

FORT GRIFFIN SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT

1180 C.R. 109

Albany, TX 76430

FORT GRIFFIN SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT Board of Directors met in a Called meeting Wednesday April 12, 2023 at 3 PM, at 609 Railroad Street, Albany, Texas.

President Burrell McKelvain presided. McKelvain called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm. Board members present included Sid Collinsworth, Ben Hale, and Sug Roller, Robert Montgomery, Gary Roan and Sam Snyder. General Manager Mark Gardenhire, Office Administrator Carrie Holson were also present.

Visitor Comments: No visitors present.

Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2023 meeting. Motion seconded by Roller; motion carried.

Montgomery made a motion to approve the February and March financial reports. Motion seconded by Hale; the motion carried. Montgomery made a motion to approve the February and March Budget vs. Actual reports.

President McKelvain brought before the board a proposed amendment to the by-laws regarding Article III (3.2) that would change the regular meeting date from the first Thursday of each month to the second Wednesday of each month. The proposed amendment to be voted on at the next regular meeting in accordance with by-laws.

McKelvain opened discussion regarding a Form for Request to be Placed on the Agenda. After discussion the form was approved with the correction "comments" to "presentation". Form to be required only for anyone wanting to have an agenda item placed on the agenda that would require discussion or action by the board. This form does not pertain to the citizens comments. Motion made by Snyder to adopt the Form for Request to be Placed on the Agenda. Motion seconded by Montgomery; Hale, Collinsworth and Roan voting for, Roller non-vote; the motion carried.

Gardenhire informed the board that the CD at First National Bank will expire in May 2023. After speaking with the bank about rates, it was recommended to Gardenhire that the board wait to compare rates closer to the renewal date (which falls prior to next regular meeting). Discussion regarding rates, led to discussion of finances in general. After discussion, McKelvain asked Hale and Roller serve on a committee with Gardenhire to evaluate CD rates and to also work with Communities Unlimited to assess financial status of the FGSUD and for a financial plan regarding water rates. Snyder made a motion that Gardenhire be given authority to act on behalf of FGSUD and reinvest the current Certificate of Deposit, upon the committee recommendations of best rates and terms, at either First National Bank Albany or First Financial Bank Albany; and use same signatures (Burrell McKelvain, Mark Gardenhire, Sam Snyder, Robert Montgomery and Carrie Holson).

Gardenhire updated the board on the Rural Development project stated Engineer Derek Turner reported contracts have been signed by Bulldog Steele and Whitewater Construction and are under review. Request have also been made for additional funds to USDA and TWDB. Turner noted that although the funds from TWDB would be in the form of a loan, he wanted to have the information available.

Gardenhire talked about legislation regarding water issues and how so many of the bills are regarding water this session. He also requested the boards permission to attend TRWA national conference in Colorado, September 25-28, 2023. Collinsworth inquired what the cost would be to FGSUD and Gardenhire reported all expenses would be paid by National Rural Water Association. He just would need the days to attend. Hale made a motion to allow Gardenhire to represent FGSUD at the NRWA conference. Motion seconded by Roan; the motion carried.

Gardenhire reported due to more issues with the 2012 Chevy truck Tischler had been driving, he had moved Tischler to the GMC and requested permission to sell the 2012 on Renee Bates Auctions. Hale made a motion to sell the 2012 Chevy truck on Renee Bates Auctions with no minimum bid required. Motion seconded by Roan; the motion carried.

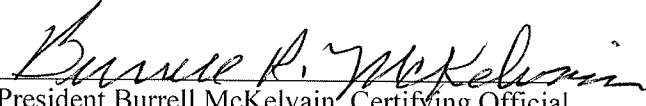
Gardenhire stated Solar Bee had come to work on mixer on the Throckmorton tank and the mixer is under warranty so the SUD will just owe for removal/installation and some electrical updates. He also reported a leak on the Riser at the Breckenridge tower and when Axis put a clamp, they noticed weak spots on the Riser. Turner is working on options for a long-term solution. Snyder made comment that due to the age of the system, he feels the SUD should expect and plan financially for needed repairs before they arise.

Ollinsworth requested the board enter into an Executive Session regarding Personnel Matters. McKelvain excused non-board members and the board entered in an Executive Session at 5:00 PM.

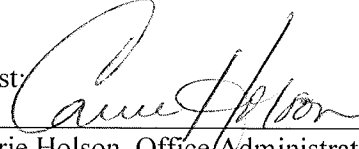
McKelvain closed the executive session at 6:03 PM.

No further action was taken by the board regarding the executive session.

Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 PM. Motion seconded by Roan; the motion carried.



President Burrell McKelvain, Certifying Official
Fort Griffin Special Utility District

Attest: 

Carrie Holson, Office Administrator