

March 24, 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 24th day of March 2021, 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 Hunter King, Killeen Daily Herald; Gary Hooper 5 Energy Group; Angellia Points, Scott Hoddiss, and Sam Listi, City of Belton.

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

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

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 March 3, 2021, and approval of February Financial Statements. A motion was made by Director Fisher to approve the minutes as stated and seconded by Secretary Blankenship. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The February financial report was given by Natasha Keeney. There were no major expenses on either fund. Water has spent 67% of their total expenses which includes open purchase orders. Sewer has spent 76% of their annual budget. Secretary Blankenship made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented and seconded by Director Wells. All members present approved motion unanimously.

New Business Items: The first new item was to receive a report from Mr. Josh Coleman, 5 Energy Group, on standby energy options. A power point presentation was shown referencing the power issues from this past freeze situation on the lack of electrical supply. The grid data from the report came from ERCOT's board meeting. Historically the districts outages are from transmission and distribution. If 7500KW in generating capacity were installed, the approximate cost would be \$5.6 million to \$7.5 million dollars. Estimated annual benefit would be \$500K to \$550K annually if WCID 1 owns the asset. It would pay for itself in 12.6 years. The general consensus of the board is to move forward with seeking proposals with 5 Energy Group.

The next item of business was to discuss and consider appointment of an auditor for fiscal year May, 2020 through April 2021 and take the appropriate action. Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated that Lott Vernon and Company PC has been the district's auditors for a long time and there is a strong working relationship. Their cost is not to exceed \$38,000.00. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to appoint Lott, Vernon and Company, PC and seconded by Director Treadway. All members present approved motion unanimously.

The final item was to discuss and consider approval of City of Belton request to contract with Central Texas Water Supply Corporation to serve a currently unserved area of their CCN south of the Lampasas

River and take the appropriate action. Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated that our wholesale contracts state that wholesale customers may request service from another water supplier upon approval of the board. A discussion ensued about a contract time with CTWSC and if the area City of Belton needs to serve was entirely in their CCN. The agreement term would be for 5 years and the area is entirely within their CCN. The area is generally located between Amity and Dillard Road on the east and west side of Interstate 35. A motion was made by Director Fisher to approve this short term contact with City of Belton and Central Texas Water Supply Corporation and seconded by Director Grandy. All members present approved motion unanimously.

Staff Reports: Wastewater Superintendent, Trevor Butler, stated that Plant 3 has been averaging 4mgd. The diffuser lines in one of the basins busted and will need to be replaced.

Compost is doing well. Staff is doing a lot of deliveries of product. Spring sales have picked up.

Plant 1 is averaging 9.8 -10mgd. The aeration basin clean out project completed and should be back in service next week.

The blower project - the two new blowers were installed in the building. Electrical contractors are up to date on their part. Final completion has been pushed back to May 2021.

Keith Baker, Deputy General Manager, informed the board that Belton Lake is down about 9.6 inches; Lake Stillhouse is up about 3.36 inches. Belton plant averaged 27.3mgd; the low was 15.7mgd, and the high was 34.7mgd for March. Two of four 36" valves have been replaced and are back in service. Plant 1 filter media project underway; 4 filters completed cleaned out and new filter media being put back in place. Plant 3 settled water channel project – waiting on parts to come in to complete. Plant 2 has two high service pumps that will be serviced. Two overhead cranes have been replaced and have 2 more to go. The divers are inspecting the intake structure and will have report upon their completion.

The Stillhouse Water plant project – staff met with Engineers and contractor referencing the 42" line from the clearwell to the high service station. 60 – 80 feet will be replaced with ductile iron pipe. Pipe sits about 30 feet in the ground.

Ricky, General Manager, shared the budget line items in a power point. Went over a number of the line items that are pertinent to each budget every year and which ones do not change significantly.

Staff met with City of Killeen staff on March 16th to go over the current Water Master Plan for Plant 3 upgrade at the Belton Water Plant; backup generators and Plant 3 Wastewater Plant upgrades. Another meeting will be scheduled with City of Killeen and City of Harker Heights to address the Plant 3 Wastewater upgrades and Harker Heights participation.

The Brazos River Authority is out front with the water quality in Lake Belton. Toxins were found that are dangerous to animals.

The plant 3 Wastewater diffuser replacement project will be costly. They are a single source vendor item. Diffusers will cost upwards of \$80,000.00 alone.

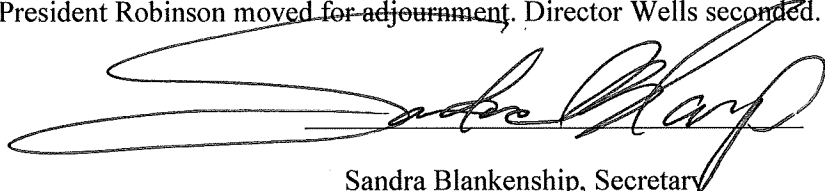
The Bed and Banks permit had no opposition. District should have permit shortly.

There is legislation forthcoming that would require water districts to video meetings and post on their website. Another bill was filed which would prohibit water districts from hiring lobbyists directly or supporting lobby efforts of trade associations, which could limit stakeholder involvement.

Staff was called out to verify our easement in the Warriors Legacy development to locate where it was before a house slab was poured over the 36" water main. Developer was present and will get with the builder. The development is located off of Warriors Path in Harker Heights.

Items from the Board: none

10:20a.m. President Robinson moved for adjournment. Director Wells seconded.



Sandra Blankenship, Secretary
Board of Directors



