

August 24, 2022

The Board of Directors of Bell County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 of Bell County, Texas met in Regular Session, open to the public, in the Conference Room, 201 South 38th Street, Killeen, Texas 76543, at 09:00 a.m., on the 27th day of July 2022, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board.

Robert R Robinson	President	Richard Grandy	Director
Blair Williams	Vice President	Dale Treadway	Director
Sandra Blankenship	Secretary	Brian Dosa	Fort Hood Representative
John Fisher	Director	Ricky Garrett	General Manager
Kenny Wells	Director		

Public attendees were Jana L Kilcrease, Killeen Daily Herald; Steve Kana, City of Killeen Staff.

With all said members present except the following absentee(s): John Fisher, thus constituting a quorum.

There being no public comment, President Robinson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

The first item of business was the consent items, which included the minutes of the regular Board Meeting, held on July 27, 2022, and approval of July Financial Statements. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2022, as presented. And seconded by Director Grandy. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The next consent item was to discuss and consider approval of financial statements for July 2022. Natasha Keeney went over both the water and wastewater financial statements. Water spent 22.0% of their total budget and wastewater spent 15.0% for the year. A motion was made by Director Treadway to approve the July financial statements and seconded by Vice President Williams. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

New Business Items: Discuss and consider Audit Report for fiscal year 2021/2022 and take the appropriate action. Mr. Dane Legg, Lott Vernon & Company, went over the audit report. Required controls were kept in line by Ricky Garrett, Joann Culp and Natasha Keeney. Ms. Keeney did a great job with the audit being her 1st time doing the full audit. The net position was down .7% from previous year. The net pension asset at 2.1 million is overfunded. Total long-term liabilities are 7.0% down; long term liability down 6.2 million due to principal payments; total net position is up 4.6%. Operating revenue is up 630 thousand from prior year and expenses are 1.1 million up. Everything is in compliance. For fiscal year 2023, a big change will be the new lease accounting requirement. Leases will need to be separated out as buildings; equipment; land, etc. The footnote disclosure main change to financial report. It will add additional pages. Mr. Garrett asked if Lott Vernon's cost will increase due to this requirement; Mr. Legg stated that it could increase from 10-15%. A motion was made by Vice President Williams to approve the audit report and seconded by Secretary Blankenship. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The next item was to discuss and consider awarding a bid to Prime Spec Construction, Liberty Hill, Texas, in the amount of \$79,837.00 for the backwash valve project at the Belton Water Plant and take the appropriate action. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to award the bid to Prime Spec Construction, in the amount of \$79,837.00 and seconded by Vice President Williams. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

Staff Reports: Trevor Butler, Wastewater Superintendent, informed the board that the recent rains did not impact the daily flows. Plant 1 is running smoothly and is averaging 9 to 9.5 mgd. All filters are back in operation. Aeration basin 2 will be put back in service and basin 3 will be taken down for maintenance. Chlorine contact basin #2 project for repairs and painting will be brought before the board at the next meeting for approval.

Plant 3 overall is doing well and is averaging 3.0 mgd. SBR Basin 1 is down for maintenance. Diffusers are on order. SCADA server upgrade is completed and working fine.

Compost facility sales continue to be slow. The turner is out of service, clutch has been sent out for a rebuild. New screener working great. Bagger specs are completed and on website; now looking for bagger suppliers to send specifications to.

Keith Baker, Deputy General Manager, gave an update on both lake levels are approximately 8.5' feet low. Belton plant treatment is 39mgd low, 50.3mgd mid; and max is 57.0mgd/day. Stillhouse plant is averaging 3.8mgd.

All 4 plants are up and running at the Belton Plant. Staff continues to work on preventative maintenance at Belton and Stillhouse plants. There are 2 High Service pump is down. A raw water pumps s also down; vendor waiting on a guide sleeve to install.

Stillhouse Plant went down two weeks ago on Sunday. There was a communication breakdown between the Acorn Meter and the City of Killeen. Issue has been corrected.

Belton pump station upgrade ahead of schedule.

Transmission line project – all material now on site to complete project.

Staff had 139 – 811 call outs last month.

Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated that the 2022 election is upon us. Precinct 1 & 6 are contested. On Monday, August 29th a drawing will take place for the order in which the names will be placed on the November election ballot.

The Brazos River Authority is hosting a study of water demands and supply. The state water plan demands are much lower than the Little River study.

Several projects in the queue are now shared on the website. You will need to click on the link. The goal is to put a 5–10-year capital improvement project list on the website.

Standby generation project going well. RPower has contracted with a firm to canvass all properties and right -of -way easements for natural gas line. Design build going on with RPower.

Correspondence received from Atmos Energy on their cost for the line and meter. A special board meeting may be called to review and approve the reimbursement proposed.

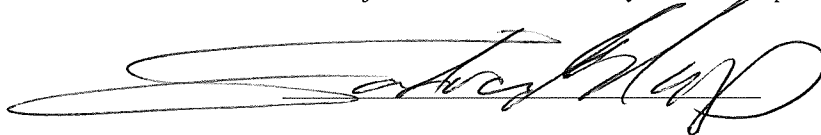
Items from the Board: none.

At 9:35 the board went into executive session to discuss General Manager's annual evaluation.

At 10:14 board reconvened back in open session; no action taken while in executive session.

In open session, a motion was made by Vice President Williams to approve a pay increase of 5.0% and an additional week of vacation time for the General Manager. The motion was seconded by Director Wells. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

10:16a.m. President Robinson moved for adjournment and Secretary Blankenship seconded.



Sandra Blankenship, Secretary
Board of Directors

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