

**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, July 16, 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

Tim Beard

Tim Jones

Jody Aiena

Buddy Hughes

Also present were Wayne Turk, Josh Armfield and Mrs. Marty Adams of Utility Innovations.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by President Maddox.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Public Comments. None.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Minutes. The Board approved the minutes of June 18, 2019 upon motion duly made by Director Beard and seconded by Director Hughes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Manager's Report.

(a) Operational Report:

The Board recognized Josh Armfield who presented the Utility Specialties Operator's Report for the month of June. Mr. Armfield noted that Utility Specialties responded to 38 grinder calls, provided a report on water pumpage at each well site, performed 5 locates,

responded to 1 brown water call and 1 leak, installed 1 auto flusher at 1310 Lakeview (North End), replaced 3 panel and 3 grinder pumps, repaired front and side fence at Well#2, changed float for skimmer and cleaned Chlorine Contact Chamber at Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Armfield closed with advising that Utility Specialties had 2 panels and 3 grinder pumps in inventory.

Mr. Armfield provided a quote to recondition the “Fine Barrel Screen” for the Waste Water Treatment Plant feed stream. The Board approved the reconditioning last month and the cost was \$5,700.00, and will be done as soon as possible.

There was a discussion about installation of another auto flusher. A motion was duly made by Director Beard and seconded by Director Aiena to install one at 356 Pine Shadows (Pineglen intersection).

(b) Repairs due to Harvey: Covered under other agenda items.

(c) TTHM Issues:

Recent samples taken in June. The sample from Lakeview was 72.4 after a lot of flushing. The sample from Pine Shadows was 127. After that the water in the storage tanks were tested on July 2nd, and Well#1 was 80.8 and Well#2 was 103.0. Changed control settings to get lowered levels in both tanks to get a higher turnover:

	Previous Settings (feet)	New Settings (feet)
Stop Well Pump	22	12
Start Well Pump	15	6
Stop Booster Pumps	12	4

This will still have storage of 14,000 gallons at well #1 and 22,000 gallons at well#2. These tanks will be re-tested on 7/17/19.

Also tested water from the well heads on July 2. Well#1 had 0.491 and Well#2 0.189 dissolved bromides (source of TTHM). Dissolved solids were 736 & 492 at the respective wells. It was noted that Well#2 was cleaned as part of the recommissioning Harvey work. Perhaps Well#1 could be done to see if that helps reduce TTHM bromides.

The next step may require the use another chemical, “LAX Treatment” that Meeker is presently using to eliminate the TTHM. It requires very close controls and could cause nitrogen problems.

(d) TCEQ Enforcement Action:

Another TTHM NOV was issued on June 25 for exceeding the level in the 2nd quarter (127 level noted previously). This will require another notice be mailed to everyone and will make it harder to get the average down to eliminate these NOV’s.

(e) Lead-Copper Testing:

The required number of samples (10) were obtained and sent to the lab. Currently waiting on test results.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Well Site #1 Rehabilitation Project—Status and Pay Request

President Maddox reported that a meeting has been set for 10:00am on July 17, 2019, at the LJA Office for a “Pre-Construction Review,” and signing of the contract.

Invoices from LJA for the Sewer Treatment Plant and Well#1 work were reviewed and approved for payment, \$1,175.00, upon motion duly made by President Maddox and seconded by Director Jones.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: TWDB CWSRF Urgent Need Project (Residential Sanitary Sewer

Grinder Stations). The Board recognized Mr. Turk who reported on a meeting held with Jeff Leavins and his engineer at the LJA offices on Thursday, July 11, 2019. The scope of the bid

request was being finalized. The spread sheet with all of the Districts accounts on it will be used to direct the replacement of the grinder panels. Those that have not been replaced and still marked with a 1 in the column “Projected Panel Replace” will be designated for replacement in the bid package (presently 206). There is \$338,000 available for this work. The bid specifications will outline the replacement of the panels and the purchase of grinder pumps with the remainder of the funds.

