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MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
APRIL 27TH, 2021
6:00 P.M.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Jack Fields, Dwayne Pratt, Jerry Vaughn, Randy Ragsdale, David Harper, and Jimmy Daley.

STAFF PRESENT: Darrell Eckard and Barbara Thurman

GUESTS PRESENT: Michael Bolin – Engineer and Joe Turner

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

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

Public Comments – None

Director's Comments – None

Approval of February 23rd, 2021 Board Minutes – Minutes were approved as amended.

New Business

Revised Emergency Action Plan & Procedures – Mr. Eckard presented an updated Emergency Action Plan & Procedures to the Board for their review. Mr. Eckard noted changes consisted of updating employees, chain of command and emergency contact information for vendors. Director Harper made a motion to approve the Revised Emergency Action Plan & Procedures as presented; seconded by Director Pratt. Discussion followed with regards to materials that need to be kept in stock and mapping of the District's water lines. Mr. Eckard reported the District does keep materials in stock. The mapping of the District's water lines was put on hold while building the new office and shop. The Board requested adding the mapping of the District's water lines on the next agenda. Motion approved.

Revised By-Laws – Mr. Eckard presented the revised By-Laws to the Board for their approval. Mr. Eckard stated since the District office has moved and Judith Harper retired, the District's address and authorized bank signers were revised to reflect these changes. Director Ragsdale made a motion to approve the By-Laws as revised; seconded by Director Daley. Motion approved

Employee Bonuses – Mr. Eckard stated that during the last board meeting Director Ragsdale suggested the employees receive a bonus for their dedication and exceptional job during the February snow storm. Director Pratt made a motion the employees receive a

one time \$1,000 bonus after taxes; motion seconded by Director Vaughn. Discussion followed. Motion approved.

New Truck – Mr. Eckard stated last year he addressed the Board on purchasing a new truck for Jay Weige to drive. Mr. Eckard stated the state bid has a 2021 Dodge Ram 1500 truck and he would like to trade in the 2012 Chevrolet truck David Alford is driving and let David drive Jay's current truck. Mr. Eckard stated he would like the Boards approval to purchase a 2021 Dodge Ram 1500 pick-up \$26,373.00 less \$5,500.00 trade in on the 2012 Chevrolet truck for a final price of \$20,873.00. Director Daley made a motion to approve the purchase; seconded by Director Ragsdale. Motion approved.

Old Business

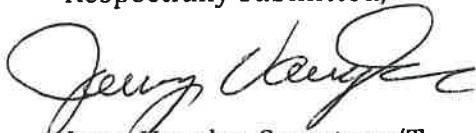
New Shop Building – Mr. Eckard reported we have moved into the new shop and stopped paying rent to Johnny Holder in March. Mr. Eckard reported since lumber prices have gone up, we will finish the shop as we can.

Plant Expansion – Michael Bolin presented a preliminary report to expand the plant to be able to pump between 6 to 8 million gallons per day. Mr. Bolin stated his proposal also includes installing a new water tank behind the Administrative office. Discussion followed. Mr. Bolin stated he will be contacting Hot Springs Village to see what their participation will be and also contacting Jerry Kopke regarding any grants that are available. Director Pratt stated that Hollis is still interested in getting water from NGCRWD. Mr. Bolin stated the proposed plant expansion would be enough to provide water to Hollis.

General Manager's Report – Mr. Eckard reported the April 2021 special for new connections was a success and the 10 new connections were sold by 9:30 a.m. on April 1st. Mr. Eckard stated the District is having issues with getting parts at the present time. Mr. Eckard discussed with the Board about purchasing a machine for the new shop for loading and unloading pipe. Mr. Eckard will get quotes and present it to the Board at the next meeting.

Director Fields adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jerry Vaughn, Secretary/Treasurer
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