

**NORTH GARLAND COUNTY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT
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**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 24TH, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Jerry Vaughn, David Harper, Joe Turner, Jack Fields, Velton Lacy, Todd Graves and Eddie Livingston.

STAFF PRESENT: Stephen Mc Earl, Barbara Thurman

GUESTS PRESENT: Darrell Eckard

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

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

Approval of July 25th, 2023 Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes – Director Fields made a motion the minutes be approved as submitted; seconded by Director Livingston. Motion approved.

New Business –

Updated Emergency Action Plan & Procedures – Stephen Mc Earl addressed the Board regarding the changes and updated information. Discussion Followed. Director Vaughn requested Fountain Lake Fire Department contacts be amended. Director Harper made a motion to approve the Emergency Action Plan & Procedures as amended; seconded by Director Fields. Motion approved unanimously.

Bad Debts – Mr. Mc Earl presented a list of Bad Debts to be written off to the Board for their approval. Discussion followed. Director Fields made a motion to approve the list of Bad Debts in the amount of \$9,930.14 be written off as presented; seconded by Director Lacy. Motion approved unanimously.

New Connection Rates – Mr. Mc Earl presented the current cost for installing a new service connection to the Board. Discussion followed. The Board agreed the new connection rates not be changed at this time.

Unfinished Business

Carbon Machine Update – Mr. Mc Earl reported the new carbon machine has been ordered and delivery will take 18 to 22 weeks. Mr. Mc Earl reported the carbon machine will be removed from inside the plant and installed in a separate building outside the plant. Mr. Mc Earl reported by relocating the machine it will save the district between \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Plant Expansion Update – Mr. Mc Earl reported Mr. Bolin has submitted the loan paperwork and we are on this list for ANRC approval.

Turkey Trot Emergency Water Connection with the City of Hot Springs Update – Mr. Mc Earl reported he and Michael Bolin met with the City of Hot Springs last week regarding the emergency connection. Representatives for the City of Hot Springs reviewed the signed contract Ray Owen previously drew up between the City of Hot Springs and NGRWD to purchase emergency water. Mr. Owen wrote the contract where there is no stipulation as to how much water the district can purchase from the city nor is there a limit to the number of connections. The contract also states the district will not be required to pay a minimum monthly water bill. Mr. Bolin has submitted the plans for the new connection to the Health Department for their approval.

Manager's Report – Mr. Mc Earl reviewed the financials with the Board. The Board approved as submitted.

Director Vaughn adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Harper, Secretary/Treasurer

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