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MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
JULY 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 – Engineer, Fountain Lake Volunteer Fire Department Employees and Board of Directors

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.

Comments by Board President – Director Vaughn stated candidates running for the Board of Directors for North Garland County Regional Water District are required to get 50 registered voter signatures, however, candidates running for Mayor are only required to obtain 10 or 15 registered voter signatures. Director Vaughn is requesting approval to have the district's attorney research this. Director Lacy made a motion for Director Vaughn to contact the district's attorney to verify the number of required registered voter signatures to run for the Board; seconded by Director Fields. Motion approved.

Approval of May 28th, 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes – Director Harper made a motion the minutes be approved as presented; seconded by Director Livingston. Motion Approved

Fountain Lake Volunteer Fire Department thanked the Board for agreeing to lease 1 acre of land from the district to put in a sub-station to the Fountain Lake Volunteer Fire Department. John Brandt stated he was a lawyer in another state but would be willing to draw up a contract for the Board to review before sending it to the district's attorney. Discussion followed. Director Lacy stated that Piney Fire Department is leasing land from the county and suggested Mr. Brandt contact them to obtain a copy of their lease to go by. Director Graves made a motion for Mr. Brandt to draw up a contract for the board's review, seconded by Director Livingston. Motion approved.

New Business –

Review/Approve 2024 – 2025 Proposed Water Rate Increase – The Board reviewed the proposed 2.5% rate increase on minimum bills and on each additional 1,000 gallons. Raising the leak adjustment rate from .24 to .30 on minimum bill and on each additional 1,000 gallons. Mr. Mc Earl has checked into other companies that offer leak adjustment insurance and how it works and the cost. Mr. Mc Earl stated after discussing the process with them it would require the district to handle all the paperwork and verification. Mr. Mc Earl stated the policy the district has in force now would be cheaper for the customers and for the district. Discussion

followed. Director Fields made a motion to approved the proposed 2.5% water rate increase and 0.6 leak adjustment increase as submitted; seconded by Director Lacy. Motion approved.

Review/Approve 2024 – 2025 Proposed Budget – The Board reviewed the proposed budget. Director Lacy made a motion to approve the proposed 2024-2025 budget as presented; seconded by Director Livingston. Motion approved.

Unfinished Business

Carbon Machine at Plant – Mr. Mc Earl stated the equipment is in at the plant and put together but isn't operational at this time. Mr. Mc Earl stated he's not happy with the progress but it should be operational soon.

Blacksnake Emergency Water Connection with Hot Springs – Mr. Mc Earl stated the project has been completed.

ARDOT – Hwy 192 / Little Blakely Creed Rd – Mr. Mc Earl stated the project has been completed and we have been reimbursed 100% for the first payments and have submitted a request for the final payment from ARDOT.

Southwest Water Emergency Connection with North Garland County Regional Water District – Mr. Bolin reported currently Southwest Water has an emergency connection with C.A.W. and Benton but they are looking for another emergency connection. Mr. Bolin stated it would be beneficial to the district to sell emergency water to Southwest Water since the district no longer sells water to Paron-Owensville. Mr. Bolin stated Southwest Water would cover all expenses for the emergency connection with the district. Mr. Bolin presented a contract to the board for their review. Mr. Bolin stated the contract is based off of the contract the district currently has with the City of Hot Springs. Discussion followed. Director Fields made a motion that North Garland County Regional Water District enters into a contract to sell emergency water to Southwest Water; seconded by Director Livingston. Motion approved. Director Vaughn adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Harper, Secretary/Treasurer

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