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MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
JULY 29TH, 2025
6:00 P.M.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Stephen McEarl and Nicole Noles

GUEST PRESENT: Brian Weaver and Michael Bolin – Engineer

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

Public Comments: Mr. Weaver addressed the Board regarding his parents having paid the initial \$75 meter connection back in 1996. He was inquiring if North Garland County Water District would be able to extend the water main up to his residence. Discussion followed and the Board told him that they would get back with him on his concern once they had an answer. Board requested Mr. McEarl to get with Mr. Garner regarding the initial meter connections.

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

Comments by Board President – None at this time.

Approval of April 29th, 2025, Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes – Director Livingston made a motion the minutes be approved as presented; seconded by Director Graves. Motion unanimously approved.

New Business –

Review/Approve 2025 – 2026 Proposed Water Rate Increase – The Board reviewed the proposed 2.5% rate increase and 0.30 leak adjustment policy on minimum bills and on each additional 1,000 gallons. Discussion followed. Director Harper made a motion to approve the proposed 2.5% water rate increase and .30 cent leak adjustment increase as submitted; seconded by Director Livingston. Motion approved.

Review/Approve 2025 – 2026 Proposed Budget – The Board reviewed the proposed budget. Director Harper made a motion to approve the proposed 2025-2026 budget as presented; seconded by Director Graves. Motion approved.

New Connection Special for Existing Homes or Homes Being Built – Discussion followed. Director Lacy made a motion to approve \$500.00 discount for new water connections for existing homes or homes currently being built for the first 10 customers at Mr. McEarl's discretion; motion seconded by Director Livingston. Motion approved.

End of Day Closing at North Garland County Regional Water District – Mr. McEarl brought it to the boards attention that the office would stop taking payments at 4:00 PM instead of 4:15 PM to perform end of day shut down procedures.

Old Business –

Land for New Water Tank Update – Mr. McEarl briefed the Board that the land had been surveyed and the surveying company has been paid. Mr. Garner had set up with ProLand Title Company to have the paperwork signed. Discussion followed. Mr. McEarl is going to get with Mr. Garner to find out when the signing date will be set.

Manager's Report –

Mr. McEarl informed the Board that North Garland County Regional Water District would be purchasing 3 Turbidity Monitoring System's due to the ones we have now are obsolete. Mr. McEarl also informed the Board of the new Mountain Valley Water Project that was in the works. Discussion followed.

Director Lacy made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Director Graves. Director Vaughn adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Harper, Secretary/Treasurer

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