

October 25, 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 25th day of October 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 Tad Dorrah, BKCW; Steve Kana, City of Killeen; Jana Lynn Kilcrease, KDH.

With all said members present except the following absentee(s): none, thus constituting a quorum.

President Robinson called the meeting to order at 09:00 am. No public comments were made.

The first item of business was the consent items, which included the minutes of the regular Board Meeting, held on September 27, 2023, and approval of September Financial Statements. A motion was made by Director Treadway to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2023 meeting, and seconded by Secretary Blankenship. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The next item was to discuss and consider approval of financial statements for September 2023. LaFranshonna McAllister went over both the water and wastewater financial statements. There were no major expenses. A motion was made by Director Treadway to approve the September 2023 financial statements and seconded by Secretary Blankenship. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The final consent item was the approval of the 3rd quarter 2023 Investment Reports. Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated that the 2022 Water bond funds were exhausted. A motion was made by Director Treadway to approve the 3rd quarter 2023 Investment Reports and seconded by Secretary Blankenship. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

New Business Items: Discuss and consider authorizing the General Manager to negotiate a contract with NRG as an energy program partner beginning January 2025 and take the appropriate action. Josh Coleman, Energyby5 gave a presentation on the proposals submitted by 4 competitors for the demand response services contract. Participating in the ERCOT and Oncor incentive programs will help the electric grid during peak times and help offset annual electricity costs. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to authorize the General Manager to negotiate a contract with NRG as an energy program partner and seconded by Director Treadway. All members present approved the motion unanimously. Secretary Blankenship asked if a new provider could be selected January 2025 if employees were not happy with service. Mr. Garrett responded yes.

The next item was to discuss and consider authorizing the General Manager to negotiate a health care insurance contract for the coming year in an amount "not to exceed" budgeted amount plus 10% with the same or improved terms and conditions. Mr. Garrett, General Manger stated that Texas Health (formerly Texas Municipal) suggested a 27% increase for their renewal. Competitive bids will be sought by working with Bigham Kliewer Chapman and Watts (BKCW) for the best available pricing. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to authorize the General Manager to negotiate a health care insurance contract for the coming year in an amount "not to exceed" budgeted amount plus 10% with the same or improved terms and conditions and seconded by Director Treadway. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The next item was to discuss and consider authorizing the General Manager to purchase the 2019 Cat Loader in the amount of \$91,980 in accordance with the lease provisions and the noted budget amendments and take the appropriate action. Mr. Garrett, General Manager stated that the current lease began on November 4, 2019 with Caterpillar Financial Services, which included a 4-year lease with the option to purchase the loader outright or negotiate a new lease package. Based on recommendations the purchase of the CAT 930M is the most economical

path and funds are available through noted budget amendments. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to authorize the General Manager to purchase the 2019 Cat Loader in the amount of \$91,980 in accordance with the lease provisions and seconded by Director Grandy. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The final new business item was to discuss and consider authorizing the General Manager to purchase and receive the F-150 vehicles from Cavendar Ford as approved at the July 2022 Board Meeting and take the appropriate action. Mr. Garrett, General Manager stated that the lead times for new vehicles are extremely long. Due to the expectation of vehicles needing replacements, the original order was never cancelled. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship authorizing the General Manager to purchase and receive the F-150 vehicles from Cavendar Ford as approved at the July 2022 Board Meeting and seconded by Director Treadway. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

Staff Reports: Trevor Butler, Wastewater Superintendent, informed the board that the flows have stayed the same. Even with the rain, Plant 1 is averaging 10 mgd. The aeration basin has been fully repaired and back in service. The maintenance truck is still out of service and waiting on parts.

Plant 3 is averaging 3.1 mgd.

Compost facility is doing great, all equipment is running.

One of the maintenance operators took the Wastewater C test and passed. There are 2 more operators that have applied for testing.

Keith Baker, Operations Manager, gave an update on both lake levels; Lake Belton down 19.3 feet and Lake Stillhouse down 19.8 feet. Belton treatment plant averaging 40 mgd; a minimum of 34 mgd; and max is 47 mgd.

New mag flow meter at Belton Plant1 will be installed and new actuator on raw water main valve at Belton Plant 2 will also be installed. Both projects will be completed within the week.

Belton Pump Station project is still waiting on the variable frequency drives which are in production.

Gas Line project contractor is back on site tying into Atmos' main gas line.

Backup Generation project is progressing. Slides showed both buildings housing the generators, the electrical building and transformer site.

Stillhouse Plant is averaging 3.7 mgd. Due to flushing after repairs from leak and Kempner's clearwell which started filling up last week. Smith Pump Company removed high service pumps #1 and #3 for bearing replacements.

Mr. Garrett, General Manager, gave an update on CDM's addendum #1 for the Belton Water Plant Expansion and introduced Sarah Stewart with CDM Smith to go over her presentation remotely. Ms. Stewart explained the differences and compared the costs of a 10 MGD, 14 MGD and 16 MGD capacity expansion.

The next Board Meeting will be held on December 6, 2023.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m. by President Robinson.



for

Sandra Blankenship, Board President

Sandra Blankenship, Secretary
Board of Directors