February 22, 2023

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 22nd day of February 2023, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board.

Robert R Robinson
Kenny Wells
Sandra Blankenship
Ricky Wilson
Dr. Joyce Bateman Jones
President
Vice President
Secretary
Director
President
Dale Treadway
Brian Dosa
Ricky Garrett
Director
Director
Fort Hood Representative
General Manager

Public attendees were Steve Kana, City of Killeen.

With all said members present except the following absentee(s): None, thus constituting a quorum. Vice President Wells attended remotely.

There being no public comment, President Robinson called the meeting to order at 09:00am.

The first item of business was the consent items, which included the minutes of the regular Board Meeting, held on January 25, 2023, and January Financial Statements. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2023 with corrections and seconded by Director Grandy. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The next item was to discuss and consider approval of financial statements for January 2023. Ricky Garrett went over both the water and wastewater financial statements. Water spent 67.0% of their total budget and wastewater spent 59.0% through January. Chemicals will be a huge factor with coming budgets. A motion was made by Director Treadway to approve January 2023 financial statements and seconded by Director Grandy. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

New Business Items: The Oath of Office for the newly appointed Board Member, Dr. Joyce, Jones, Precinct 7. Joann Culp Administered the Oath of Office.

The next item was to discuss and consider amending the water and wastewater budgets as appropriate based on realistic flow projections and take the appropriate action. Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated that both budgets would stay within the approved April 2022 budget numbers with line item adjustments only. Commercial insurance changed due to Stillhouse Water Plant being insured for 12 months rather than 8 from previous year. Maintenance of pipeline line item was adjusted to reflect the inspection of the 24-inch portion of the Stillhouse Transmission main. With the Wastewater budget, almost every line item had to be adjusted due to treatment volume being far less than projected this budget year. The potable water line item increased due to large leak that happened over a weekend. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to approve the budget amendments as presented and seconded by Director Grandy. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The final new item was to discuss and consider awarding a proposal to Pure Technologies to utilize “Sahara” technology to inspect the 24-inch portion of the Stillhouse Transmission main in the amount of $34,000.00 and take the appropriate action. Mr. Ricky Garrett, General Manager stated that they are on standby to inspect the line. Director Wilson inquired as to how long the results would take to come back. Mr. Garrett stated almost immediately. The inspector can see what is going on with the scope. Director Treadway made a motion to award the proposal to Pure Technologies and seconded by Secretary Blankenship. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

Staff Reports: Trevor Butler, Wastewater Superintendent, informed the board that two vehicles that were in this years’ budget may be able to be received after all. The one truck that was specified for the water plant will be purchased before budget year end for sure. The truck for wastewater we should know about within the next two
weeks. Both trucks are new 2022 models but meet or exceed what our specifications were and are below the bid mounts for the 2023 model pickups in each case.
Plant 1 is averaging 12.05 mgd. Plant had a switchgear feed issue last month. Plant has a north and south feed. Were running off south feed until north side could be fixed. Both are back in service.
One of the filters had a trolley break. It is out of service. The potable water system had an electrical issue. The 2 PLC cards and a VFD went out last Friday. The 2 PLC cards are already replaced; the VFD will take some time to receive.
Plant 3 overall is doing well and is averaging 3.5 mgd. The ongoing SBR diffuser project can go forward now; parts are in and staff can schedule install date. The belt press is back in service.
All of Compost facility equipment in working order. Pre-filled bags of mulch and bio-select has sold out. Brush grinding project is completed.
Two new employees have been hired. One comes with a WW-C license and CDL.
Keith Baker, Deputy General Manager, gave an update on both lake levels; Lake Belton down 14 feet and Lake Stillhouse down 12 feet. Belton plant treatment is 22.0 mgd mid; and max is 24.0 mgd. I/E supervisor is building screens for the Stillhouse/Belton Water Plant integration. From January 25th to February 21st, there have been 168 “811” call outs.
Stillhouse Plant is averaging 1.8 mgd. The chlorine conversion treatment ends on February 28th. Smith Pump Company pulled another high service pump to compare with one already pulled to see what the issue is.
Geotech sampling for standby generation natural gas line starts Friday.
Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated that Harker Heights is still looking into buying into the South Wastewater Plant 3. They are scheduled to tour the plant March 7th.
WCID No 3 exceeded their annual water usage by 47 ac/ft. They were billed for the overage. He received call that someone has 400 ac/ft available and WCID No 3 is definitely interested in obtaining what they can get. The cost is $250.00 an ac/ft.
Capital Budget numbers should be available mid-May for the surge tank, 48” waterline, Belton plant improvements projects (water); south plant upgrade and 38th St upgrade Sewer projects.
Shared a power point presentation on Stormwater Aquifer Storage & Recovery as an additional water supply. It falls under the Brazos River Authority Little River Water shed study. There seems to be a storm water capture issue. 85% of rainfall runoff leaves the state annually. Most WCID 1 customers project to be in a water deficit before 2070.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. by President Robinson.

Sandra Blankenship, Secretary
Board of Directors