



Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2016– 5:30 pm

Orange County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1 Board Room
460 E Bolivar Street, Vidor, Texas

Robert ViatorPresident
Frank Inzer..... Vice-President
Tim Beard-absent Secretary
Trey Haney Director
Guy Groves Director

Norman Blackman General Manager
David LeJune Operations Manager

Staff present:

Karen Sampson.....Office Manager
Chris Serres.....Financial Director

Others present: Larry Hunter, The Ferguson Law Firm; Toby Davis and Jeff Scogin, Carroll & Blackman Consulting Engineers, Inc.; Robert Viator, Jr. Mayor of City of Vidor, Mike Kunst, City Manager, City of Vidor; George Garza, Vidorian.

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CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Viator, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M., with a quorum present.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Inzer offered the invocation, Mr. Groves led the Pledges.

MEETING AGENDA

1. Citizen comments.

No citizens in attendance.

2. Consideration of Order of Cancellation of General Election of May 07, 2016, for unopposed candidates for directors.

Mr. Viator read the agenda item.

The District has certified that the candidates are unopposed. Mr. Hunter presented an ORDER CANCELLING THE MAY 7, 2016 REGULAR ELECTION AND DECLARING EACH UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE ELECTED TO THE OFFICE; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDER SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL OTHER ORDERS; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDER AND THE ACCOMPANYING CERTIFICATE SHALL BE MADE A PART OF THE LOCAL ELECTION REGISTER OF THE ORANGE COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Viator asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Groves and seconded by Mr. Inzer to approve the Order of Cancellation of General Election of May 07, 2016, for unopposed candidates for directors, as presented. Motion carried. See attachment.

3. Consideration of and possible action regarding approval of LJA Engineering, Inc.'s Monthly Status Report concerning ongoing District projects.

Mr. Viator read the agenda item.

Mr. Scogin presented the reports. LJA Engineering, Inc. sent T Construction the completed punch list. The contractors are working on the remaining punchlist items. Mr. Blackman asked if there was a timeline on the completion of Project C. The District holds the last payment to T Construction and is anxious to close the project. T Construction is hoping to be completed with the punchlist within two weeks.

Mr. Scogin presented the reports on the Surplus Funds Water and Sewer Project, regarding the cast iron water lines. The utility locators have marked some of the locations, and completed approximately 25% of the survey on the cast iron water lines. The huge amount of rain has washed of some of the utility marking and will have to be re-marked. The IH10 closure put the locate marking back a week.

LJA is also working on the well sites regarding additional pumps and header piping plans.

Mr. Viator asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Haney and seconded by Mr. Groves to approve LJA Engineering, Inc.'s Monthly Status Report concerning ongoing District projects, as presented. Motion carried. See attachment.

4. Consideration of and possible action regarding approval of LJA Engineering, Inc., monthly invoices for District projects as listed:

Invoice No. 201602436 Project B877-6282 General Services, in the amount of \$2,236.50; Invoice No. 201602442 Project 6560 C Surplus Funds Water System Improvements Project, in the amount of \$13,692.00; Invoice No. 201602443 Project

6200C-Sanitary Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation, in the amount of \$3,100.00 for a total of **\$19,028.50**.

Mr. Viator read the agenda item.

Mr. Blackman recommended payment of the LJA invoices.

Mr. Viator asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Inzer and seconded by Mr. Haney to approve LJA Engineering, Inc., monthly invoices for District projects as listed:

Invoice No. 201602436 Project B877-6282 General Services, in the amount of \$2,236.50; Invoice No. 201602442 Project 6560 C Surplus Funds Water System Improvements Project, in the amount of \$13,692.00; Invoice No. 201602443 Project 6200C-Sanitary Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation, in the amount of \$3,100.00 for a total of **\$19,028.50**, as presented. Motion carried. See attachment.

5. Consideration of and possible action regarding approval of Invoice No. 1603-001 to Anthony Bennett for Drinking water regulatory and water quality consultation, in the amount of **\$792.05**.

Mr. Viator read the agenda item.

Mr. Blackman recommended payment of Invoice No. 1603-001 to Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Viator asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Groves and seconded by Mr. Inzer to approve Invoice No. 1603-001 to Anthony Bennett for Drinking water regulatory and water quality consultation, in the amount of **\$792.05**, as presented. Motion carried. See attachment.

