

March 22, 2022

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 22nd day of March 2022, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board.

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 attendees were Thad Imerman, Killeen Daily Herald and Josh Coleman and Gary Hooper, L5E Group.

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

There being no public comments, President Robinson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

The first item of business was the consent items, which included the minutes of the regular Board Meeting, held on February 23, 2022, and approval of February Financial Statements. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2022, meeting as written and seconded by Director Treadway. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The next consent item was to discuss and consider approval of financial statements for February 2022. Natasha Keeney went over both the water and wastewater financial statements. Water had spent 64% of their total budget and wastewater has spent 73%. Director Treadway asked why the TEC (2600-line item) was so much. Mr. Garrett, General Manager explained that the current rate came in after budget was set up and 3 former employees filed against the districts account. A motion was made by Director Grandy to approve the February financial statements and seconded by Secretary Blankenship. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

New Business Items: The first new item was to receive an update from Josh Coleman, L5E Group, on the standby generation for the Belton Water Plant. The RFP was approved for 10 megawatts. There were three (3) developer qualified proposals submitted. Proposals received included options for both diesel and natural gas fuel sources. The costs proposed appear to be in line or slightly less than our prior estimates. Anticipate that review team will select finalist(s) before the end of March. The three (3) developers are Enchanted Rock; Power Secure; R-Power. The financing options would be for either a 15- or 20-year operating lease. Working with Atmos an third-party developer on cost of gas line extension; contract negotiations with finalist and then board approval.

Staff Reports: Trevor Butler, Wastewater Superintendent, informed the board that Plant 1 is averaging 9.5 mgd. Two filters went down, and both are now back in service.

Plant 3 overall is doing well and is averaging 3.5mgd. The SBR basin project is back on; 2nd half of the diffusers are caked with sludge on the underside. The lift station pump arrived; power cables were too short; sent back to vendor to have longer cables installed. Cost for this and rent of crane is charged to the vendor. Staff will start having Plant 3 workday every Wednesday to assist with maintenance of equipment. A car crashed through the fence on Friday night.

Compost facility is doing fine. Screener back in operation. Ricky found a place that replaces radiator cores in Waco. The radiator fix worked.

Staff working on completing this year's budget and working on next year's budget.

Keith Baker, Deputy General Manager, gave an update on both lake levels being down just over 3 feet. Belton Plant flow is averaging 26.7mgd and Stillhouse is averaging 1.8mgd. Staff continues to work on preventative maintenance items and current and upcoming budgets. All high service pumps are in and available at the Belton Plant. There are 2 flocc basin paddles that need to be repaired and will be going back to stainless steel. Filter media at plant 2 is being replaced by contractor. In draining the clarifiers, it has been discovered that the rakes are just wore out and will need to be replaced. Staff had 117 – 811 calls this month.

Stillhouse Water Plant is still working on punch list items. List is about 95% complete.

Pump station upgrade for the City of Belton has begun excavation. The transmission line upgrade for the City of Belton has received the last 2 loads of pipe this morning. Contractor getting piping fabricated for storage tank tie in.

Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated that new cameras, audio/video, and microphones have been installed in the boardroom.

The approved redistricting files have been sent to Bell County elections.

The City of Nolanville and Lieutenant Rowe was thanked for recommending and advising audio/video upgrades for the boardroom.

Attended a city council meeting with City of Copperas Cove about the Belton Water Plant expansion; cost much higher than presented back in October 2021. Copperas Cove confirmed they will want 7mgd; WCID #3 – 2mgd; 439 WSC – 1mgd; City of Belton not yet set. They may stay with 4mgd or lower amount to 3.5mgd due to cost increase.

Will attend meeting with City of Harker Hts. staff on April 5th regarding the tier two contract. They are due to expire in 2041. Brazos River Authority will also be in attendance. They have initiated stage 1 of the drought contingency plan.

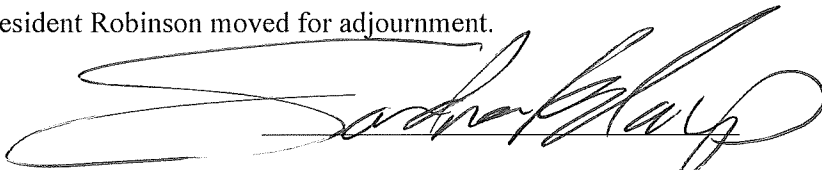
T.C.E.Q. sent a letter addressing the need for a Water Master upstream of the Possum Kingdom Lake. Looking for comments

Forecasted dry season this year for May, June, July, August.

Staff found a used crane engine for \$4,000.00 that can be retrofitted in our crane and the current engine taken out, overhauled, and stored as a backup.

Items from the Board: Secretary Blankenship wants it on the record that flushable wipes are not flushable. They do not biodegrade. Director Treadway wants staff to go with natural gas for backup generation if at all possible.

10:03a.m. President Robinson moved for adjournment.



Sandra Blankenship, Secretary
Board of Directors

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