

**NORTH GARLAND COUNTY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT  
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**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 27TH, 2019  
6:00 P.M.**

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Jack Fields, Randy Ragsdale, David Harper, Jerry Vaughn, Wayne Copeland, Dwayne Pratt 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.

Approval of July 30th, 2019 Board Minutes – Minutes were approved as submitted.

Proposed 2019 – 2020 Budget and Rate Increase – Mr. Eckard presented the proposed 2019 – 2020 budget and water rate increase to the Board. Mr. Eckard noted the proposed budget increase includes a 3% cost of living increase for all District employees, updating all computers from Windows 7 to Windows 10, updating the Badger meter reading software from Read Center to Beacon, and a water rate increase of 2% per thousand gallons over the minimum water bills. The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed budget. The Board agreed to rename the Building and Land Fund account to Building Fund account. Director Copeland made a motion to approve the 2019 – 2020 Proposed Budget and Rate Increase; motion seconded by Director Ragsdale. Mr. Eckard reviewed the Facility Upgrade expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year with the Board. Discussion followed. Motion approved unanimously.

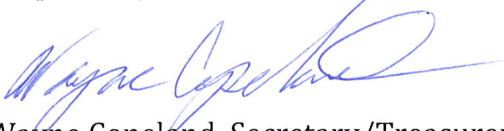
New Trucks for Distribution – Mr. Eckard reported the Distribution is having numerous problems with two of the 2016 Dodge trucks since the day we got them and the 2007 Ford F150 is old and needs replaced. Mr. Eckard briefed the Board on all the problems we have had with the Dodge trucks and the dealership hasn't been able to fix them. Mr. Eckard reported he got quotes from Everett, Allen Tillery on GMC and Chevrolet trucks but the total amount was over \$50,000 so we would have to advertise for bids. Mr. Eckard also got a quote from the Ford Dealership but they were higher than the GMC or Chevrolet. Mr. Eckard stated if we buy from the State Bid we wouldn't have to advertise for bids but the low bid is Dodge trucks which he doesn't recommend due to the problems we have had. Discussion followed. Director Pratt made a motion to authorize the General Manager to go through the bid process to procure new trucks for the District; seconded by Director Ragsdale. Motion approved 6 – 1; Director Daley opposed.

Appoint Referendum Committee for Section 218 Agreement for Social Security – Mr. Eckard reviewed the referendum election committee with the Board. Director Vaughn nominated Dwayne Pratt - Chairman, Wayne Copland – Member #2, David Harper –

Member #3 and Randy Ragsdale - Alternate. The Board appointed the members to serve on the Referendum Committee for Social Security.

Director Fields adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Wayne Copeland, Secretary/Treasurer  
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