

FORT GRIFFIN SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT

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FORT GRIFFIN SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT Board of Directors met Thursday, February 7, 2019, at the Prairie Star Catering Shack, 100 Ellison St., Albany, TX.

Board President Burrell McKelvain called the meeting to order at 12:50 pm. Other Board members present included Robert Montgomery, Ken Hill, John Adams, and Ben Hale. Engineer Derek Turner, General Manager Mark Gardenhire, and Office Administrator Betty Barrett were also present.

Visitor Comments, limited to five minutes: Gary Roan, FGSUD customer from Moran, was present and asked the Board for clarification pertaining to the proposed project, such as the amount of money borrowed, the interest rate, the necessity of building a water treatment plant, and/or borrowing more money. Members of the Board and the General Manager gave answers to Mr. Roan's questions, as well as some history of the District and hopes for the future.

Sid Collinsworth was present to ask questions concerning the recent rate changes and the proposed projects. Sid asked if the interest is included in the total project cost, is there any dollar figure for proposed cost of the plant operations, and would the Board consider delaying the project for a period of at least six months to a year. Lengthy discussions were held, but no action was taken.

Approval of minutes: Following a review of the January 10, 2019, meeting minutes, Ken Hill made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Ben Hale seconded the motion, and it carried.

Approval of expenditures and financial reports: Following a review of the January 2019 expenditures and financial reports, John Adams made a motion to approve the expenditures and reports as submitted. Ken Hill seconded the motion, and it carried.

Update on RD Project: 1.) Derek reported that the plant design using the existing barn has been drawn up. The framework is already there, but currently it is only partially enclosed. The proposed plans include completing the enclosure and pouring a cement floor. Regarding the right-of-way easements, some changes were made in the legal description and once those are approved, we will be ready to obtain the remaining easements from property owners. 2.) Burrell asked about the progress on the grant project with the District and the City of Moran. Mark stated that the City of Moran will meet on February 19 to discuss the grant project, and he will have more to report at the March Board meeting.

The Board President called for a brief recess at 2:00 p.m. Discussion resumed at 2:15 p.m.

Review and approve Amended/Updated Resolutions – Office Administrator Betty Barrett pointed out the changes made to each of the following documents, which will bring them up to date according to requirements by the State.

- Water Conservation Plan – Robert Montgomery made a motion to accept and approve the changes as made to the Water Conservation Plan. John Adams seconded the motion, and it carried.
- Drought Contingency Plan – John Adams made a motion to accept and approve the changes as made to the Drought Contingency Plan. Robert Montgomery seconded the motion, and it carried.
- District Service Policy – John Adams made a motion to accept and approve the changes as made to the District Service Policy. Ken Hill seconded the motion, and it carried.

Manager's Report: 1.) Mark reported that we recently had our TCEQ Investigation, which is performed every three years. It is a routine comprehensive compliance investigation of all system operations, including office and pump stations. Following the investigation, a TCEQ Exit Form was presented to Mark. Investigator Nicholas Parrott stated that it was an excellent evaluation and no violations were found. Two areas, failure to have a Nitrification Action Plan and improperly fitting overflow lid at our Blackwell PS #1, were written as a "potential violation." 2.) The TRWA Convention will be held in Austin March 27-29, and anyone planning to attend should let Betty know as soon as possible. 3.) Mark stated that the water loss percentage was considerably higher for January due to more and bigger leaks during that time period. 4.) The temporary chemical conversion for the northern area of the system that was started on January 16, will be completed on or before February 16. Commonly called a chlorine burnout of the system will help clean out the waterlines in areas of lower water usage. 5.) Burrell asked if the issue with the pH levels in Throckmorton County have been solved. Mark stated that the mixer installed in the Throckmorton tower has been a success in controlling the pH and residual levels.

There being no further business, Ken Hill made a motion that the meeting adjourn. Ben Hale seconded the motion, and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:07 PM.

Burrell McKelvain, Certifying Official
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