will have to pay for relocation of the grinder unit. The Board directed Mr. Turk to invoice for that service.

President Maddox noted that the District has locations that use water and it isn't paid for, specifically the fire/emergency station that uses the minimum amount every month, and the Park. In the recent month, there was over 80,000 gallons used at the Park. Director Davis noted that there is a \$25 charge to reserve the Park for private parties. He will review the water usage with the community committee and see if they can help pay for this excessive use of water.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: **Adjourn**. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

ATTEST:	President of the Board	
Secretary of the Board		