

July 27, 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 Thad Imerman, Killeen Daily Herald; Steve Kana, City of Killeen Staff.

With all said members present except the following absentee(s): Blair Williams, 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 June 22, 2022, approval of June Financial Statements and approval of 2nd quarter Investment Reports. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2022, meeting with a change in items from the board, changing ASC to ASR and seconded by Director Treadway. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The next consent item was to discuss and consider approval of financial statements for June 2022. Natasha Keeney went over both the water and wastewater financial statements. Water spent 14.7% of their total budget and wastewater spent 10.3% for the year. A motion was made by Director Treadway to approve the June financial statements and seconded by Secretary Blankenship. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The final consent item was the approval of the 2nd Quarter 2022 Investment Reports. Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated that there was not much change in either report. The 2020 water bond account balance is paying for the City of Belton projects from the water side; the sewer O&M account is paying for some plant 1 upgrade engineering fees.

New Business Items: Was a presentation and discussion of the WCID 1 Conservation and Drought Contingency Plans and take the appropriate action. Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated that there would not be any action taken on this item due to rule changes. The next report to the state is due March 2024. Staff will meet with the member entities in February 2023 and circulate a draft and ask for comments. Upon completion of draft, item will be brought back to the board for action later in 2023. Secretary inquired about section 5.0 Public Information an Education. Mr. Garrett stated that it would be handled internally.

The next item was to discuss and consider awarding a bid for a new Trommel Screen for Regional Compost Facility to Powerscreen Texas, Inc., LaGrange, Texas for \$245,000.00 and take the appropriate action. Mr. Garrett stated that Trevor Butler and Anthony Robinson, Compost Supervisor, did a great job putting the specs together and eleven (11) bids were received. Bids were separated by track and chassis mounted. Powerscreen met all specifications and was the low bid. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to award the bid to Powerscreen Texas, Inc in the amount of \$245,000.00 and seconded by Director Treadway. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The next item was to discuss and consider awarding a Regional Compost Facility grinding bid to C3 Land and Clearing, Schertz, Texas, in the amount of \$40,000.00 at our Regional Compost Facility and take the appropriate action. Mr. Garrett stated that the bids were sent to 4 vendors and C3 was the only one to respond. Austin Woods had a miscommunication at their office and did not bid on the regional facility and that item No.4 goes hand in hand with said same. The Copperas Cove Facility is a pass-through cost per contract and their facility does not have as much grinding to be done. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to award the bid for the Regional Compost, in the amount of \$40,000.00 and Copperas Cove facility, in the amount of \$20,000.00 to C3 Land and Clearing and seconded by Director Wells. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

Items 5 and 6 are to discuss and consider awarding a bid for a new 4x4 pick up truck for the Stillhouse Water Plant and new truck for the 38th Street Wastewater plant to Cavender Grande Ford, San Antonio, Texas, in the amounts of \$49,413.00 and \$42,783.00 respectively. A motion was made by Director Fisher to award the bids to Cavender Grande Ford for the two new pick-up trucks respectively and seconded by Director Wells. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

Staff Reports: Trevor Butler, Wastewater Superintendent, informed the board that flows diverted back to normal. Plant 1 is running smoothly and is averaging 9 to 9.5 mgd. All filters are back in operation. Belt press belt tore and has been replaced. Plant has 3 belt presses. New blowers had a magnetic bearing fault this past Sunday. Caused the blowers to shut down. Chlorine basin #2 being taken down for repairs and painting. Specs almost ready to be sent out for bid.

Plant 3 overall is doing well and is averaging 3.0 mgd. SBR Basin 1 is down for maintenance. Diffusers are on order. Basin 4 actuator went down. I/E tech switched the actuator from Basin 1 and basin 4 is back up and running. Parts are on order to fix the actuator taken out of basin 4. SCADA servers are being updated.

Compost facility sales continue to be slow. The turner is out of service, clutch has been sent out for a rebuild. It should be back the next 4-6 weeks. Bagger specs are being worked on to ready them for sending out to vendors.

Keith Baker, Deputy General Manager, gave an update on both lake levels are approximately 7 feet low. Belton plant treatment is 39mgd/day low, 50.3mgd mid; and max is 57.0mgd/day. Stillhouse plant is averaging 3.8mgd/day.

All 4 plants are up and running at the Belton Plant. Staff continues to work on preventative maintenance at both plants.

There are HS pump issues at the Stillhouse Plant. Staff, contractor and vendors working together on a solution.

Belton pump station upgrade on schedule; 1st section of pump cans poured. Water line project on schedule; waiting on riser pipe going into the tank to come in.

Staff had 154 – 811 call outs last month.

Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated that the conservation target is 110 gallons per capita per day for 2024, calendar year 2021 was 114gallons capita per day. He gets a report from the LCRA on the lake levels; Lake Buchanan is at 65 % and Lake Travis is at 54%.

Stillhouse plant High Service pumps are being addressed by the vendor – Eaton; T Morales; RLC Controls and staff to come up with a solution to stop them from tripping out.

The gas line meter from Atmos that was estimated at 1 million dollars is now estimated at 800 thousand dollars. The DEAAG grant is on schedule; to be submitted in August 2022.

The 48” transmission line cost is up from last year and now estimated at \$9,000,000.00; suggested that the Fort Hood surge tank upgrade be added to the bond issue when presented next spring.

Staff working with New Gen for the City of Harker Heights to either buy into the South Wastewater Plant or upgrade their existing plant.

Perkins Engineering evaluation completed for the electrical upgrades at 38th Street wastewater plant. Estimated to cost \$6 million dollars. Suggested to add other upgrades in the same bond issue when presented. Fort Hood and City of Killeen’s existing debt will decrease considerably in about 3 years.

On schedule to work with Bell County elections office with the November 2022 election.

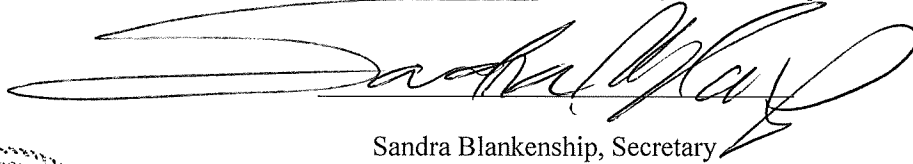
Items from the Board: none.

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