

September 22, 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 22nd day of September 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, and Clay Thorp, Killeen Daily Herald.

With all said members present except the following absentee(s): Blair Williams, 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 August 25, 2021, and approval of August Financial Statements. A motion was made by Director Wells to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2021, meeting and seconded by Director Grandy. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

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

New Business Items: The first new item was to discuss and consider adopting water and wastewater rates for October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, and take the appropriate action. Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated that the water rate of .72/1000 gallons approved in April 2021 for the current budget would need to be increased to .73/1000 gallons due to the cost of chlorine increasing to over 55% so far this year. Due to the wet spring early summer, the gallons projected to be treated will be 11.6 billion gallons, down from the 11.8 billion approved in April 2021. There is \$200,000.00 available in the water budget to assist with this increase due to the pumper truck not being purchased this year. The Wastewater rate will go to .96/1000 gallons treated, up from .94/1000 gallons treated, which is a two-cent increase.

A motion was made by Director Wells to approve the water and wastewater rates for October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, and seconded by Director Grandy. All members approved the motion unanimously.

Staff Reports: Wastewater Superintendent, Trevor Butler, stated that Plant 1 flows are averaging 9.5mgd. The blower project is now 99% complete. Staff is waiting on replacement material. New delivery time is October 2021. Both new blowers are running smoothly. The aeration basin cleanout project has started back up. Contractor had staff out sick and on vacation.

The next project will be to paint the second chlorine contact basin. Prior to this project, the recently painted chlorine basin will be drawn down and inspected for any/all repairs.

Plant 3 is averaging 2.8-3.mgd. the plant itself is running smoothly at the present time. The basin diffuser piping has been completed and the next phase is to replace all the rubber gaskets.

Compost facility – compost sales have slowed way down. Staff is needing a new place to get black dirt from to mix with sludge to make the bio-select product.

Keith Baker, Deputy General Manager, was out on site. Mr. Garrett gave a brief update.

Belton Water Plant – plant is averaging 50.0.mgd.

The Stillhouse Water plant – plant is averaging 2.5-3mgd. Contractor still working on punch list items.

Ricky Garrett, General Manager, stated that the consultant has just started with emergency preparedness plan for standby generation to comply with Senate Bill 3.

District stormwater permitting renewals have started.

CDM Smith and attorney, Patricia Ferguson worked on the former precincts and staff is looking at the Bickerstaff firm to assist with the new district boundaries.

Belton Lake WTP upgrade capacity for member cities have been received from City of Killeen, City of Belton and WCID #3. City of Copperas Cove will be met with tomorrow. A request of 20mgd has been requested to date.

Transmission upgrades from the Belton Plant to Nolanville is ongoing. This line belongs to the US Government. Letters went out and staff is waiting on replies. Mr. Dosa stated these lines should transfer and become WCID 1 assets.

The gas line that is out of service also belongs to the Government. It is a 2” line and a 6 – 8” line is required for back up generation.

Next regular scheduled meeting date would be October 27, 2021. The November-December board meeting has usually been combined due to the holidays and held the first week in December. The general consensus of the board is to hold the meeting on December 8, 2021.

The leak repair on the 48” line is underway. Could be back in service by late evening.

Items from the Board: Secretary Blankenship stated that A.R.P.A. funding is available for both water and wastewater districts.

At 9:35am, the board went into executive session to discuss the General Manager’s evaluation.

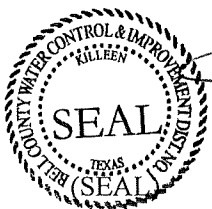
At 10:32am, the board reconvened back in open session. No action taken in executive session.

A motion was made by Director Fisher to increase Mr. Garrett’s salary by 5% and increase his monthly vehicle allowance from \$500.00 to \$800.00. The motion was seconded by Director Treadway. All members approved the motion unanimously.

Director Fisher stated that the board would set up a committee to discuss and research the method/policy of an annual review of the General Manager.

The board members thanked Mr. Garrett for his leadership and other accolades. Fort Hood is very appreciative of Mr. Garretts leadership, and assistance with their needs, etc.

10:38a.m. President Robinson moved for adjournment.



Sandra Blankenship, Secretary
Board of Directors