

**NORTH GARLAND COUNTY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT
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**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 30TH, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Jerry Vaughn, David Harper, Joe Turner, Jack Fields, Velton Lacy, Todd Graves and Eddie Livingston.

STAFF PRESENT: Stephen Mc Earl, Barbara Thurman

GUESTS PRESENT: Michael Bolin

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

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

Comment by Board Present: Director Vaughn asked the Board if they would be interested in selling ¼ to 1 acre of land to the Fountain Lake Fire Department. Discussion followed. Director Lacy made a motion to contact our attorney to discuss the option of selling land to the Fountain Lake Fire Department; seconded by Director Fields. Motion approved.

Approval of October 24th, 2023 Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes – Director Fields made a motion the minutes be approved as submitted; seconded by Director Graves. Motion approved.

New Business –

Appointment of Officer's – Director Fields made a motion Director Vaughn as President, Director Turner as Vice-President and Director Harper as Secretary Treasurer; seconded by Director Graves. Motion approved

Approve/Award Bid for ARDOT Hwy 192 / Glazypeau Creek Project – Mr. Bolin stated ARDOT is putting in a bridge and the NGCRWD water lines need to be relocated. Mr. Bolin stated NGCRWD will be reimbursed 100% by ARDOT for the project. Mr. Bolin presented the bid sheet to the Board. Mr. Bolin stated Greennecks Lawn Service was the low bidder but the company does not have the proper license for the project and recommends their bid be rejected and the Board award the contract Square One Enterprises Corp in the amount of \$131,851.00. Director Fields made a motion to award the contract to Square One Enterprises Corp.; seconded by Director Turner. Motion approved.

Approve/Award Bid for Blacksnake/Turkey Trot Emergency Water Connection with the City of Hot Springs – Mr. Bolin presented the bid sheet to the Board. Mr. Bolin recommends the Board award the contract to Square One Enterprises Corp. in the amount of \$97,401.00. Director Lacy made a motion to award the contract to Square One Enterprises Corp.; seconded by Director Graves. Motion approved.

Unfinished Business

Carbon Machine Update – Mr. Mc Earl reported the concrete slab and building for the new carbon machine has been installed and waiting on the new carbon machine to be delivered which could be the end of March or April before the project can be completed. Discussion followed.

Plant Expansion Update – Mr. Bolin reported the district didn't receive any grant money for the plant expansion. After discussions with Mr. Mc Earl; Mr. Bolin suggests scaling the project down to just enlarging the transmission line from the plant to the tank on Main Haul Rd. and laying approx. 36,000' of 16" pipe and leaving the 14" line there to use also. Mr. Mc Earl reported recently we were pumping 1.5 million gallons 24/7 and we can only treat 2,000,000 gallons a day. If needed, we could always add another filter. Mr. Mc Earl stated if we re-work the pumps previously taken out of service we could pump more water. Mr. Mc Earl reported we need to look at installing another tank in the Fountain Lake area since ½ of our customers are pulling water from Tank #1. Discussion followed. The Board asked Mr. Bolin to look at locations with the best elevation to install a tank to service the Fountain Lake area and present it to the Board in the next board meeting.

Manager's Report – Mr. Mc Earl reported Michael Puckett owns the property where the Blacksnake/Turkey Trot connection will be installed. Mr. Puckett would like to get compensated if possible. Discussion followed. Director Turner made a motion Mr. Puckett received \$2,500.00 for a deed of easement; seconded by Director Graves. Motion approved.

Act 605 – Reserve Depreciation Account – Mr. Mc Earl reported Act 605 requires 5% of water sales be put into a depreciation replacement reserve account annually. Mr. Mc Earl reported a new account was opened with US Bank to comply with Act 605 and the funds were taken from the Operational Reserve Account. Mr. Mc Earl stated the funds can be used but we have to have 5% of water sales put into the account annually.

Leak adjustments – Mr. Mc Earl stated due to the number of leaks during the extreme cold weather does the Board want to leave the leak adjustment policy as it now and leak adjustments count as their adjustment for a 12-month period. Discussion followed. Director Fields made a motion to leave the policy as it is now but require residents to provide a receipt for repairs before an adjustment will be granted; seconded by Director Livingston. Motion approved. The Board approved as submitted.

Mr. Mc Earl reported he was very proud of the employees that worked during the snow/ice storm with no complaints and they really pulled together. Director Fields made a motion to give employees who worked the storm a \$500 bonus after taxes; seconded by Director Livingston. Motion approved.

Director Vaughn adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Harper, Secretary/Treasurer

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