

August 25, 2021

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 25th day of August 2021, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board.

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| 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 Steve Kana, City of Killeen, Clay Thorp, Killeen Daily Herald, and Dane Legg, Lott, Vernon and Company.

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

President Robinson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

There being no public comments, President Robinson went on to the consent items.

The first item of business was the consent items, which included the minutes of the regular Board Meeting, held on July 28, 2021, and approval of June Financial Statements. A motion was made by Director Grandy to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2021, meeting and seconded by Director Treadway. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The final consent item was to discuss and consider approval of financial statements for July 2021. Natasha Keeney went over both the water and wastewater financial statements. A motion was made by Director Wells to approve the July financial statements and seconded by Vice President Blair. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

New Business Items: The first new item was to discuss and consider audit report for fiscal year 2020/2021 and take the appropriate action. Mr. Dane Legg, Lott Vernon & Company, stated that there was nothing negative in the management letter and went over several of the year end totals; informed the board that next year's report will be different in the way leasing of equipment will be noted. Capital leasing and operating leasing will show as yearend numbers. One note was the bank reconciliations showed that transactions were either removed or altered after a particular month was previously reconciled. The result allowed for a successful reconciliation. Steps have been taken to eliminate this from occurring in the future. This practice has not occurred at the district for at least the past 24 years. A motion was made by Director Wells to approve the audit report as presented and seconded by Vice President Blair. All members approved the motion unanimously.

The next item of business was to discuss and consider approval of bid to Cavender Grande Ford, in the amount of \$33,244.00 for the purchase of an F150 4x4 pickup truck. Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated that the truck is a standard spec truck. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to approve a bid to Cavender Grande Ford for the purchase of the F150 4x4 pickup truck and seconded by Director Treadway. All members present approved motion unanimously.

The next item was to discuss and consider awarding of bid for a submersible lift station pump to Precision Pump Systems, in the amount of \$72,000.00 for the purchase of a pump for Wastewater Plant 3 and take the appropriate action. Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated that this pump is a direct replacement and uses the rail system. A motion was made by Director Grandy to award the bid to Precision Pump Systems for the purchase of the pump and seconded by Secretary Blankenship. All members present approved motion unanimously. The next item was to

discuss and consider approval of bid to Rehab & Maintenance Services, in the amount of \$38,000.00 for the final basin clean out project and take the appropriate action. Three bids were received. The low bid did not have the bid security therefore staff recommended Rehab & Maintenance Services. A motion was made by Vice President Blair to approve a bid to Rehab & Maintenance for the basin cleanout and seconded by Director Treadway. All members present approved motion unanimously.

The next item was to discuss and consider awarding a bid to Elgin Separation Solutions/Norris Screen & Manufacturing, LLC, for a new Intake Brush Guard, in the amount of \$67,400.00 and take the appropriate action. Mr. Garrett, General Manager stated that the material is 90/10 copper zinc material. Prevents zebra mussels from attaching themselves to it. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to award the bid to Elgin Separation Solutions/Norris Screen & Manufacturing, LLC for a new intake brush guard and seconded by Director Wells. All members present approved motion unanimously.

The final new business item was to discuss and consider rejecting all bids for a new pumper truck and take the appropriate action. Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated the delivery time and cost a factor in rejecting the bids and more research will be conducted for the lagoon cleanout. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to consider rejecting all bids for the pumper truck and seconded by Vice President Blair. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

Staff Reports: Wastewater Superintendent, Trevor Butler, stated that Plant 1 flows are averaging 10.5-11mgd. The blower project is now 99% complete. Staff is waiting on replacement material. One new blower shut down; alarm is not communicating with the SCADA system. Blower company representative on site to determine why and offer a fix.

The aeration basin cleanout will move forward after bid approved today; the contractor will clean out and staff will replace/fix any diffusers.

Plant 3 is averaging 3.mgd. The non-potable water pump went out. The new one that was on order came in and the plant is running on the new pump. Another pump will be put in next years' budget. The basin diffuser piping project caused by storm Uri should be completed this week.

Compost facility – The screener had some minor repairs made. One of the older loaders is down; the other 2 loaders are working fine. The new bagging systems being researched further.

Keith Baker, Deputy General Manager, gave an update on both water plants and ongoing projects.

Both lake levels are at full elevations.

Belton Water Plant – plant is averaging 44.9.mgd; high has been 51.9mgd, low 37.mgd. Three high lift motors out for refurbishing. One new motor on order. Staff continues to work on budget items.

The Stillhouse Water plant – plant is high flow 3.0mgd; averaging 2.1mgd. 142.2 million gallons treated so far. Contractor still working on punch list items. The VFD parts are still on order. The sample pump has issues. Leaks on the High service pump seals. Contractor demobilizing from plant site.

Ricky Garrett, General Manager, stated that SB3 passed in the last legislative session which covers emergency preparedness plan for standby generation. LSPS services plan is being looked into.

Budget projections – water is tight, wastewater side has more to work with. The influent pump and non-potable water pump cost can be covered with funds in other areas of the budget. The bagging system for the compost facility would be paid for out of the working capital expense account.

CDM Smith evaluation work completed on upcoming bond projects. Staff met with both City of Killeen and Harker Heights. More work needed on South Plant before design can go forward.

Letter was sent out to member entities requesting their treatment capacity needs to be returned by September 15, 2021.

Staff needs a more solid number to obtain a cost.

Letter went out to the Dept. of the Army Corps of Engineers and Fort Hood officials for the upgrade of transmission from Belton Water Plant to the Nolanville Wye. Pipe is near the end of its life span.

Governor Abbott canceled the suspension of the Open Meetings Act; therefore, board members cannot participate in board meetings remotely after September 1st.

The L5 group will bring an update back to the board on backup generation at the October 2021 board meeting.

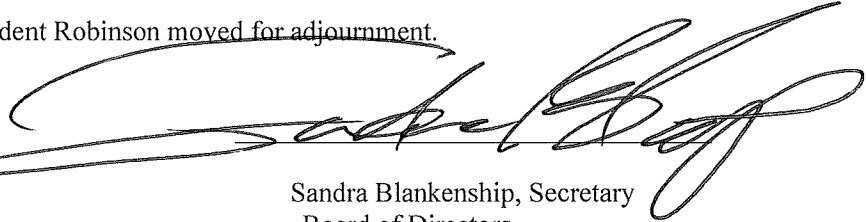
The gas line to the Belton Plant belongs to the Government, leased by the district. It is not large enough to handle gas requirement for backup generation. A 6" line would be recommended.

Next regular scheduled meeting date would be September 22, 2021

Items from the Board: none

09:55a.m. President Robinson moved for adjournment.




Sandra Blankenship, Secretary
Board of Directors

