

**NORTH GARLAND COUNTY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT  
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**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 30TH, 2022  
6:00 P.M.**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Jack Fields, Jerry Vaughn, Randy Ragsdale, David Harper, Joe Turner, Velton Lacy and Jimmy Daley.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Darrell Eckard and Barbara Thurman

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Michael Bolin – Engineer

Meeting to Order – Director Fields called the Special Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda – The agenda was adopted as presented.

Approval of July 26th, 2022 Board Minutes – Minutes were approved as submitted.

**New Business:**

Proposed 2022 – 2023 Water Rate Increase. Mr. Eckard presented the proposed water rate increase to the Board for their review. Discussion followed. Director Lacy made a motion to approve the proposed 2022 – 2023 water rate increase as submitted; seconded by Director Ragsdale. Motion approved unanimously.

Proposed 2022 – 2023 Budget – Mr. Eckard presented the proposed budget to the Board for their review. Mr. Eckard reported materials, chemicals, supplies and gas has increase in price this year. Discussion followed. Director Ragsdale made a motion to approve the proposed budget as presented; seconded by Director Turner. Motion approved unanimously.

**Unfinished Business –**

Plant Expansion Update – Mr. Bolin reported he's estimate \$14,000,000 to expand the plant and transmission line. This would allow the district to pump 6 million gallons a day. Mr. Bolin stated he submitted an application to ANRC and it was approved in the amount of \$4,110,000 with an interest rate of 1.75% for 20 years. Mr. Bolin recommends the district wait on securing the loan until it's determined how much the district will receive in grant money. Mr. Bolin stated once applications can be made for the grants, he will submit the application the next day. Mr. Bolin also suggested submitting the application into two parts. One application for the transmission line and the other application for enlarging the plant.

New General Manager Committee – Discussion followed. The Board agreed to put a notice in the newspaper for the next 3 Sundays, put a notice on the NGRWD website, and on the Rural Water Association website. Deadline for submitting applications for the General Manager’s position will be September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Board directed Darrell Eckard to write the notice and submit it to the committee for their approval before posting the notice. The Board appointed the following board members to serve on the committee. David Harper – Chairman, Joe Turner, Jerry Vaughn, Velton Lacy. The Board also appointed Darrell Eckard and Michael Bolin will also serve on the committee.

Director Fields adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Harper, Secretary/Treasurer

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