

**NORTH GARLAND COUNTY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT
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**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 26th, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Jack Fields, Jerry Vaughn, David Harper, and Joe Turner, Randy Ragsdale, and Don Daley

STAFF PRESENT: Darrell Eckard and Barbara Thurman

GUESTS PRESENT: Michael Bolin – Engineer and Nick Dodd – First Arkansas Insurance

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 amended.

Public Comments – None

President Comments – None

Approval August 31st, 2021 Special Board Minutes – Minutes were approved as presented.

New Business

Insurance Quotes – Mr. Eckard reported during the August 31st special board meeting Berryhill Insurance met with the Board of Directors regarding his desire to quote NGCRWD for insurance. Mr. Eckard stated after receiving Berryhill's Insurance quote he contacted Nick Dodd of First Arkansas Insurance to see if the two quotes were equal to the coverage the District currently has with EMC Insurance. Mr. Dodd addressed the board regarding major discrepancies with Berryhill Insurance quote and our current coverage with EMC Insurance. Discussion followed. Director Harper made a motion for the district to stay with First Arkansas Insurance and EMC Insurance; seconded by Director Turner. Motion Approved

Applicants for the open Position on the Board – Mr. Eckard reported that after advertising, the district did not receive any applications.

Barbara Thurman – Vacation Carryover – Mr. Eckard presented to the Board a list of reasons why Barbara Thurman was unable to use some of her vacation time which resulted in a carry-over of 46.28 hrs. above the 160 hrs. allowed in the Employee handbook. Discussion followed. Director Vaughn made a motion to allow Barbara Thurman to carry over 46.28 hrs. vacation time to the next year; seconded by Director Turner. Motion approved.

Review Bad Debt Write Offs – Mr. Eckard presented a list of bad debts to the Board. Mr. Ragsdale made a motion to approve the bad debts as presented; seconded by Director Vaughn. Discussion followed. Director Ragsdale withdrew his motion. The Board agreed to table approving the Bad Debts until the January board meeting.

Old Business

New Shop Building – Mr. Eckard reported the new shop building has been completed.

New Truck for Darrell Eckard – Mr. Eckard reported he isn't sure when he will receive the new truck.

Plant Expansion – Michael Bolin reported grants are still uncertain as to when they will be available. Discussion followed.

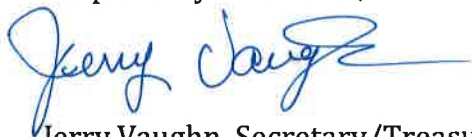
GPS Mapping of District – Mr. Eckard discussed options on getting GPS mapping system for the district with the board stating he would like to bring someone to the January meeting to talk to the Board. Mr. Eckard reported to purchase the equipment and do the mapping ourselves would cost approximately \$15,000. Mr. Eckard noted Kimzey Water is doing it now with this method.

General Manager's Report – Mr. Eckard reported Badger changed the reading software from Read Center over to Beacon. Since this conversion the District has had numerous major problems that still aren't resolved and it's getting worse. Mr. Eckard stated he has contacted two other companies for prices that will work with our billing software to see what options are best for the district.

Mr. Eckard gave the General Manager's report to the Board, stating the district has had 72 new connections during the past fiscal year.

Director Fields adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jerry Vaughn, Secretary/Treasurer
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