

July 26, 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 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Killeen, Texas 76543, at 09:00 a.m., on the 26th day of July 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

With all said members present except the following absentee(s): none, thus constituting a quorum.

There being no public comment, President Robinson called the meeting to order at 09:00am.

The first item of business was the consent items, which included the minutes of the regular Board Meeting, held on June 28, 2023, June Financial Statements, and approval of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2023 Investment Reports. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2023 meeting and seconded by Director Treadway. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The next item was to discuss and consider approval of financial statements for June 2023. LaFranshonna McAllister went over both the water and wastewater financial statements. There were no major expenses. A motion was made by Director Wilson to approve June 2023 financial statements and seconded by Director Grandy. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The final consent item was the approval of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2023 Investment Reports. Mr. Garrett, General Manager, stated that there were slight changes from the last report. The 1992 Bond Reserve account was decreased by \$600,000 for the 2023 Refunding Bond Series. The 2020 water bond account balance is paying for the City of Belton projects from the water side; the sewer O&M account is paying for some plant 1 upgrade engineering fees. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2023 Investment Reports and seconded by Vice President Wells. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

New Business Items: The first new item was to discuss and consider awarding a Regional Compost Facility grinding bid to C3 Land and Clearing, in the amount of \$40,000.00 at our regional composting site and take the appropriate action. Mr. Garrett, General Manager stated that there is \$80,000.00 in this years' budget and this will be the first grinding. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to award the bid to C3 Land and Clearing, in the amount of \$40,000.00 and seconded by Vice President Wells. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The next item was to discuss and consider awarding a Copperas Cove Facility grinding bid to C3 Land and Clearing, in the amount of \$20,000.00 at the City of Copperas Cove Compost Facility and take the appropriate action. Mr. Garrett, General Manager stated that the district has an ongoing agreement with the City of Copperas Cove to grind their wood waste. The district will receive a reimbursement by the City of Copperas Cove. A motion was made by Director Treadway to award the bid to C3 Land and Clearing, in the amount of \$20,000.00 and seconded by Secretary Blankenship. All members present approved the motion unanimously.

The final new business item was to discuss and consider awarding a bid for filter media (anthracite) removal and installation to Carbon Activated, Houston, TX, in the amount of \$544,550.00 and take the appropriate action. Mr. Garrett, General Manager stated that four (4) bids were received. One (1) bid was received after the closing date and sent back. There is \$750,000.00 in this years' budget. References were checked and responses were received via e-mail stating good communication, completed on time, and no change orders. A motion was made by Secretary Blankenship to award the bid to Carbon Activated, in the amount of \$544,550.00 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 10.5 mgd.

Overall, the plant is running great with no issues. The blower issue has been resolved. The TSS probes were ordered and I/E are coordinating an installation date.

Plant 3 is averaging 2.7 mgd.

100% complete with the diffuser change out. Removing equipment is the only thing left.

One belt press is down. The motor has been discontinued and actively searching for a replacement. The plant is maintaining with one belt press since flows are down.

Automatic transfer switch for the generator has been ordered.

Compost facility is doing great, all equipment is running. Sales are slow and the last Saturday the Compost will be open is July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Keith Baker, Operations Manager, gave an update on the Belton plant treatment averaging 50 mgd; a minimum of 45 mgd; and max is 56 mgd.

High Service motor at Plant 3 had a loose connection and has been pulled for repairs.

Quotes for the replacement of Plant 4 Rapid Mix are being submitted. It's more feasible to replace instead of rebuilding.

Stillhouse Plant is averaging 3 to 3.2 mgd.

Airburst procedure was done on raw water intake. One pump not pumping correctly. Still in the processing of identifying pumping issue.

Floc drive had a bearing replaced last week. Factory representative to visit and check alignment.

Belton Pump Station project is waiting on the variable frequency drives, which are scheduled to arrive August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Belton Water Line project is completed.

Backup Generation project has forms build for both building and working on grounding grid.

First truckload of gas pipe has been delivered for the Gas Line project. Hydro excavating will start today.

Mr. Garrett, General Manager, gave an update on the Belton Plant Expansion. CDM is working on an interim option that will allow more than the 6MGD.

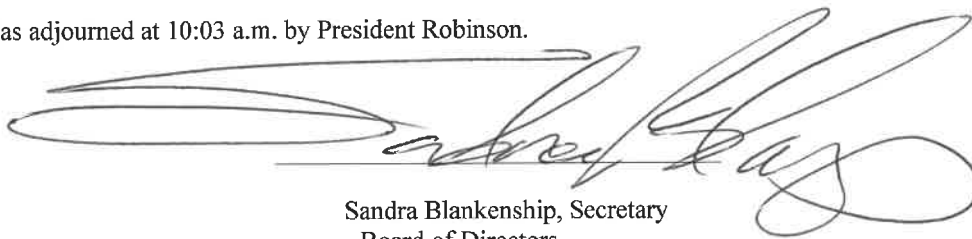
Harker Heights sewer buy in contract has been drafted and 1<sup>st</sup> draft sent to City of Killeen.

Lake Belton Stage 2 trigger will more than likely be the end of the week. Brazos River Authority will require a usage cut by 10%.

Market adjustments of \$1.50 per hour increase will be made to all non-supervisory licensed operators.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m. by President Robinson.

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Sandra Blankenship, Secretary  
Board of Directors