

May 24, 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 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Killeen, Texas 76543, at 09:00 a.m., on the 24th day of May 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 Cavazos Representative
Ricky Wilson	Director	Ricky Garrett	General Manager
Dr. Joyce Bateman Jones	Director		

Public attendees were Steve Kana, City of Killeen; Sarah Stewart, CDM Smith; Ana Karamalegos, CDM Smith; Thad Imerman, KDH; Mark Perkins, Mead-Hunt Group; James McMillen, Mead-Hunt Group.

With all said members present except the following absentee(s): none, 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 April 26, 2023, and April Financial Statements. A motion was made by Director Grandy to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2023 meeting and seconded by Director Treadway. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The next item was to discuss and consider approval of financial statements for April 2023. Natasha Keeney went over both the water and wastewater financial statements. Water spent 92.0% of their total budget and wastewater spent 95.0% for the fiscal year. A motion was made by Director Treadway to approve April 2023 financial statements and seconded by Director Treadway. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

New Business Items: The first new item was to discuss and consider purchase of a 2023 Haul Truck to Lone Star Truck Group, Temple, Texas in the amount of \$194,500 and take the appropriate action. Staff recommends purchasing the Freightliner roll off truck from Lonestar Truck Group. Given the delivery time on the Mack truck, the decision was between the Volvo and the Freightliner. There are multiple Freightliner service options and only one Volvo option in our area. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to approve the purchase of a 2023 Haul Truck from Lone Star Truck Group and seconded by Director Treadway. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The next item was to discuss and consider participating in additional Aquifer Storage & Recovery research at a not to exceed amount of \$200,000 to the Interra Group and take appropriate action. Ricky Garrett, General Manger stated that WCID1 participated in the county wide Trinity Aquifer feasibility study and determined it wasn't feasible for WCID because it would have taken too many injector and retrieval wells to make capacity. Ft Cavaozs was part of that study and continued to participate. Additional research is needed for future supply options. In addition to Ft Cavazos, Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District and other partners will take part in the remaining research. A motion was made by Director Wilson to approve the participation in additional Aquifer Storage & Recovery research seconded by Director Jones. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The next item was to review and consider approval of the updated Water Conservation Plan. Ricky Garrett, General Manager stated that there were some new guidelines and criteria from TCEQ. The new plan has updated criteria and more accurate data. On page 7, the table will have a caption or title added for population. Ft. Hood will be corrected to Ft. Cavazos on the map graphics. President Robinson noted that the asterisks on a few charts needed to be removed. Director Wells questioned the max usage on page 6 for WCID3. Mr. Garrett stated the number was not updated and will be corrected. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to approve the updated Water Conservation Plan with corrections and seconded by Director Grandy. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The final new business item was a Workshop Discussion of Capital Projects including an update from James McMillen, Mead & Hunt Group, regarding Wastewater Treatment Plant 1 (38th Street) plant upgrade needs and status. Also, Sarah Stewart with CDM Smith with an update regarding the Belton Water Plant upgrade and capacity improvements. Sarah Stewart, CDM Smith Project Engineer, reviewed current project updates concerning the 48-inch Transmission Main Partial Replacement and the Surge Tank Project. The WCID1 Belton Water Treatment Plant Expansion was reviewed in detail in regards to maintenance repairs and capacity needs. James McMillen, Mead & Hunt Project Engineer, discussed Wastewater Plant 1 Rehabilitation Project which include improvements to the aerobic digester, electrical, filtration, influent flow meter, aeration basins, effluent pump station, chlorine contact basin and clarifiers.

Staff Reports: Trevor Butler, Wastewater Superintendent, informed the board that Plant 1 is averaging 14 mgd. Preventative maintenance was performed on the MCC Switchgear, a few components were replaced and now reenergized and running. Backwash failure causing filters to be down, part is on order, eta is 2-3 weeks. The blower is still having issues with random tripping. A technician has been out to perform software updates. Engineers are reviewing more possible causes.

Plant 3 is averaging 3.5-4 mgd. The Mack trucks were having issues but have been resolved and are in service. SBR basin decanter went down but was repaired and is running. SBR diffuser replacement project was put on hold due to the crane being repaired. Crane is still having issues. A rental was requested to start on diffuser project.

Compost facility is selling all product quickly including bags. The new screener is having electrical issues. It is still under warranty and a technician will come out to continue assessing.

Plant 3 operator tested for Wastewater Treatment "C" license and passed.

Keith Baker, Operations Manager, gave an update on both lake levels; Lake Belton down 12.7 feet and Lake Stillhouse down 12.6 feet. Belton plant treatment is averaging 22 mgd; a minimum of 16 mgd; and max is 26 mgd.

Diver's completed inspection on Belton WTP's intake silo and #2 trashrack has been installed.

Separate quotes are being requested for a Mag Flow Meter replacement and a 24" valve at the Copperas Cove West remote site. A purchase order was submitted for A/C repairs at the raw water electrical building.

Stillhouse Plant is averaging 2 mgd.

Oil changes are being started on equipment.

Sludge collector needs alignment checked due to shear pin and bearing issues.

Met with the City of Killeen concerning the elevated storage tank and received a tentative date of June 1<sup>st</sup> to start filling tank.

Belton Water Line project is waiting on coating and schedule for a finish date. Final grading on easement elevation and mulch still needs to be completed.

Belton Pump Station project is waiting on the variable frequency drives to arrive which has been extended for additional 2 weeks leading into August.

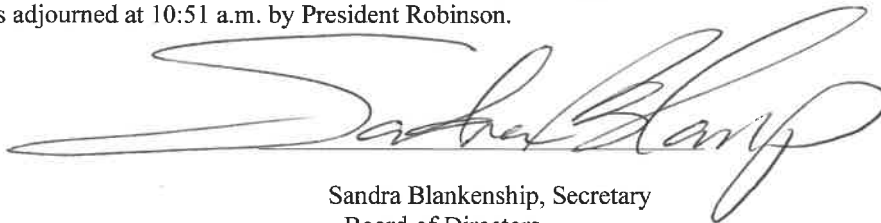
Concrete on the Backup Generation project has been excavated, final grade next week. The gas line is still waiting to be scheduled.

Mr. Garrett, General Manager, gave an update on budget. Price on TSS probes have increased and are on order. Diagnosis on generator at South Wastewater plant was performed and parts were replaced. On the drought update both lake levels are better than last month. Increase from previous night has pushed further from BRA stage 2 curtailment.

Next meeting will be June 28, 2023 at the Belton Water Treatment Plant. The Investment Policy will be brought forward for action.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m. by President Robinson.

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Sandra Blankenship, Secretary  
Board of Directors