

March 3, 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 3rd 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 Allen Woelke, CDM Smith Engineering and Hunter King, Killeen Daily Herald.

With all said members present except the following absentee(s): none, 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 January 27, 2021, and approval of January Financial Statements. A motion was made by Vice President Blair to approve the minutes as stated and seconded by Secretary Blankenship. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The January financial report was given by Melinda Dalton. There were no major expenses on either fund. Water has spent 53.6% of their total expenses. Sewer has spent 66.2% 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.

New Business Items: The first new item was to receive a report from Allen Woelke, CDM-Smith, on Master Plan progress on Water System. Mr. Woelke, presented a power point addressing a number of additions, upgrades, improvements to current system, member entity future water needs and the costs associated with them. The Master Plan is almost complete and will be given to staff to review before making it available to all.

The next item of business was to discuss and consider awarding a bid for Plant 1 cleaning and epoxy coating for one chlorine basin at 38th Street Wastewater Plant to JNA Painting, Dallas, Texas, in the amount of \$49,800.00 and take the appropriate action. Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated that three bids were received and staff recommends awarding the bid to JNA Painting on the basis of their low bid. A motion was made by Vice President Blair to award the bid to JNA Painting of Dallas, Texas and seconded by Secretary Blankenship. All members present approved motion unanimously.

The next item of business was to discuss and consider approval for excavation and construction of one concrete influent meter vault to Archer Western Construction, in the amount of \$99,885.00 and take the appropriate action. Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated that six contractors were contacted and only 2 were received back. Back when this project was discussed to be brought forward, \$20,000.00 was put into the budget. With funds in other areas, there will be sufficient funds in this current year to cover the

project. A motion was made by Director Wells to approve this project and seconded by Director Treadway. All members present approved motion unanimously.

The next item was to discuss and consider awarding a bid for a new 6" trash pump to Thompson Pump Company, Port Orange, Florida, in the amount of \$36,921.00 for Wastewater Treatment Plant 1 and take the appropriate action. Staff received three bids. Two of the bids did not meet specifications. A motion was made by Director Fisher to award the bid to Thompson Pump Company on the basis of their low bid and was seconded by Vice President Blair. All members present approved motion unanimously.

Staff Reports: Wastewater Superintendent, Trevor Butler, stated that Plant 3 is still addressing influent line break and leaks from ice storm. The diffuser lines in one of the basins busted and will need to be replaced. This item will be brought back to the board for approval.

Compost is doing well. There is quite a stock pile of product ready for spring sales.

Plant 1 is averaging 11mgd. Plant had a number of line breaks due to ice storm. Plant was able to stay within compliance. The aeration basin clean out project completed. Staff is to replace diffusers next week.

The blower project is pretty much on schedule. The two new blowers were installed in the building. Final completion should be end of April 2021.

Keith Baker, Deputy General Manager, informed the board that Belton Lake is down about 8.5 inches; Lake Stillhouse is up about 6 inches. Belton plant averaged 25mgd; the low was 20mgd, and the high was 73mgd for February. District got involved with the 811 – line locate- June 2020. Staff got 79 calls last month and 892 total since June.

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.

Line testing is ongoing at Stillhouse Water Plant. Disinfecting of lines will be next. Contractors continue to work on punch list was provided to the contractor by the Engineers and staff.

Ricky, General Manager, recognized staff on their dedicated/hard work during the ice storm. At the present, it appears that there will be about \$50,000.00 in damages. Staff sent T.C.E.Q a letter asking to decrease the number of bio-monitoring requirements and T.C.E.Q responded back and approved the decrease. These tests run approximately \$1350.00.

The Bed and Banks permit resident comment deadline is March 10, 2021. If no opposition is received, permit should be issued.

T.C.E.Q. has sent a letter to allow Stillhouse Water Plant to be put online.

The 48" line valve replacement project has been moved to March 18, 2021. The 48" water line will be drained starting late March 17th.

Statement was made to commend all our member entities that we serve on their cooperation during this ice storm.

One director questioned qualifications for Mr. Rich Grandy due to his relationship to Mr. Glenn Grandy, of S&M Vacuum and Waste with ownership as a conflict of interest. There is none.

Another director inquired on Mr. John Fisher's past development history. Mr. John Fischer state, on record, "Let it reflect that I have NO development within the district boundaries".

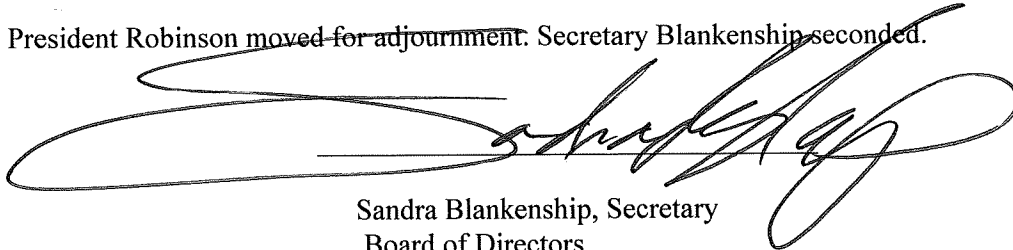
A power point presentation was gone over addressing capital improvement projects that do not warrant bond issues that have been taken care of or will be under 1million dollars.

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

Items from the Board: Secretary Blankenship would like to see backup generators be put in place at both Belton and Stillhouse Water Plants. Have this item put on a future agenda.

Director Treadway thanked staff and administration for all the hard dedicated work done during the ice storm and line of communication with all the directors and communities. All other board members agreed.

11:20a.m. President Robinson moved for adjournment. Secretary Blankenship seconded.



Sandra Blankenship, Secretary
Board of Directors



