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**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 25TH, 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

GUESTS PRESENT: Michael Bolin – Engineer

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.

Approval of November 23rd, 2021 Board Minutes – Minutes were approved as submitted.

New Business

Election of Officers' – Director Harper nominated Jack Fields as President, seconded by Director Ragsdale; Motion approved. Director Lacy nominated Jerry Vaughn as Vice – President, seconded by Director Daley; Motion approved. Director Vaughn nominated David Harper as Secretary/Treasurer, seconded by Director Daley; Motion approved.

Compliance Hearing with Arkansas Water Plan – Mr. Bolin reported a public hearing was held on January 19th, 2022 regarding NGCRWD planned water plant and transmission line expansion. Mr. Bolin stated there were no objections to the planned expansion. However, there is a public comment period which will expire on February 2nd, 2022. If there are no objections the district will receive approval and notice of compliance with the state water plan sometime after February 2nd, 2022. Discussion followed regarding possible grants the district may be able to receive for the expansion.

Old Business

Bad Debt Write Offs – Mr. Eckard presented to the Board a revised list of \$4,463.88 in bad debts as of September 30th, 2021 to be written off for their approval. Mr. Eckard stated the district can still collect on these debts even though they have been written off. Mr. Eckard explained the district is enrolled in Water Utility Data Base program; which allows the district and other water companies in the program to collect bad debts when the customer applies to get water from another water district. Director Ragsdale made a motion to write off \$4,463.88 in bad debts; seconded by Director Harper. Discussion followed. Motion approved.

New Trucks – Mr. Eckard reported Red River Dodge should be getting in a new 2021 Dodge Crew Cab 4WD pickup this week and could possibly receive 3 trucks. Mr. Eckard stated the cost of the trucks is \$26,373.00 through the state bid. Mr. Eckard stated previously he was requesting 1 new truck; however, his truck already has 109,000 miles and since trucks are difficult to get right now Mr. Eckard is requesting the Board’s approval to purchase 2 new trucks for him and David Alford. Mr. Eckard stated his present truck would be used for a spare; the 2 other trucks would be sold. Discussion followed. Director Lacy made a motion to purchase 2 new trucks for \$26,373.00 each; seconded by Director Vaughn. Motion approved.

GPS Mapping Update – Mr. Eckard stated he is having a hard time finding a company to purchase the needed equipment the district needs to GPS our water lines, valves, meters, etc. Discussion followed.

Announcements – Mr. Eckard announced that Tanner Tedford and David Alford passed their Treatment 2 test and now have their T2 license. Mr. Eckard stated Tanner, David and Jason Fortenberry will be going to school in April for their Treatment 4 license and will take their T4 test on June 3, 2022. Mr. Eckard talked to Martin Nutt regarding Tanner and David testing for their Treatment 3 license and Mr. Nutt advised them to take the Treatment 4 test as there isn’t a lot of difference in the two tests.

General Manager’s Report – Mr. Eckard reported ARDOT has another highway project on Strawberry Rd and after their engineers revised the plans, NGCRWD will now need to move our water mains since we are in their 130’ right of way which requires a 30’ highway bore. Mr. Eckard contacted Richard Thomas at ARDOT and told him when NGCRWD water mains were installed the road was a Weyerhaeuser Rd, then a County Rd before becoming a state highway road. Mr. Eckard contacted Darrell Mahoney and received documentation when the road was turned over to the state. Mr. Eckard reported ARDOT will now reimburse NGCRWD 100% to re-locate our water mains. Mr. Bolin suggested paying the difference to upgrade the current 12” water main to a 24” line or a 30” line if Hot Springs Village wants to go in with our plans to enlarge our plant. Mr. Bolin stated enlarging the water main now would save the district the price of a highway bore when we enlarge our plant. Discussion followed. The Board asked Mr. Bolin to present the cost to enlarge the lines at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Eckard reported Square One Enterprises is now installing all new services and repairing water leaks for the district and are doing a great job. Mr. Eckard reported the district does need to purchase a mini-x, truck and trailer for small jobs.

Director Fields adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Harper, Secretary/Treasurer
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