

April 24, 2024

The Board of Directors of Bell County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 of Bell County, Texas met in Regular Session, open to the public, in the Conference Room, 201 South 38th Street, Killeen, Texas 76543, at 09:00 a.m., on the 27th day of March 2024, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board.

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| Robert R Robinson | President | Richard Grandy | Director |
| Kenny Wells | Vice President | Dale Treadway | Director |
| Sandra Blankenship | Secretary | Brian Dosa | Fort Cavazos Representative |
| Ricky Wilson | Director | Ricky Garrett | General Manager |
| Dr. Joyce Bateman Jones | Director | | |

Public attendees were Bear Jones, citizen of Killeen; Steve Kana, City of Killeen.

With all said members present except the following absentee(s): none, thus constituting a quorum.

President Robinson called the meeting to order at 09:00 am. No public comments were made.

The first item of business was the consent items, which included the minutes of the regular Board Meeting, held on March 27, 2024, minutes of the Budget Workshop Meeting held on April 11, 2024, and approval of March Financial Statements and 1st Quarter Investment Report. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2024 meeting as presented, and seconded by Vice President Wells. All members present approved the motion unanimously. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2024 meeting as presented, and seconded by Director Treadway. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The next item was to discuss and consider approval of financial statements for March 2024. LaFranshonna McAllister went over both the water and wastewater financial statements. Water spent 83% of their total budget and wastewater spent 76% through March. A motion was made by Director Treadway to approve March financial statements and seconded by Secretary Blankenship. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The final consent item was the approval of the 1st quarter 2024 Investment Reports. Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated that the variance in the Water Special O&M Reserves account was for the Water Option/Election billing corrections and various projects. Funds from the Wastewater Principal and Interest account were moved into an account with a higher interest rate. A motion was made by Director Treadway to approve the 1st Quarter 2024 Investment Reports and seconded by Director Grandy. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

New Business Items: The first new item was to discuss and consider approval of the 2024/2025 Water and Wastewater budgets and take the appropriate action. Ricky Garrett, General Manager, stated that there will be an increase on both water and wastewater rates by 1 cent, as proposed during the Budget Workshop Meeting. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to approve the 2024/2025 Water and Wastewater budgets and seconded by Director Treadway. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The next item of business was to discuss and consider awarding a Transmission Main Partial Replacement to McLean Construction in the amount of \$4,589,982.00 and take appropriate action. Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated this was for the combined base plus alternate B, upsizing to 54-inches, plus alternate D, adding two 24-inch stubouts for future use. The 48-inch transmission main has frequent breaks within a 5,000-foot section near Camp Arrowhead. To restore reliability, a project will parallel and replace this section. As the Belton Plant's capacity nears 100 million gallons per day, the line needs upsizing to handle the volume to Fort Cavazos, Killeen, and Copperas Cove. This project, the first of the bond initiatives, was advertised as per Texas Administrative Code, and five qualified contractors submitted bids. A motion was made by Vice President Wells to award the transmission main partial replacement to McLean Construction in the amount of \$4,589,982.00 and seconded by Director Grandy. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The next item of business was to discuss and consider awarding the Surge Tank Construction Project to DN Tanks, Grand Prairie, TX for the construction of a 3 million gallon surge tank in the amount of \$6,761,200.00 and take appropriate action. Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated this includes piping valves and connections to the existing

48-inch main. The transmission system from the Belton Water Treatment Plant includes several miles of large pipelines and two 500,000-gallon surge tanks from 1975. These tanks have minor issues like corrosion and leaks, but the main problem is their size. During peak flows, water residence time can be as short as 17 minutes, risking air locks and pipe breaks. A new 3-million-gallon tank would allow for safer, automatic operation and free up the Plant Operator. This project, the second bond initiative, was advertised per the Texas Administrative Code, and two qualified contractors submitted bids. A motion was made by Director Wilson to award the surge tank construction project to DN Tanks in the amount of \$6,761,200.00 and seconded by Secretary Blankenship. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The final item was to discuss and consider approval of updated Water Conservation Plan and adopt resolution. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to approve the resolution amending the Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan and seconded by Director Treadway. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

Staff Reports: Trevor Butler, Wastewater Superintendent, informed the board that Plant 1 is averaging 12 mgd. The belt press bearing issue has been repaired and it is back in service. The headworks screen auger broke last Monday night, replacement parts have been received and repairs are underway. Employees have been required to come in overnight to manually remove rags and debris from the screens.

Plant 3 is averaging 4.1 mgd. Problems with the influent lift station due to a pump trip and VFD burnout. The new VFD is in and the pump was removed and sent off for diagnosis. There are 3 more pumps in the lift station that can handle the current flow.

The compost facility has been affected by the rain. It has slowed down the composting process and makes it difficult to effectively screen compost.

Two wastewater operators recently passed testing and received "B" licensing.

Keith Baker, Operations Manager, gave an update on both lake levels; Lake Belton down 9 feet and Lake Stillhouse down 14.3 feet. Belton treatment plant averaging 31 mgd; a minimum of 25 mgd; and max is 39 mgd.

Plant 2 backwash valve project is about 97% complete and waiting on a 24-inch stainless steel coupling.

The Belton generator project's switchgear has been installed. Cables are being tested next week and then control function testing can take place.

Stillhouse Plant is averaging 1 mgd. Mr. Baker commended Jason Dominguez on a job well done on his dedication to compliance.

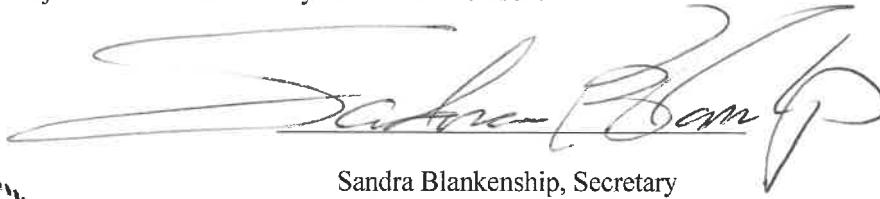
Mr. Garrett, General Manager, provided an update on the drought. Stillhouse is still in stage 2 and Belton has been upgraded to stage 1. The Series 2024 Revenue Bonds closed on April 23rd. The rate was better than expected and it is a positive affect on each entity. There is a special 3-year call on 50% of the project contingency and a 9-year call on remaining bonds without penalty.

Director Wilson asked about cyber security. Mr. Garrett explained our IT department has security measures in place.

At 10:11 the board went into executive session.

At 10:20 board reconvened back in open session; no action taken while in executive session.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. by President Robinson.



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Sandra Blankenship, Secretary
Board of Directors

