

January 27, 2021

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, at the office of the district located at 201 S. 38th Street, Killeen, TX 76543, at 09:00 a.m., on the 27th day of January 2021, 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 |
| Blair Williams | Vice President | Dale Treadway | Director |
| Sandra Blankenship | Secretary | Brian Dosa | Fort Hood Representative |
| John Fisher | Director | Ricky Garrett | General Manager |
| Kenny Wells | Director | | |

Public attendee was Analuisa Tapia, LULAC District 17 representative.

With all said members present except the following absentee(s): John Fisher, thus constituting a quorum.

President Robinson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Director Fisher called in after the board meeting to affirm that he joined the meeting at 09:15am. And that he voted in favor of the budget amendment.

There being no public comments, President Robinson went on to the consent items.

The first item of business was the consent items, which included minutes of the regular Board Meeting, held on December 16, 2020, approval of December Financial Statements and approval of 4th Quarter 2020 Investment Reports. President noted that the signature page of the minutes had the incorrect name on it and has been corrected. A motion was made by Director Wells to approve the minutes and seconded by Vice President Williams. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The December financial report was given by Melinda Dalton. There were no major expenses on either fund. Water has spent 58.5% of their total expenses. Sewer has spent 65.0% of their annual budget. Secretary Blankenship made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented and seconded by Vice President Williams. All members present approved motion unanimously.

The 4th quarter 2020 Investment Report was presented by Ricky Garrett. Not much changed on the report other than Texas Class Water Special O&M account. It is being used to pay the overage cost of the new Stillhouse Water Plant. On the Wastewater side, Texas Class Sewer Special O&M account is paying for the blower project at Plant 1. Director Treadway made a motion to approve the 4th quarter 2020 Investment Reports and seconded by Director Wells. All members approved the motion unanimously.

New Business Items: The first new item was to discuss and consider amending the 2020-2021 Wastewater Budget and take the appropriate action. General Manager, Ricky Garrett, stated that a copy of the Water Budget included in packet was ok as approved previously. There were four (4) line items that would be adjusted: Salaries increased by \$32,000.00; Operating Expenses by \$15,000.00; transportation expenses by \$15,000.00 and equipment rental by \$11,000.00. The maintenance of equipment would be decreased by \$73,000.00 to cover the other line item shortfalls. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to approve the amended Wastewater Budget and seconded by Director Wells. All members approved the motion unanimously.

Staff Reports: Wastewater Superintendent, Trevor Butler, stated that Plant 3 is averaging 3.5mgd. Recent rains have not affected the flow. The plant is down to 3 blowers. The SBR basin down has 250 – 300 diffusers broken. The crane will be needed to aide in repairs. Director Treadway asked what tonnage the crane was. It is a 30 Ton crane with an 80 foot boom.

Compost facility screener motor issues have been resolved. There is quite a stock pile of product ready for spring sales. Calls are coming in as to when the facility will be open again on Saturdays. Staff will address and advise.

Plant 1 is averaging 10mgd. Last month it was 10.5 – 11mgd. The aeration basin clean out project is about 2/3 of the way complete. Once completed, staff will change out diffusers and put back in service.

The blower project is pretty much on schedule. A power point presentation was presented going over the steps on what is being done to install the new blowers. The substantial completion date will be March 13, 2021 and final completion April 13, 2021.

Keith Baker, Deputy General Manager, informed the board that Belton Lake is down about 1 foot; Lake Stillhouse is up 1 foot. Belton plant averaged 25mgd; the low was 19.4mgd, and the high was 31.7mgd for January. Staff currently changing oil in all equipment; cleaning out of Lagoons ongoing and a floc drive at plant 4 is being changed out.

The Stillhouse Water plant project had a setback in January. A couple of leaks were found on the high service line and the finish water line. Contractors feel the finish water line leak was found this morning. A camera will be put down the high service to see where leak is. The line is about 30 feet in the ground.

A punch list was provided to the contractor by the Engineers and staff. The plant still needs to be tested in auto mode sequence before operation can begin.

Ricky, General Manager, stated the draft bed and banks permit has been received. The next step for T.C.E.Q is to notify land owners along the Trimmier Creek of the discharge permit. If no oppositions received, the final permit will be issued. Permit is to discharge 2mgd into Trimmier Creek.

T.C.E.Q inspected the Compost Facility this week. No violations found.

The Corp lease negotiation is ongoing. Staff received the revised annual invoice, but needs more information. The Corps may send the district a new agreement; one for land use and one for operation use. No timeline was given. The new annual cost would be \$28,300.00. February 11, 2021 staff will hold wholesale water customer meetings.

A power point was presented outlining how the Brazos River Water Master works. A water master was instituted on June 1, 2015. WCID 1 water rights are contracted with the BRA. The water master oversees the water rights contracts. A hand out was given referencing wholesale contract regarding quantity and criteria for requesting service outside the district. The district carries the debt on the wholesale customer's behalf. The board cannot approve a deal that could impact the customers' ability to honor their debt obligation with the district.

Mr. Allen Woelke, CDM Smith Engineering, will be at the February meeting to update members on the Master Plan CIP.

Mr. Dosa, Fort Hood Representative left the meeting at 10:20am.

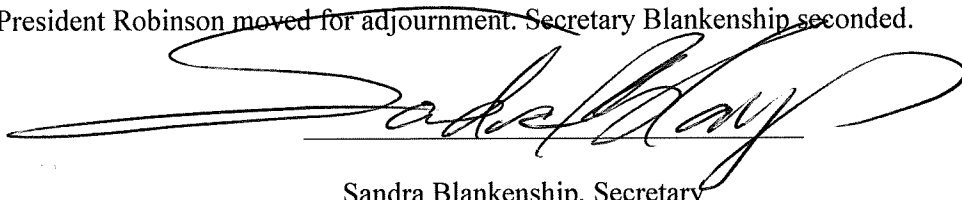
Question was asked if there are any plans to add additional reservoirs in the area. Mr. Brunett, BRA, stated that there are none. Water rights are requested from the T.C.E.Q. It is a long and arduous process.

The BRA has the Allen Creek Reservoir project as a major water supply that could ease strain on upstream users in times of drought. It will be located down around Sealy, Texas. It will help with downstream contracted water rights customers.

February 24, 2021 is the next regular board meeting date.

Items from the Board: Vice President Williams stated that when information is received by the General Manager or staff, responses should go directly back to General Manager or staff only – not to all. This could be misconstrued as a public meeting.

10:25a.m. President Robinson moved for adjournment. Secretary Blankenship seconded.



Sandra Blankenship, Secretary
Board of Directors