6. Consideration of and possible action regarding approval of a Resolution providing for the District's participation with the City of Vidor in a proposed residential tax abatement program for those areas of the Water District lying within the City's designated residential investment zones for the purpose of promoting residential development/redevelopment within the designated areas of the City of Vidor.

Mr. Viator read the agenda item.

Mr. Hunter stated he included the information provided by the City of Vidor and worded the Resolution to reflect the District will adopt the same criteria as set by the City of Vidor. The Resolution also stated the District is a taxing entity and has elected to participate in the City of Vidor's abatement program. The District will only approve applications approved by the City of Vidor.

The District will vote on each tract after the City of Vidor approves the abatement.

Mr. Viator asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Inzer and seconded by Mr. Haney to approve Resolution 01-2016 providing for the District's participation with the City of Vidor in a proposed residential tax abatement program for those areas of the Water District lying within the City's designated residential investment zones for the purpose of promoting residential development/redevelopment within the designated areas of the City of Vidor, as presented. Motion carried. See attachment.

7. Consideration of and possible action regarding approval/amendments to the minutes of the February 15, 2016 regular meeting.

Mr. Viator read the agenda item.

Mr. Viator asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Haney and seconded by Mr. Inzer to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2016 regular meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

8. Board Members comments.

There were no comments from the Board.

9. Consideration of and possible action regarding General Manager's monthly status and financial report.

Mr. Viator read the agenda item.

Mr. Blackman reported the BP/Restore Act Funding agreement, with the Orange County Coalition, will be up for renewal this summer. The item will be up for the Board's consideration at that time.

Mr. Blackman went on to report on the Trihalomethanes issue. This is still a work in progress. Mr. Blackman is recommending the Low Profile Air Stripper. Some issues were identified in the meeting Tony Bennett attended with TCEQ representatives. The two issues are that TCEQ requires the water be chlorinated after going through the air stripper. The water is then being exposed to air borne contaminants, after leaving the chlorinated tank. TCEQ would require the water be pumped to an additional tank to be chlorinated again. This would be a smaller tank than we currently have at Well site #7, but the District was not planning to construct another tank. The District is now considering a system that would pump the water treated in the Air Stripper back to the existing storage tank to be properly chlorinated before pumping to the distribution system.

The District may buy the unit and set it up to treat the water and have the construction associated with the Air Stripper after the unit is in operation.

If the District was to order the Low Pressure Air Stripper to lease or own, it would have to be bid the same as purchasing. The Vendor would have some bid specs to supply for the bidding process. Normally a Contractor would be awarded a bid on the whole project. If the District were able to purchase the unit separately, the rest of the Project would be awarded in a normal bidding process.

The District still has Well #7 not producing water at this time. Water usage is being met by Wells #4 & #5 at this time. Our sampling on TTHM's have come back in the acceptable range, confirming the District's theory that the high TTHM's are caused when water from Well #7 is added to the mix.

The District is continuing with the current plan of: Construct a THM reduction unit at Well #7 and maximize the water level in that ground storage tank (GST), Do nothing at this time at Wells #4 & #5 except manage GST water levels at lower ranges, do nothing at the elevated tanks at this time, and continue to monitor the change in THM levels throughout the distribution system.

If the resulting THM levels are not low enough to assure TCEQ water quality compliance, we would then add THM reduction equipment to elevated tanks and/or remaining well sites at a later date.

An update regarding the Tiger Creek direction of flow. It has been determined that if some debris and obstructions can be cleaned out of the thread of the stream, it is

possible to achieve some reduction of water level, to possibly turn the flow to the south, as it should be, as opposed to the northern route it is currently going.

The City of Vidor and OCESD No.1 have purchased three fire hydrants, through the District. The District will bear the cost of installation.

Ms. Serres presented the District monthly financial reports.

Mr. LeJune presented the Field and LPSS reports.

Mr. Viator asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Groves and seconded by Mr. Inzer to approve the General Manager's monthly status and financial report, as presented. Motion carried. See attachment.

10. Consideration of and possible action regarding payment of the District's monthly bills.

Mr. Viator read the agenda item.

Mr. Viator asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Haney and seconded by Mr. Inzer to approve payment of the District's monthly bills, as presented. Motion carried. See attachment.

11. Adjournment.

Mr. Viator asked for a motion

A motion was made by Mr. Inzer and seconded by Mr. Haney to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.



Robert Viator, President



Frank Inzer, Vice President