

**NORTH GARLAND COUNTY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT
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**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 28TH, 2020
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: Jason Temple & Chris Boutzale – Hot Springs Village Property Owners Association, Matt Charton – Datascout, LLC., Michael Bolin – Engineer and Ray Owen – Attorney.

Meeting to Order – Director Fields called the Quarterly Board meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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

Public Comments – None

Director's Comments – None

Approval of November 26th, 2019 Board Minutes – Minutes were approved as submitted.

New Business

Election of Officers' – Director Harper nominated Jack Fields as President; Motion approved. Director Pratt nominated Jerry Vaughn as Vice – President; Motion approved. Director Ragsdale nominated Wayne Copeland as Secretary/Treasurer; Motion approved.

Hot Springs Village Property Owners Association Emergency Water Connection with NGCRWD – Jason Temple and Chris Boutzale requested the Board grant an emergency water connection at the Balboa Gate on Hwy 5 with NGCRWD. Mr. Temple stated he met with Mr. Eckard several times concerning the emergency connection and plans are approved by the Health Department. HSVPOA has purchased the materials and are in storage. Mr. Temple stated the HSVPOA will install and pay all the cost for the emergency connection with NGCRWD and work with Mr. Eckard and Mr. Bolin. Mr. Temple stated the HSVPOA have an agreement with MAWA for 2,000,000 gallons of water a day and ultimately would like to work with NGCRWD and help pay for any improvements needed so the HSVPOA can purchase this water from NGCRWD as a back-up water supply. Director Pratt made a motion the board authorize Mr. Eckard work with the HSV Property Owners Association for an emergency connection and a resolution to that effect be drafted for consideration at our next board meeting; seconded by Director Vaughn. Motion approved.

New Service Connection Promotion – Director Vaughn would like to develop a pilot plan to help new customers be able to connect to NGCRWD water system. Mr. Vaughn would like to advertise it on the Website and the community pages on Facebook and have a one month period for the project to allow for discounted connections. Director Vaughn suggested forming a committee to finalize the details. Mr. Vaughn stated if we have a good response possibly do this every year. The Board appointed Director Vaughn, Director Pratt, and Director Copeland to serve on the committee.

Old Business

NGCRWD Service Area Mapping – Ray Owen said the Board previously hired DataScout, LLC to create an updated service area map of the District. Mr. Owen said the statute requires a service area map be filed at the County Clerks' Office no later than January 31st before the general election. Mr. Owen stated the sub-districts will be decided by the Judge and the Board members running for the sub-districts must reside in that sub-district. Mr. Owen said the statute states all Board Members must reside in the service area of the District, which are areas of the District to which retail water or other services are being provided. Mr. Owen stated that is the purpose of filing the service area map. Mr. Owen also stated, under the law, if one customer of NGCRWD is located in a precinct which has water service then the whole precinct can vote on NGCRWD Board members in the general election. Mr. Owen stated once the maps are presented, the Judge will likely set the sub-districts based on the number of customers. Matt Charton with DataScout, LLC presented a power point presentation to the Board of Directors. (See Attached) Mr. Charton stated his company was furnished with a complete data file of all addresses currently serviced by the District. Mr. Charton explained the maps to the Board indicating the Districts current service area and the current precincts were provided by the Garland County Clerk. Mr. Charton stated the addresses in the service area were verified with the county 911 office. He stated that if addresses weren't in the 911 system, they researched them to make sure the service addresses were in the correct location. Discussion followed with regard to the maps presented. Mr. Owen stated the maps may have to be periodically reviewed at least every 10 years. Mr. Charton stated all these addresses have been researched so it will just be making sure the precincts haven't changed for the District. Mr. Pratt made a motion the Board authorizes our legal counsel to file this service area map with the County Clerk in accordance with Arkansas law; seconded by Director Copeland. Motion approved unanimously.

Hollis Water Resolution – Mr. Owen presented the resolution to the Board for their review. Director Pratt made a motion to accept the resolution to authorize and direct the Board to enter into negotiations to provide potable water with the Hollis Community; seconded by Director Vaughn. Motion approved unanimously.

New Office/Shop Building Update – Mr. Eckard reported the weather has slowed the building down but they have the building framed and have the trusses up and it is getting close to being put in the dry. Mr. Vaughn said had issues with the safe room blocks and requested the blocks be cleaned up before painting.

Truck Compensation – Darrell Eckard & Employee's Work Trucks – Mr. Eckard stated during the last Board meeting the Board approved Option 1 compensation for Darrell's

truck for personal use and it should have been Option 2. Mr. Eckard stated the employees trucks should have been Option 1. Director Copeland made a motion to move Mr. Eckard to Option 2 and Option 1 for all other employees that have service vehicles for tax purposes; seconded by Director Harper. Motion approved unanimously.

Announcements – Director Pratt stated the Arkansas Ethics Commission requires elected Directors of Water Boards to file a Statement of Financial Interest with the Garland County Clerk no later than January 31st.

General Manager’s Report – Mr. Eckard reported Jason Reynolds turned in his resignation and his last day was January 10th. Mr. Eckard stated after advertising the position he hired Greg Hill who previously worked for Hot Springs Water in Distribution to fill the Plant Operator position. Discussion followed. Mr. Eckard reported he and Mr. Owen have been looking into contracting the new shop building ourselves. Mr. Owen stated he talked to the County Judge and if the project is under \$100,000 we could do it ourselves. The problem would be if we contract it ourselves and the project is more than \$100,000 so Mr. Owen would like to look into it further.

Director Fields adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Wayne Copeland
Secretary/Treasurer

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