

**NORTH GARLAND COUNTY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT  
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**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 26TH, 2022  
6:00 P.M.**

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Jack Fields, Jerry Vaughn, Randy Ragsdale, David Harper, Joe Turner and Velton Lacy. Don Daley was unable to attend.

STAFF PRESENT: Darrell Eckard and Barbara Thurman

GUESTS PRESENT: Michael Bolin – Engineer

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.

Public Comments – None

Approval of August 30<sup>th</sup> and October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes – Director Ragsdale made a motion the minutes be approved as submitted; seconded by Director Turner. Minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business –

Proposed Theft of Service & Tampering Policy – Mr. Eckard presented a policy for the Board's review that Kimzey Water recently passed. Mr. Eckard stated the district is having more problems with customers tampering with meters and stealing water. Mr. Eckard stated after reviewing the policy, our Board might want to approve a policy like this for the district. Discussion followed. The Board requested Mr. Eckard find out more information and discuss it with the districts attorney and bring it back to the board.

Review and Approve Bad Debt Write Offs – Mr. Eckard presented a list of bad debts to be written off. Director Vaughn made a motion to approve writing off \$4,629.37 in bad debts; seconded by Director Ragsdale. Discussion followed. Approved unanimously.

Intake Valves at Plant – Mr. Eckard reported the diaphragm is bad and the actuator needs to be replaced, which will cost approx. \$20,000, however there is a company that may be able to repair it a lot cheaper but the lake needs to go down more so they can access it. Discussion followed. The Board agreed it has to be replaced or repaired if possible.

Unfinished Business –

Plant Expansion – Mr. Bolin reported the districts application for a grant has been submitted. Mr. Bolin stated the maximum grant allowed has been reduced to 5,000,000.

Mr. Bolin stated a meeting is set for December 2<sup>nd</sup> that he and Mr. Eckard will attend regarding the grant. Discussion followed. Mr. Bolin stated he didn't think the district will be able to make all the improvements as previously discussed. Mr. Bolin stated installing a new transmission line should be the top priority and possibly enlarging the intake line if funds are available.

### General Manger's Report

Mr. Eckard reported the district had 64 new services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. Mr. Eckard reviewed the financials with the Board. Mr. Eckard stated the District was audited last week and a special board meeting needs to be called in November when the Auditor's can present their report to the Board.

Directors Fields called for a special board meeting on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 6 p.m. for the audit report from Berry and Associates.

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

Respectfully submitted,



David Harper, Secretary/Treasurer

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