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 Monday, April 13, 2026, 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

Ben Fox

Allen Davis

Buddy Hughes

Also present were Wayne Turk, Joey Keel of Keel Enterprises, Jeff Leavins of Leavins Engineering & Design, LLC, 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 President Maddox at 6:31 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: **Oaths of Office and Board Reorganization.** After review of the Statements of Officers, the Oaths of Office were administered to each Board member elected including Wayne Turk, Ben Fox and Allen Davis. After discussion and upon motion duly made by Director Turk and seconded by Director Fox, the Board unanimously agreed to continue with the same officers as the Board currently had.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: **Public Comments.** None.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: **Minutes.** The minutes of March 9, 2026, were unanimously approved upon motion duly made by Director Fox and seconded by Director Davis.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: **Contract Operator/Maintenance Supervisor's Report, including review of the following:**

(a) **Operational Report.** The Board recognized Mr. Keel who presented the Operations Report for the month noting that Keel Enterprises had responded to 18 grinder calls and 2 water service leaks, and the District currently had 1 control panel and 2 grinder pumps in inventory. It was also noted that all sampling and report filing had been submitted timely along with meter reading and replacement of water meter lids. Mr. Keel specifically noted that a new grinder installation and tap were installed at 285 Idylwild Drive, and the blowers had been serviced at the WWTP. The District had received a call from Pempsco to service and repair worn items on the drum screen and replace the docker blade for a total of $5,200. After a brief discussion and upon motion duly made by Director Turk and seconded by Director Fox, the Board unanimously authorized Keel Enterprises to proceed with the work quoted by Pempsco. Mr. Keel then noted he had met with representatives of Hawkins onsite at the water plant to run water quality samples and test feed rates, and it was determined that the TTHM levels were low and, therefore, in good operating condition. Director Fox questioned the current water billing system, and Mr. Keel noted that everything was working adequately. After discussion and upon motion duly made by Director Fox and seconded by President Maddox, the Operations Report was unanimously approved as presented.

<u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 6</u>: **Water and Wastewater Projects and Funding.** The Board recognized Jeff Leavins who gave a brief report. After discussion and upon motion duly made by President Maddox and seconded by Director Fox, the Board directed Leavins Engineering & Design, LLC to proceed with filing applications for funding with the Texas Water Development Board. Mr. Leavins noted that his firm would possibly engage the services of a grant consultant to get the project funding applications filed, and the Board concurred.

<u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 7</u>: **Monthly Financial Statements.** The Board again recognized Mr. Turk who presented the accounting statement showing items related to customers on damaged checks or lost checks as well as noting the $5,000 new service fee at 445 Pine Shadows. Mr. Turk also mentioned the

payment by Paul Preston for the capacity study, and while not on the report, it was noted the fee from John Arcana for his capacity study had also been received. Mr. Turk then made a brief review of collections of ad valorem and maintenance taxes. After discussion and upon motion duly made by President Maddox and seconded by Director Hughes, the financial statements were approved as presented.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: **Accounts Payable.** The Board recognized Mr. Turk who reviewed the accounts payable including information concerning invoicing from Eastex Environmental Lab and other monthly billings for District operations noting payments to the Texas Excavation Safety System and the Southeast Texas Ground Conservation District along with invoicing from additional District suppliers. After discussion and upon motion duly made by Director Fox and seconded by Director Davis, the Board unanimously approved the accounts payable in the amount of $32,285.23.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: **Correspondence.** Mr. Turk presented information on the cyber security programs of the Texas Municipal League, the updated insurance certificate from Keel Enterprises and the Special District Report filed with the Office of the Comptroller as well as the information for Energy Transfer on the maintenance of their right-of-way within the District. Finally, Mr. Turk provided information concerning a request for information received on April 4, and legal counsel stated the District did not need to create records that may have been requested but rather respond accordingly.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: **Comments from Board Members.** President Maddox asked the Keel Enterprises continue to work on the pressure plane issues between the different sides of the District which Mr. Keel stated was ongoing and would continue.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: **Adjourn**. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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President of the Board

ATTEST:

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Secretary of the Board