

HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 70

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors

October 7, 2020

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 70 (“District”) met by teleconference on September 2, 2020, 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
Steve Kimes, Director
Jim Raines, Director/Treasurer

and the following absent:

none

Also present were, Bob Ideus, Sam Werner, Pam Graham, Mike Higgins, Greg Lentz, and G. Taylor Goodall, Jr.

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 September 2, 2020. After brief review and discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

2. The tax assessor presented a tax assessor/collector’s report. The District’s 2019 taxes are 97.97% 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.

3. The Board considered the offer to exclude land from the District. After discussion, upon motion by Director Adams, seconded by Director Lutz, the Board declined the offer and instructed the attorney to place an item on the appropriate agenda so that the District can hold a bond election in May, 2021.

4. The Board then confirmed the publication of notice of the District’s intent to hold a public hearing and set the 2020 tax rate at this meeting. Accordingly, the Board opened a public hearing on the District’s proposed 2020 tax rate. The Board then discussed the tax rate. The public hearing was then closed. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously passed and adopted the attached Order accepting the final appraisal roll and setting a total 2019 tax rate of \$0.59. The Board then executed the amendment to the District’s information form to reflect the tax rate, and the attorney was directed to file copies as required by law.

5. The Board then considered the Amendment to Statement of Directors. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Amendment to Statement of Directors as presented.

6. Mr. Goodall reported that his office will be working to ensure compliance with newly enacted Tax Code Section 26.18 requirements.

7. The Board reviewed an operator's report. 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.

8. Sam Werner presented an engineer's report and an update on all projects. The engineer discussed the water plant No. 1 elevated storage tank demolition project and presented and recommended execution of the contract agreement. The engineer discussed the water plant No. 1 and marina lift station electrical improvement project and recommended only replacing the water plant electrical system at this time. It was recommended that the replacement of the marina lift station electrical system be deferred to the near future in an effort to reduce the overall cost of the project. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the engineer's report as presented and the action items contained therein.

9. Mr. Bob Ideus presented the bookkeeper's report. The District's operating fund balance is \$1,477,489.22. After brief review and discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the bookkeeper's report as presented and authorized disbursement of the funds and action items contained therein.

10. Pam Graham then reviewed a billing and collections report. The District collected \$37,457.46 during the month. After further discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the billing and collections report as presented.

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

Secretary