

HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 70
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
January 8, 2020

The Board of Directors ("Board") of Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 70 ("District") met at 2935 Foley Road, Crosby, Harris County, Texas 77532 on December 4, 2019, in accordance with the duly posted notice of said meeting, with a quorum of Directors present, as follows:

Bobby Crippens, President
Terry Lutz, Vice President
Randall Keith Adams, Secretary
Jim Raines, Director/Treasurer
Steve Kimes, Director

and the following absent:

None

Also present were, Pam Graham, Bob Ideus, Greg Lentz, Jim Ainsworth, Sam Werner, Terry Stevens, Caryn Adams, and G. Taylor Goodall, Jr. and members of the public.

The President called the meeting to order and declared it open for such business as might regularly come before it.

1. The Board considered the minutes of the meeting held on December 4, 2019. After brief review and discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

2. The Board considered the attached Order adopting a resident homestead exemption in the amount of 20% Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the Order as presented.

3. The Board considered an over-65 and disabled resident homestead exemption in the amount of \$30,000. After a brief discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the attached Order as presented.

4. Mr. Goodall reported new requirements of Texas Tax Code 26.18 and noted that his office is confirming District compliance.

5. Terry Stevens presented an operator's report, copy attached. The Board discussed problems with grease being poured down drains and causing problems within the District's sewer system. After review brief review and discussion of the report, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board authorized the District's operator to proceed with termination of utility service pursuant to provisions of the Rate Order and approved the operator's report as presented.

6. The Board discussed a backflow notice letter to be drafted by Mr. Goodall citing the applicable regulations. The letter should provide information regarding customer compliance options.

7. Greg Lentz presented the attached analysis showing that the District can issue up to \$5,000,000 in Bonds with no impact to the District's total tax rate. Mr. Goodall will put an item for the Order Calling \$5,000,000 Bond Election on the February meeting Agenda. The Board reviewed the analysis in depth as Mr. Lentz explained that soft costs will be approximately \$900,000 for a \$5,000,000 issue.

8. The tax assessor presented a tax assessor/collector's report. The District's 2019 taxes are 66.62% collected. Subject to that discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the tax assessor-collector's report as presented and authorized disbursement of the funds contained therein.

9. Jim Ainsworth and Sam Werner presented an engineer's report. Mr. Ainsworth discussed the issues pertaining to the discovery that led to his opinion that the ground storage tank to be rehabilitated is damaged to the extent that rehabilitation is unsuitable and it must be replaced. The engineers cannot complete the work with a Change Order because the scope of project is too large. The Board instructed the engineers to narrow the Change Order and continue with the water plant project. Mr. Ainsworth will work to bid a ground storage tank replacement.

10. Pam Graham then reviewed a billing and collections report, copy attached. The District collected \$36,427.84 during the month. Tracy Owens presented her two week notice and thanked the Board for her time in the office. Terry Stevens noted his son will begin training to be a back-up operator. After further discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the billing and collections report as presented.

11. The Board discussed proposed amendments to the attorney contract. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the attorney's contract as presented.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary