

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

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hardin County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1 was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, 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:

Ben Fox

Tim Jones

Buddy Hughes

Absent: Jack Maddox

Absent: Allen Davis

Also present were Wayne Turk and Guy N. Goodson of Germer PLLC as legal counsel to the District.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Vice President Hughes at 6:47 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Public Comments. None.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: 2023-2024 Budget. The Board recognized Wayne Turk who presented the proposed budget indicating based upon the anticipated tax collection rates and current revenues, the District could face a \$59,000 budget deficit. Mr. Turk presented the possibility of a \$10.00 per customer rate increase per month to balance the budget. A lengthy discussion followed and upon motion duly made by Director Fox and seconded by Director Jones, the Board unanimously approved the 2023-2024 budget as presented.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: 2023 Certified Tax Roll. The Board recognized Wayne Turk who provided the 2023 certified tax roll from the Hardin County Appraisal District noting a total taxable value of \$114,031,123, the 2023 uncertified appraisal roll showing taxable values of \$8,508,812 and the estimate of probable value of the uncertified roll of \$7,091,446. Questions followed and after discussion and upon motion duly made by Director Jones and seconded by Director Fox, the Board approved the 2023 certified tax roll as a total taxable value of \$114,031,123.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Set preliminary 2023 debt service and maintenance and operation tax rates for the District. The Board again recognized Mr. Turk who provided a schedule of the proposed tax rate along with Form 50-860 which had been prepared by the Hardin County tax office. Mr. Turk showed the maintenance and operation tax rate as 0.072890/\$100 valuation and the debt service rate was 0.214076/\$100 valuation for a total combined tax rate of 0.286966/\$100 valuation. After discussion and upon motion duly made by Director Hughes and seconded by Director Fox, the Board unanimously set the preliminary tax rate for maintenance and operation as 0.072890/\$100 valuation and the debt tax rate as 0.214076/\$100 valuation for a total preliminary tax rate of 0.286966/\$100 valuation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Set date and provide for publication of public hearing on proposed tax rate. Due to publication requirements in *The Examiner*, the Board would not be able to conduct the public hearing by its regularly scheduled meeting for September and, therefore, unanimously agreed to move the September regular meeting and public hearing on the proposed tax rate to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2023. After discussion and upon motion duly made by Director Fox and seconded by Director Jones, the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Action to submit tax rate reports to Hardin County. This agenda item was tabled until the September Board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

President of the Board

ATTEST:

Secretary of the Board