

**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, January 23, 2024, pursuant to notice duly posted in accordance with law. The meeting was held at the Hardin County Emergency Services District No. 5, 333 Commercial Drive, Hardin County, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Buddy Hughes

Tim Jones

Allen Davis

Jack Maddox

Absent: Ben Fox

Also present: Wayne Turk

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Public Comments. None.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: District's Existing Operations and Maintenance Contracts with Utility Innovations.

President Maddox stated that on Thursday, January 18, 2024, Josh called him and discussed the missing pump. Jack told him that Utility Innovations was the District's maintenance contractor and is accountable for the pump they took to Automatic Pump for evaluation and repair in 2021.

Josh then asked about the recent item on the Board's agenda to review contracts and asked "are you were going out for bids?" Jack told him the Board is reviewing the contracts and that would be a

Board decision. Jack stated that Josh then said “I guess I’m just going to get my resignation ready” and he hung up before Jack could reply.

For additional information, Jack informed the Board that Marty had sent an email on Monday, January 22, 2024, with an attached letter from Automatic Pump regarding the missing pump. Automatic Pump will provide a new pump and base to replace the missing pump, and asked if the District would purchase a motor. Jack will review this and determine the best course of action.

After more discussion Director Buddy Hughes moved to evaluate options over the next two days and then send Utility Innovations a 60 day notice per the Maintenance and Operation contracts. The motion was seconded by Director Jones and was approved as presented.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Engage Interim System Operation and Maintenance Services as needed to meet District Obligations.**

After some discussion President Maddox moved that Board will seek to engage interim system operation and maintenance management services if necessary to meet District obligations to customers. The motion was seconded by Director Jones and was approved as presented.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Comments from Board Members.**

Director Jones and President Maddox noted that all Board members have a responsibility and obligation to make things work for the District.

President Maddox noted that Keel doesn’t work under signed contracts for services, but provides services for Sour Lake and Northwest Forest. Rusty Wilson, JET, may also be a resource for operations and maintenance.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Adjourn.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. upon motion duly made by Director Hughes and seconded by Director Jones.

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President of the Board

ATTEST:

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Secretary of the Board