

March 22, 2023

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 2023, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board.

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

Public attendees were Steve Kana, City of Killeen; Bruce Sorenson, General Manager Kempner Water Supply Corporation.

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

There being no public comment, President Robinson called the meeting to order at 09:00am.

The first item of business was the consent items, which included the minutes of the regular Board Meeting, held on February 22, 2023, February Financial Statements, and approval of 4th Quarter 2022 Investment Reports. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2023 with corrections and seconded by Vice President Wells. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The next item was to discuss and consider approval of financial statements for February 2023. Natasha Keeney went over both the water and wastewater financial statements. Water spent 77.0% of their total budget and wastewater spent 77.0% through February. A motion was made by Director Treadway to approve February 2023 financial statements and seconded by Director Grandy. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The last consent item was to approve the 4th Quarter 2022 Investment Reports. No action was taken at the January Board meeting and board approval is required. A motion was made by Director Treadway to approve the 4th Quarter Investment Reports and seconded by Vice President Wells. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

New Business Items: The first item was to discuss and consider ratification of an emergency purchase to Vision Equipment, LLC., for an auger, in the amount of \$17,265.00 for repairs to the main headworks at the Plant 3 Wastewater Treatment Plant and take the appropriate action. Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated that this vendor is a sole source provider. Director Wilson inquired if staff has a plan in place to get backup parts from another source to have on hand. In our line of work it is becoming more common to only find single source suppliers. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to approve the purchase of the auger in the amount of \$17,265.00 and seconded by Director Grandy. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The final new item was to discuss and consider an emergency water supply contract to Kempner Water Supply Corporation for up to 2 million gallons per day capacity until September 2023 while Kempner Treatment Plant improvements are completed. Secretary Blankenship inquired if the item is to authorize the General Manager to negotiate an agreement with Kempner Water Supply. Ricky Garrett, General Manager stated that is correct and the agreement would come back to the board for approval. Vice President Wells made a motion to authorize the General Manager to negotiate a contract with Kempner Water Supply with an emergency water supply contract at \$2.00 per 1000 gallons sold not to exceed a term to expire at the end of this year (2023) and seconded by Director Treadway. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

Staff Reports: Trevor Butler, Wastewater Superintendent, informed the board that two vehicles that were in this years' budget were received. Both trucks are new 2022 models but met or exceeded what our specifications were and are below the bid mounts for the 2023 model pickups in each case.

Plant 1 is averaging 12.5mgd. All four of the filters are operational. The potable water system is back in service; however, it is not running in auto. I/E is looking into the issue.

Plant 3 overall is doing well and is averaging 2-2.5 mgd. The ongoing SBR diffuser project can go forward now; parts are in and staff can schedule install date. The auger is due in today. One MAC truck is out of service. Takes a little longer to haul sludge with one truck.

A vehicle ran through the front fence on March 12, 2023. This happens 1 – 2 times a year.

All of Compost facility equipment in working order. Staff cannot keep up with pre-filled bags of mulch and bio-select. Bags sell for \$3.50 each.

The 1975 crane that has been in the shop should be back on site this week. The original engine had to be rebuilt. Mr. Garrett stated that staff will be looking at getting a newer model crane.

Keith Baker, Operations Manager, gave an update on both lake levels; Lake Belton down 14 feet and Lake Stillhouse down 12 feet. Belton plant treatment is 19mgd low; 22.0mgd mid; and max is 25.0.mgd.

Plant 1 back wash tank rehab and SCADA screen upgrade underway.

On March 31st, city of Brenham will be on site to look at the SCADA software.

Tank inspection is complete.

Stillhouse Plant is averaging 1.8mgd. Smith Pump Company pulled another high service pump to compare with one already pulled to see what the issue is.

The transformer was set and energized at Belton Pump station project; are now ready for new HS pumps next month.

Mr. Garrett, General Manager, gave a drought update. By the end of April, we could be in phase 2- 10% of water reduction required.

Xylem Group completed the 24” transmission line inspection. No blockage was found in the line.

Harker Heights is still looking into buying into the South Wastewater Plant 3. The district’s bond counsel is re-writing the sewer contracts.

Budget workshop meeting will be April 5, 2023. Some capital purchases will be requested in upcoming budgets due to lead times in receiving proprietary purchases. Staff having to find innovative ways to get around proprietary replacement parts and equipment.

Lead and copper report due October 2024.

Scheduled to be on WCID No. 3 board agenda April 17, 2023, to discuss treatment capacity and water rights.

Next regular Board Meeting will be April 26, 2023.

Atmos to be on the ground 1st of April to install their meter and should be complete within 30 days.

Secretary Blankenship stated that area cities were starting area waterway cleanups in April.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:02a.m. by President Robinson.



Sandra Blankenship, Secretary
Board of Directors