

**NORTH GARLAND COUNTY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT
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**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 27TH, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Darrell Eckard and Barbara Thurman.

GUEST PRESENT – Blake Weinfeldorf – Central Arkansas Water and Michael Bolin – Engineer

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

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

Approval of August 11th, 2020 Special Board Minutes – Minutes were approved as submitted.

New Business

Blake Weinfeldorf – Central Arkansas Water announced C.A.W merged with Paron-Owensville Water on June 1, 2020. Mr. Weinfeldorf announced C.A.W. would like to restore Paron-Owensville Water relationship with North Garland County Regional Water District. Mr. Weinfeldorf would like approval from the Board to enter into negotiations to purchase emergency water from NGRWD. Mr. Weinfeldorf stated Paron has plenty of water to service their customers but would like to have the ability to purchase emergency water and also purchase water periodically to keep the water connection clean. Discussion followed. Director Pratt made a motion the Board authorize Mr. Eckard to negotiate with Central Arkansas Water for an emergency connection and potential wholesale purchases in the future. Motion seconded by Director Vaughn; motion approved.

Bad Debt Write Offs – Mr. Eckard presented the Bad Debt Write Offs ending September 30, 2020 in the amount of \$5,621.95 for Board approval. Director Daley made a motion to approve \$5,621.75 in bad debts be written off. Seconded by Director Ragsdale; motion approved.

US Bank Signers – Mr. Eckard reported since Judith Harper retired on September 30, 2020 Amanda Gossage needs to be added as a signature and would like to also add David Harper since he is so close to the office, as a bank signer on the accounts. Director Copeland made a motion to remove Judith Harper and add Amanda Gossage and David Harper as bank signers. Seconded by Director Daley; motion approved.

Unfinished Business

Fence Bid for New Office – Mr. Bolin stated Solid Rock Fencing was the lowest bid of \$49,996.10. Mr. Bolin stated they're a Hot Springs company and do a lot of work in Hot Springs and surrounding areas, which includes Little Rock. Discussion followed. Director Vaughn made a motion to accept Solid Rock Fencing bid of \$49,996.10. Motion seconded by Director Harper; motion approved

Manager's Report –

Mr. Eckard reported the District had a good year financially with 67 new connections, noting only 10 were from the March special. Mr. Eckard report one customer had backed out of the March Special new connection agreement and had let the property go back to the owner that she was owner financing from. Mr. Eckard reported he had discussed this with Ray Owen who stated the agreement was with the person that had signed the agreement and the owner of the property could not be held responsible.

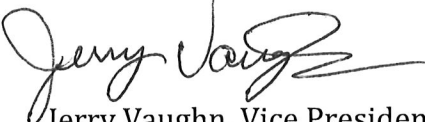
Mr. Eckard reported he had told Jason Temple that Hot Springs Village would have to pay for any upgrades to NGCRWD water lines with the Deerpark project. Upgrades would cost approximately \$35,000. Mr. Bolin stated NGCRWD would be reimbursed 100% by ARDOT for relocating the water lines with the Deerpark Project.

Mr. Eckard reported he is looking at the plant expansion lines. Mr. Bolin stated he would like to utilize Jerry Kopke with the financing on the project using USDA for financing since grant money is available which would give the plant a 4 million gallons per day capacity and if Hot Springs Village wanted to go in with NGCRWD it would increase a 6 million gallons per day capacity.

Mr. Eckard thanked Barbara Thurman and Amanda Gossage for all their hard work with packing up the old office and setting up the new office.

Director Fields adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jerry Vaughn, Vice President

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