

October 23, 2024

The Board of Directors of Bell County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 of Bell County, Texas met in a Special Called Board Meeting, open to the public, in the Conference Room, 201 South 38th Street, Killeen, Texas 76543, at 09:00 a.m., on the 23rd day of October 2024, 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	Brian Dosa	Fort Cavazos Representative
Sandra Blankenship	Secretary	Ricky Garrett	General Manager
Ricky Wilson	Director		
Dr. Joyce Bateman Jones	Director		

Public attendees were Tad Dorrah, BKCW; Steve Kana, City of Killeen.

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

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

New Business Items: The first new business was to discuss and consider authorizing the General Manager to negotiate the renewal terms and health insurance contract with Cigna HealthCare along with the supplementary benefit package from Mutual of Omaha at a not to exceed increase of 4% and take the appropriate action. Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated the District has worked with Bigham Kliewer Chapman and Watts (BKCW) for its insurance needs since at least 1997. They have communicated with Cigna HealthCare and Mutual of Omaha concerning a renewal rate. Both carriers have increased slightly. The approved budget amount allows for an 8% rate increase. Tad Dorrah, with BKCW, stated the District has experienced strong insurance performance with excellent claims history influencing Cigna's decision to offer favorable renewal terms. To prepare for potential fluctuations in future insurance costs, a proposal was discussed to establish a reserve fund using credits and unspent funds, ensuring financial stability and minimizing rate impacts during less favorable years. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to authorize the General Manager to negotiate the renewal terms and health insurance contract with Cigna HealthCare along with the supplementary benefit package from Mutual of Omaha at a not to exceed increase of 4% and seconded by Director Wilson. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The final item of business was to discuss and consider awarding the bid to rehabilitate Raw Water Pump 11 to include replacement of several bearings, blasting and recoating all surfaces, balancing, etc. in the amount of \$175,350 to Smith Pump Company, Inc. Waco, Texas and take the appropriate action. Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated 11 raw water pumps operate to ensure continuous treatment capacity, even with multiple pumps out of service. Raw Pump 11, last serviced in 2009, is a critical component rated at 15 million gallons per day and now requires a rebuild to maintain reliable water operations. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to award the bid to rehabilitate Raw Water Pump 11 to include replacement of several bearings, blasting and recoating all surfaces, balancing, etc. in the amount of \$175,350 to Smith Pump Company, Inc. Waco, Texas and seconded by Vice President Wells. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

Items from the Board: none.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m. by President Robinson.



Sandra Blankenship, Secretary
Board of Directors