

**NORTH GARLAND COUNTY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT
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**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 27TH, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Darrell Eckard and Barbara Thurman.

GUESTS PRESENT: Taun Berry, Berry & Associates, Ray Owen, Attorney and 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 the Minutes – The October 30th, 2018 minutes were approved as submitted.

New Business

Audit Report – Taun Berry gave the auditor’s report to the Board of Directors for fiscal year ending September 30th, 2018. Mr. Berry stated North Garland County Regional Water District is a very solid entity. Mr. Berry stated NGCRWD has \$1,641,344 in working capital and \$644,426 in current Liabilities which is almost \$1,000,000 positive working capital which is great because the District has \$12,000,000 in debt. Mr. Berry reviewed our Revenues & Expenses and changes in Net Position which showed an increase over 2017 in the amount of \$210,000 for book purposes only. The Cash Flow Statement showed we almost had a breakeven year; noting the District didn’t borrow any money and paid for all repairs/improvements that were made during the year. Mr. Berry stated while the District generates a lot of income the District has to in order to pay the debts and make any improvements or repairs that are needed. Mr. Berry stated the District in sound financial condition, there were no deficiencies and no management letter was given. The Board had no questions regarding the audit and the audit report was approved as submitted.

Bids for Tank #6 – Mr. Bolin reported bids were opened on November 20th, 2018 at the District office. 3 bids were received to clean, paint and make the needed repairs to Tank #6. Mr. Bolin recommended the Board accept the lowest bid from Hanney Sandblasting & More in the amount of \$86, 449. Mr. Bolin stated Hanney Sandblasting & More have done two other tanks and did an excellent job.

Hanney Sandblasting & More	Kimery Painting	Eagle Sandblasting & Painting
\$ 86,449.00	\$ 91,294.00	\$ 90,000.00

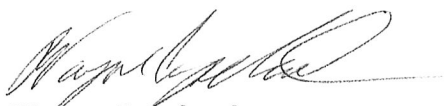
Director Vaughn made a motion to award the contract to Hanney Sandblasting & More in the amount of \$86,449 to make repairs to Tank #6; motion seconded by Director Copeland. Motion approved unanimously.

Highway 7 North Project – Michael Bolin addressed the Board regarding problems he’s having obtaining the required easements North Garland County Water District needs. 11 easements are needed and only 4 owners have signed. Mr. Bolin discussed what some property owners are wanting before signing an easement to NGRWD. Mr. Owen advised the Board to hire an appraiser to appraise the land for each requested easement and take the offer to each owner. Mr. Owen stated if the owner rejects the offer, the Board will need to file a petition for eminent domain in the Circuit Court. We would attach the appraisal, along with a check made payable to the Circuit Court, to be held in the registry of the court for each property. Mr. Owen stated it will then be up to the court to file right away or wait and have a hearing. Discussion followed. The Board agreed unanimously to give Darrell Eckard, Michael Bolin and Ray Owen the authority to take whatever steps are necessary to obtain the easements.

NGRWD Service Map of the District – Mr. Eckard reported he has been working with Mr. Owen and Hot Springs on the maps. Mr. Owen reported Hot Springs acknowledged the original service map of NGRWD did not accurately reflect the service areas and we need to have a corrected map. ARNC must approve a map showing the actual service area that NGRWD and Hot Springs anticipate having. Discussion followed regarding if the maps needed to be approved by the court. Director Daley had issues with the lines on the maps, how the map was drawn up, how was the map revision funded. Director Daley also pointed out one section of the map where Hot Springs has water lines is showing the area is in the Royal Water District. Discussion followed. Director Pratt asked Mr. Owen is there any legal jeopardy in the board adopting this area service map that identifies where people are providing water. Mr. Owen said we just have to be accurate as to where our service area is and where our lines are. We can also add to that service area, as we have in areas Hot Springs doesn’t ever intend to service but we may sometime in the future because there is no conflict. Director Pratt: “Even if we adopt this map could we not by agreement with Hot Springs allow them to service an area that we would have no intention to serve and vice-versa.” Mr. Owen: “You could reach an agreement or just take the information and furnish that to the ANRC.” Director Daley said: “And the court.” Mr. Owen said he didn’t know if it needed to go through the courts. Director Daley stated he thinks the ANRC is supposed to get their instruction from the court per the code. Discussion followed. Don Daley stated he was going to contact the State Legislator. Mr. Owen stated he would look at the code to see if the maps needed to be approved by the courts.

Director Fields adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Wayne Copeland
Secretary/Treasurer
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