Mr. Armfield noted that it would be a great help and improve operations if a 2” conduit run could be done as part of the panel replacement project to get the pump terminations out of the ground tank terminal box and use the floats that come with the panels. He will discuss with Mr. Leavins.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Report on Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”)

Public Assistance/approve actions for FEMA Public Assistance. The Board received a report from Wayne Turk:

- Mr. Turk briefly reviewed the issues with the final payment request for the grinder station work. The last issue was a seven question list of issues dealing with the FEMA competitive bidding requirements, and why they were not followed. Still waiting for the results of that review.
- Mr. Turk noted that he was to be in a conference call on Wednesday to review the questions on how the Administration for the grant applications was awarded and paid. This maybe the last step in getting the \$24,767 for this part of the grants.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Report from Pine Island Bayou Drainage Committee.

Director Beard reported that Mrs. Jeanie Turk advised that a meeting of the committee will be held Thursday, July 18, 2019, at 6:00pm in the REMAX A-Frame office. Noted that at least five people

will be attending. It was stated that recently passed Texas Senate Bills 7 & 8 will begin the study for a “Regional Flood Control Plan” and the District needed to be active in this work.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Monthly Financial Statements. The Board recognized Mr. Turk who presented the BBVA Bank statement dated July 16, 2019. Mr. Turk provided a detailed review of the accounting statement noting TML Insurance deposit of \$120,000 and the TWDB deposits of \$16,210.00 for “Outlays#3 & 4.” After discussion and upon motion duly made by Director Beard and seconded by Director Aiena, the financial statements were approved as presented.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Accounts Payable. The Board recognized Mr. Turk who reviewed the accounts payable in the amount of \$38,375.29, reviewed various invoices and directed the Board’s attention to matters including the invoices to Automatic Pump & Equipment and the system repairs from Simply Aquatics. After discussion and upon motion duly made by Director Hughes and seconded by Director Beard, the accounts payable in the amount of \$38,375.29 were approved for payment as presented.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Correspondence. Mr. Turk reviewed the following:

- TCEQ letters of June 19th ---NOV for issues from Waste Water Treatment Plant inspection of April w, 2019. Noted that most of the items have already been addressed by Utility Innovations.
- TCEQ letters of June 25th ---NOV on TTHM
- TCEQ letters of June 26th ---Notice for “Operational Evaluation Report” due by September 11, 219 due to high level of TTHM.
- Email notice from Jeff Walker with Texas Water Development Board regarding new flood financing programs and a state flood planning process. This will be turned over to the District’s “Drainage Committee.”

- Dun & Bradstreet letter to update file. Mr. Turk called them and provided correct mailing address and confirmed that they already had the 2018 audit on file.
- S&P Global issued a notice about Senate Bill-2 that will limit the M&O tax revenue to no more than 3.5% above the previous year without voter approval. This is effective with tax year 2020. Fitch Ratings-Austin commented that immediate rating actions is not expected but it does “weaken one of the key powers that a government has to control its financial position and leaves it more vulnerable to weakening if other credit strengths deteriorate.”
- Mr. Goodson issued a notice about another changed voted in by the Texas Legislature that creates an affirmative right of the public to provide testimony on any item on an agenda. Although this becomes effective September 1, 2019, the District already has an agenda item at every meeting for “**Public Comments.**”
- Other listings and notices about new legislation was handed out to the Board.
- Mr. Turk reported that Liz Wills advised that Mr. Brett and Mrs. Kelly Hardy at 319 Pinemont had a bad water leak that was just repaired after two months. They have a \$386.40 bill after adjustments, but have not submitted the documents, and Mrs. Hardy said she was not feeling well and could not attend the meeting. The Board noted that they could not do anything without the proper documentation as required by the District’s ordinances.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Comments from Board Members.

President Maddox noted the water leak reported at 107 Pinehurst and wanted to make sure it was addressed. Mrs. Adams will follow up to make sure it was done.

President Maddox also discussed the sewer grinder tank that was relocated by at contractor at 1671 Pinehurst. He has been in discussion with the owner, Mr. Rob Lietzke, and he is expecting to get a

bill for the District's contractor to check that work. Mr. Turk was directed to issue a letter with the invoice for a refund of the expenses.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

President of the Board

Secretary of the Board