

October 27, 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 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Killeen, Texas 76543, at 09:00 a.m., on the 27th day of October 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 Josh Coleman, L5E Group; Shirley Fleming and Omar Morquo, Killeen Resident; and Clay Thorp, Killeen Daily Herald.

With all said members present except the following absentee(s): none, thus constituting a quorum.

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

There being no public comments, President Robinson requested change in meeting order. Item 4 of New Business; and General Manager staff report to address the current water situation with the City of Killeen.

Receive a report from L5E group on backup generation and take the appropriate action. Mr. Josh Coleman shared a power point presentation on options to be considered and next steps to be taken to obtain RFP for back up generation. A motion was made by Director Fisher to authorize L5E group to obtain proposals and seconded by Director Wells. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated that the Killeen system was looking good except for the south airport area. A power point presentation was shared on the breakdown of how surface water is treated from the water plant to the member entity meter. The Belton Water Plant has four main transmission lines that serve all our member entities and Stillhouse plant has 1 transmission line that currently serves the City of Killeen only. Once the water goes to each meter, the member entity is responsible for the monitoring of EPA and TCEQ requirements.

The next item of business was the consent items, which included the minutes of the regular Board Meeting, held on September 22, 2021, approval of September Financial Statements and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Investment Reports. A motion was made by Director Fisher to approve the minutes of the September 22, 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 September 2021. Natasha Keeney went over both the water and wastewater financial statements. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to approve the September financial statements and seconded by Director Treadway. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The final consent item was approval of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Investment Reports. Mr. Ricky Garrett went over each report. Noted that the July principal and interest payments came out of the water and sewer P&I funds. A motion was made by Vice President Blair to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Investment Reports and seconded by Director Grandy. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

New Business Items: The first new item was to discuss and consider an Engagement Agreement between Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP, and the district for redistricting services, in the amount of \$34,656.00 and take the appropriate action. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Director Fisher to approve the

engagement agreement, in the amount of \$34,656.00 and seconded by Director Treadway. All members approved the motion unanimously.

The next item was to discuss and consider awarding a transformer replacement contract to Power Quality engineering (PQE) in the not to exceed amount of \$75,411.00 to replace one of the two primary transformers at Wastewater Plant 1 damaged during a recent storm event and take the appropriate action. A motion was made by Vice President Blair to award the transformer replacement contract to PQE and seconded by Director Grandy. All members approved the motion unanimously.

The next item was to discuss and consider authorizing the General Manager to enter into a professional engineering agreement with Mark Perkins of Perkins Engineering for the preliminary engineering work needed to rehabilitate the aerobic digesters at Wastewater Plant 1 and take the appropriate action. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to authorize the General Manager to enter into a professional engineering agreement with Perkins Engineering and seconded by Vice President Williams. All members approved the motion unanimously.

The last item was board discussion of Aquifer Storage & Recovery (ASR). Secretary Blankenship stated that Intera wanted to know how much additional water each participant needed and that the district wanted 10mgd which would require drilling 10 wells. Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated that the district felt this amount was not feasible due to cost. Secretary Blankenship stated that this ground water option could be for emergency water storage. Fort Hood Representative Dosa stated that Fort Hood is going forward to see if their water underground within their fenced area would work for them. No other board member had any comments. No action required on this item.

Staff Reports: Wastewater Superintendent, Trevor Butler, stated that Plant 1 flows are averaging 10.5 to 11mgd. The blower project is now complete. New blowers had an issue when the temperature changed; a fuse had to be replaced. Sulzer to investigate why and produce a solution.

The aeration basin cleanout project complete. Next phase is for staff to replace all rubber gaskets and put back in service.

The chlorine contact basin coating project for 2<sup>nd</sup> basin will be forth coming.

Plant 3 is averaging 3.0-3.5mgd. 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.

Compost facility – compost sales have slowed down. Staff currently working on getting new rows to stockpile product for spring sales.

Keith Baker, Deputy General Manager, stated that both lake levels were down.

Belton Water Plant – plant is averaging 40.0mgd.; max was 43.2mgd and 28.1mgd was the low. Three motors being re-installed today ranging from 350 – 1200HP. Two non-repairable motors will be replaced with new purchases. Staff continues to work on preventive maintenance and budget items for this year and next.

The Stillhouse Water plant – plant is averaging 3.6mgd. Contractor trailers have been removed. Seeding is being put down. Small punch list items being addressed.

Ricky Garrett, General Manager, stated that Senate Bill 3 work is ongoing for backup generation.

District stormwater permitting renewals are completed for the November 1, 2021, deadline.

Budget amendment will be brought back to the board in the January 2022 meeting.

All chemicals will have to be bid out this year. None of the vendors are agreeable to a one-year extension. Chlorine vendor not agreeable to a month-to-month option. This item will be available in the December 2021 meeting.

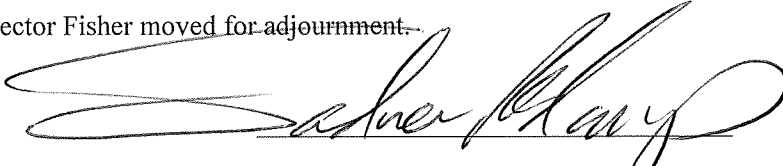
Belton Lake WTP upgrade capacity for member cities have been received from City of Killeen, City of Belton, WCID #3, and City of Copperas Cove. It appears that 28mgd will be the number.

Staff working with Department of the Army to obtain a right of entry lease for 5000 feet to parallel to the existing Fort Hood transmission line where most of the leaks have occurred. The Corps of Engineers are working on a new lease for the Belton Water Plant.

Next regular scheduled meeting date is December 8, 2021.

Items from the Board: Director Fisher stated that with the City of Killeen water boil notice situation that testing, and maintenance of water delivery is the most critical part of the operation. Director Treadway stated that the monthly TWUA meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2021.

10:32a.m. Director Fisher moved for adjournment.



Sandra Blankenship, Secretary  
Board of Directors



