## NORTH GARLAND COUNTY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT 138 Cedar Mountain Circle Hot Springs, AR 71909 (501) 620-4118 FAX (501) 318-0304

## MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 18TH, 2020 6:00 P.M.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Jack Fields, Randy Ragsdale, David Harper, Jerry Vaughn, Wayne Copeland, Dwayne Pratt and Jimmy Daley.

STAFF PRESENT: Darrell Eckard and Barbara Thurman.

Meeting to Order - Director Fields called the Quarterly Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda – The agenda was adopted as presented.

Approval of January 28th, 2020 Board Minutes – Minutes were approved as submitted.

**New Business** 

New Connection Promotion – Darrell Eckard reported the committee met and reviewed 2 options for the new connection promotion to be offered to residential homeowners requiring a 5/8" meter. Option 1 would offer a \$500.00 discount, property owners would have to sign an agreement to keep the water service active and in their name for 2 years. Option 2 would be to offer a \$500.00 deferred payment plan where \$21.00 would be added to their monthly water bill for a period of 2 years, and property owners would sign an agreement to keep the water service active and in their name for 2 years. Director Vaughn suggested Option 1 would be the best. Mr. Vaughn is concerned water bills would be too high with an additional \$21.00 was added to their regular water bill. Mr. Eckard stated under both options property owners would begin receiving a water bill once the meter has been installed. Director Pratt suggested setting a cap on the number of participants eligible. Director Vaughn suggested a 20 customer limit. Director Daley made a motion to approve Option 1 to the first 20 residential customers requiring a 5/8" meter for March 2020 only; seconded by Director Ragsdale. Motion approved unanimously.

Director Vaughn discussed advertising the March 2020 promotion in the Sentinel Record Newspaper, NGCRWD website, and on the community pages on Facebook. Director Pratt made a motion to advertise the March 2020 promotion as discussed; seconded by Director Vaughn. Motion approved unanimously.

Resolution with the HSVPOA – Director Pratt made a motion to approve the Resolution to enter into negotiations with the HSVPOA to provide emergency water at the Balboa Gate; seconded by Director Vaughn. Motion approved unanimously. Mr. Eckard reported he contacted Jerry Kopke to do a rate study for a price for wholesale water which should be ready by the next board meeting.

Director Fields adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Copeland Secretary/Treasurer

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