

December 06, 2023

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 6th day of December 2023, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board.

Robert R Robinson	President	Richard Grandy	Director
Kenny Wells	Vice President	Dale Treadway	Director
Sandra Blankenship	Secretary	Brian Dosa	Fort Cavazos Representative
Ricky Wilson	Director	Ricky Garrett	General Manager
Dr. Joyce Bateman Jones	Director		

Public attendees were Thad Imerman, KDH; Steve Kana, City of Killeen; Andy Wallander, City of Killeen; Bruce Sorenson, Kempner WSC.

With all said members present except the following absentee(s): Sanda Blankenship and Brian Dosa, thus constituting a quorum

President Robinson called the meeting to order at 09:00 am. No public comments were made.

The first item of business was the consent items, which included the minutes of the regular Board Meeting, held on October 25, 2023, and approval of October Financial Statements. A motion was made by Director Treadway to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2023 meeting, and seconded by Vice President Wells. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The next item was to discuss and consider approval of financial statements for October 2023. LaFranshonna McAllister went over both the water and wastewater financial statements. Water spent 47.0% of their total budget and wastewater spent 42.0% through October. There were no major expenses. A motion was made by Director Wilson to approve the October 2023 financial statements and seconded by Director Jones. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

New Business Items: Discuss and consider awarding a bid for a new windrow compost turner for the Regional Compost Facility to McCourt Equipment, La Grange, Texas for \$571,800.00 and take appropriate action. Mr. Garrett, General Manager stated that the District received 4 bids. Mr. Garrett answered a few questions that were emailed to him from the Killeen Daily Herald. Mr. Garrett stated that the purchase of the new compost turner would not affect the budget because the funds were being pulled from the MO&R account. This is the last piece of major equipment that will need to be replaced since the opening of the compost facility. A motion was made by Vice President Wells to award a bid for a new windrow compost turner for the Regional Compost Facility to McCourt Equipment, La Grange, Texas for \$571,800.00 and seconded by Director Treadway. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

Staff Reports: Trevor Butler, Wastewater Superintendent, informed the board that the flows have stayed the same. Plant 1 is averaging 10 mgd. The Master Plan for SCADA upgrades have been completed with no known issues.

Plant 3 is averaging 3.7 mgd. The new sludge truck was delivered and put into operation.

Compost facility is doing great, all equipment is running and sales have slowed down.

Two new trucks that were ordered in 2022 were finally delivered.

Keith Baker, Operations Manager, gave an update on both lake levels; Lake Belton down 15.6 feet and Lake Stillhouse down 17.7 feet. Belton treatment plant averaging 35 mgd; a minimum of 25 mgd; and max is 36 mgd.

The filter media replacement started on December 5th and will be completed in February.

The variable frequency drives for the Belton Pump Station project were energized and will go into service today.

Backup Generation project is 90% completed. The building for the last 8 generators is being finished. April 2024 is the anticipated date to have it fully in service.

The Belton Water Plant will be shut down on December 7th for four hours. Director Wells asked if there will be a boil water notice since the plant will be shut down. Mr. Garrett stated that all entities have been contacted and all the pump stations are full, therefore a boil water notice will not be needed.

Stillhouse Plant is averaging 2 mgd.

Mr. Garrett, General Manager, acknowledged and appreciated the efforts of staff in maintaining operations in the water and wastewater departments.

Information concerning the drought was communicated in anticipation for a wet winter.

There will be an Annual Water Conservation Meeting in February to discuss the impact of the drought, strategize for the future, explore solutions and best practices for water conservation.

The District is fully staffed with the exception of an I/E tech on the water side and a deputy general manager. The deputy general manager position will be posted on the AWWA site to gain more attention and candidates.

The second bidder for the Fort Cavazos Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project was selected due to performance bond issues with the original bidder.

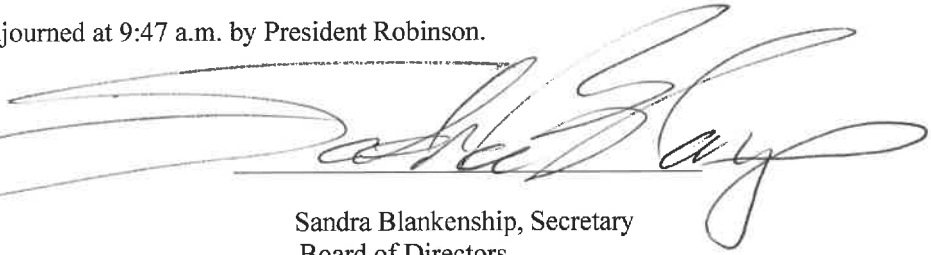
The contract with Kempner Water Supply Corporation will expire December 31, 2023 however, more water supply has been requested on specific dates. The District will continue on a case by case basis to help with Kempner WSC needs.

All chemical contracts have been extended until the end of 2024 with the same rates. The only exceptions are Polymer and Sulfur Dioxide which will be less than a \$10,000 increase.

The next Board Meeting will be held on January 24, 2024.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m. by President Robinson.




Sandra Blankenship, Secretary
Board of Directors