

December 08, 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 8th day of December 2021, 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 Steve Kana, City of Killeen; Allen Woelke, CDM-Smith Engineering; and Clay Thorp, Killeen Daily Herald.

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

There being no public comments, 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 October 27, 2021, and approval of October Financial Statements. A motion was made by Secretary Fisher to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2021, meeting and seconded by Vice President Blair. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

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

New Business Items: The first new item was to discuss and consider approval of bid to CNC Environmental of Portsmouth, Ohio for the installation of the filter media at the Belton Water Plant in the amount of \$77,000.00 and take the appropriate action. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to approve the bid to CNC Environmental, in the amount of \$77,000.00, for the installation of the filter media and seconded by Director Grandy. All members approved the motion unanimously.

The next item was to discuss and consider approval of bid to Wilkinson Industrial, Omaha, Nebraska in the amount of \$38,980.00 for the painting and rehab of chlorine contact basin #2 and take the appropriate action. A motion was made by Vice President Blair to approve the bid to Wilkinson Industrial for the painting and rehab of basin #2 and seconded by Director Wells. All members approved the motion unanimously.

The next item was to discuss and consider approval of bid to Chameleon, SNF Polydyne, DPC, Brenntag, and Big Chief for water and wastewater treatment chemicals and fuel delivery and take the appropriate action. Ricky Garrett, General Manager addressed each chemical and the fuel bids and informed the board that the low bidder is recommended on each one for approval. The chlorine cost will have gone up 174% come January 2022. Prior to approval, Director Wells recused himself from voting. A motion was made by Director Grandy to approve bids to all low bidders and seconded by Secretary Blankenship. All members approved the motion unanimously.

The next item was to discuss and consider awarding a bid to Archer Western Construction, Austin, Texas, in the amount of \$4,027,900.00 for the City of Belton Low Service Water Pump Station Improvements and take the appropriate action. Ricky Garrett, General Manager stated that the bid pricing is about 90,000.00 over the original bond funds. The City Manager of Belton was contacted and agreed to move forward with both projects

to include the add alternates. The City of Belton would absorb the additional cost(s) if necessary after contingencies. A motion was made by Vice President Blair to award the bid to Archer Western and seconded by Director Treadway. All members approved the motion unanimously.

The next item was to discuss and consider awarding a bid to BlackRock Construction, Mansfield, Texas, in the amount of \$1,654,471.00, for the City of Belton 24-Inch Low Service Pipeline and take the appropriate action. A motion was made by Vice President Blair to award the bid to BlackRock Construction and seconded by Secretary Blankenship. All members approved the motion unanimously.

The next item was to discuss and consider awarding a bid to Austin Wood Inc., in the amount of \$38,400.00 for brush grinding at the Regional Compost Facility and take the appropriate action. Ricky Garrett, General Manager, stated that the bid was \$8000.00 over budget. Cost will be absorbed by savings from the chlorine basin rehab project. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to award the bid to Austin Wood for the brush grinding and seconded by Director Wells. All members approved the motion unanimously.

The last item was to discuss and consider approval of bid for the Potable Water Tank at 38th Street Wastewater Plant to NOV FGS BellCo Manufacturing, Belton, Texas, in the amount of \$28,785.00 and take the appropriate action. Ricky Garrett, General Manager stated that the bid came in 8 – 9,000.00 over but the cost would be absorbed with the chlorine basin rehab savings. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to approve the bid to NOV FGS BellCo Manufacturing for a new potable water tank and seconded by Vice President Blair. All members approved the motion unanimously.

Staff Reports: Wastewater Superintendent, Trevor Butler, stated that Plant 1 flows are averaging 10mgd. The blower project is now complete. New blowers programming issue has been corrected. The aeration basin cleanout project complete. Staff has replaced 3856 rubber gaskets and put back in service.

Plant 3 is averaging 3.mgd. The plant itself is running smoothly at the present time. The basin diffuser piping has been completed and staff replaced total of 2700 diffuser rubber gaskets. Basin #2 will be taken down next. One fine screen motor went out. The I/E tech put a replacement in, and the screener is back in service.

Compost facility – compost sales have slowed down. The screener is down due to the radiator having punctures in it. A new one will take 16 weeks to come in. Staff will produce a temporary fix until the new one comes in.

Keith Baker, Deputy General Manager, stated that both lake levels were down. Belton Lake is down 2foot; Stillhouse 1.5ft down.

Belton Water Plant – plant is averaging 32.0.mgd.; max was 37mgd. Staff continues to work on preventive maintenance and budget items for this year and next. Heating units being replaced with electricity, getting away from gas. The intake structure inspection must be re-scheduled.

The Stillhouse Water plant – plant is averaging 3.6mgd. The WIN 911 system has been installed. No longer need night operators on site. Contractor still has small punch list items being addressed.

Ricky Garrett, General Manager, stated budget line-item amendments will be forthcoming in January 2022 meeting.

The 5 Group request for proposals will not be available until possibly the February 2022 meeting.

Department of the Army approved a right of entry lease for five thousand feet to parallel to the existing Fort Hood transmission line where most of the leaks have occurred. The surge tanks also need to be upsized. A right of entry will need to be obtained for the engineer contract and will be brought back to the board.

District boundary update will be brought back to the board at the January 2022 meeting.

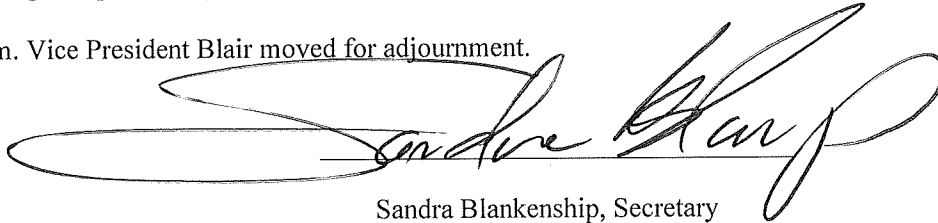
The Corps of Engineers are working on a new lease for the Belton Water Plant. The revised lease will allow the Corps to transfer the transmission lines, currently leased, to the district.

BRA is working with Stan Tech on an Integrated Water Resources Plan. Initial focus on Little River Watershed.

Items from the Board: Director Wells addressed the issue of having adequate transmission lines for the Belton Plant upgrades that have been approved. Mr. Garrett stated that there is sufficient line size in place. Secretary Blankenship thanked staff for all their hard work.

At 09:53am the board convened in executive session. At 10:03am board re-convened in open session. No action taken and nothing to report.

10:04a.m. Vice President Blair moved for adjournment.



Sandra Blankenship, Secretary
Board of Directors



