

**NORTH GARLAND COUNTY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT  
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**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 29TH, 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 and Barbara Thurman

**GUESTS PRESENT:** None

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 January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Board Minutes – Minutes were approved as submitted.

**New Business**

**New Equipment:** Darrell Eckard reviewed estimated prices he's received for a ¾ Ton Truck, Trailer and Mini X machine for the shop. Mr. Eckard stated equipment is hard to find right now. When equipment is available, it's sold quickly. Mr. Eckard said every dealer he's contacted advised him to get Board approval for a certain amount of money he could spend on the equipment. Mr. Eckard stated if they purchased the equipment, the district would be able to put in new short side services, repair small leaks, repair fire hydrants and be able to unload and move pipe at the shop area. If we had the equipment the district could repair small leaks without the need to call the contractor off of another job. Director Don Daley questioned spending the money to purchase the equipment. Discussion followed. Mr. Eckard reported the current contractor has a 2-hour response time on leaks. The Board requested the contractor come to the next board meeting. Tabled till the July board meeting.

**New Service Connection Rate Increase:** Mr. Eckard presented an updated cost breakdown for new connections vs what we are currently charging new customers. Mr. Eckard stated material and labor costs have increased on everything. Mr. Eckard is requesting the board approved the proposed new connection price increases as presented. Director Ragsdale made a motion to approve the price increase for new connection as presented to be effective May 1, 2022; seconded by Director Daley. Discussion followed. Motion approved. (SEE ATTACHED)

**Proposed New Connection Special –** Mr. Eckard asked if the Board wanted to offer another \$500.00 discount on the first 10 customers for new connections in May. Discussion followed. Director Daley made a motion to approve a May 2022 Special for a \$500.00

discount on the first 10 new connections beginning May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022; seconded by Director Lacy. Motion approved

Old Business

Website Payment Portal Update – Mr. Eckard reported we are in the process of working with US Bank on this option.

Plant Expansion – Mr. Eckard reported we are expecting to know about possible grant money being available in June or July. Mr. Eckard stated he's working on this with Michael Bolin. Mr. Eckard reported Hot Springs Village Property Owner's Association has a new general manager. Jason Temple had previously stated the Village wanted to go in with the district on the plant expansion but Mr. Eckard hasn't heard anything else from Mr. Temple and therefore told Mr. Bolin not to include the extra cost for the Village in with the plant expansion figures. Discussion followed.

General Manager's Report – Mr. Eckard reviewed the financials with the board. Mr. Eckard reported the Health Department has requested Tank 7, which was previously shut off to repair the tank or shut down. Mr. Eckard stated Mr. Bolin will present the cost to the Board during the July board meeting.

Director Fields adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Harper, Secretary/Treasurer  
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