SOUTHWEST MILAM WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING February 21, 2022

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation led by Director, Bob Wilson

2. President Called Meeting to Order 6:00 p.m.

Present: Kit Worley, Thomas Nelson, Ricky Stewart, Bob Wilson, Gary Oslick, James Cargill, Lee Pelzel and Mike Offield

Absent: Robert VonGonten

- 3. Public Comments. Brinson's present in support of the Williams.
- 4. Approval of January 17th, 2022, minutes. Motion to accept the minutes made by Bob Wilson, seconded by Ricky Stewart motion passed.
- 5. Profit & Loss Statement, Profit & Loss Year to Date Comparison, Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison, and Profit & Loss Detail for January 2022. Reviewed and Discussed. Motion to accept made by Ricky Stewart, seconded by James Cargill motion passed.
- 6. Review Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Statement for January 2022. Reviewed and Discussed.
- 7. Review and Approve Corporations Investments. Reviewed and Discussed. Discussed that a CD at First Financial Bank thru Edward Jones matured and was renewed this month.
- 8. Review Director's Report and Past Due List for January 2022. Reviewed and Discussed.
- 9. Transfers & New Memberships. Reviewed and Discussed.
- 10. Discuss for Action: Request by Jim Smith regarding updates to SW Milam's customer notification system. Last month Mr. Smith addressed the Board during public comments and asked to address the Board at the February meeting. Mr. Smith present to discuss his concern with our lack of communication and professionalism when it comes to notifying customers of breaks and notices. He presented a video that he felt would benefit Southwest Milam; a software that is a notification system. The Board discussed. No action taken.
- 11. Discuss for Action: Damage to trees during construction-Larry Laferre. Last month the Board asked Ken to negotiate a solution. Mr. Laferre is requesting Southwest Milam to install approx. 655ft. of waterline from the meter to the vicinity of his barn, plant and stake 10 trees (7 to 8ft. tall) in a group where he can run an electric fence from the barn around the trees and he will be responsible for watering the trees. Discussed having a hold harmless put in place. Motion made to agree with his request, allow \$200.00 for each tree and give Mr. Laferre a check made by Lee Pelzel, seconded by Bob Wilson motion passed. Discussed that he can purchase the trees and we will plant them and the line that we will install will be a 1" waterline.
- 12. Discuss for Action: Tom Williams regarding double connected meter. The William's and Brinson's present to discuss their history and position. They are requesting an extension. The Board discussed that they could revisit the subject again next month. Motion made to table until next month made by James Cargill, seconded by Ricky Stewart motion passed.
- 13. Discuss for Action: City of Thorndale Wholesale water rate. The Board reviewed past rates and the formula, there was no action in 2021. Discussed that the rate specialist recommends that we use a 3-year average, and the current rate is \$2.40. The 3-year recommended rate is \$2.44, and the 5-year is \$2.50. Motion made that we raise to \$2.50 for the Thorndale water rate made by Ricky Stewart, seconded by Lee Pelzel motion passed.
- 14. Discuss for Action: 2022 Post Oak Savannah GCD Grant. Discussed the project, the amount of the grant request and our match. Estimated total=\$318,037.50, 20% match by SWM=\$63,607.50 and Total requested from POS-GCD=\$254,430.00. The project would be replacing 3,500ft of pipe on CR 304, Milam Co. Motion to approve made by Lee Pelzel, seconded by Bob Wilson motion passed.
- 15. Discuss for Action: Purchase of real property for future wells and pump stations. The Board reviewed and discussed property on CR 314 and the Wuthrich Hill area; will continue to search and negotiate. No action taken.

- 16. Discuss for Action: Preparation for Annual Meeting and Election. Board agreed on cookies, drinks and coffee. Briefly discussed the need for a Special meeting for the resolution to be passed if the election is unopposed. The Board reviewed the forms. Motion to approve the agenda and RSVP made by Ricky Stewart, seconded by Lee Pelzel – motion passed.
- 17. Discuss for Action: Approval to go out for bids on (1) new mini-excavator, (1) gooseneck trailer, (2) ½ ton pickups, and (1) 1-ton pickup. The Board discussed. Motion made to allow Ken to go out for bids on equipment and trucks made by Ricky Stewart, seconded by Bob Wilson motion passed.
- 18. Discuss for Action: Authorize Befco Engineering to begin work on construction plans for a new 200,000 or 250,000 gallon Ground Storage Tank at the Sandoval Plant Site. Briefly reviewed the project and plans. Motion to authorize Befco to do construction plans made by Ricky Stewart, seconded by Bob Wilson motion passed.
- 19. Discuss for Action: Employee pay raises. Board went into Executive Session at 8:10pm and reconvened at 8:42pm. Motion made to give Ken Hall the same 10% that we gave all the other employees made by Lee Pelzel, seconded by Ricky Stewart motion passed.

20. Manager's Report:

- Hiring of additional Employees
- River Ridge Subdivision-Just North of Minerva on Hwy 77, still working on this, the number of lots is now 35.
- SLR Properties (Alcoa)-Currently have a 2" meter and 100 GPM capacity, requesting an additional 200 GPM capacity.
- FM 1331 Subdivision-At Granger Lake, 100 lots-still working on this project, fire flow issue.
- CR 423/424 Subdivision-150 lots, working on this project, possible fire flow issue.
- 2021 POS-GCD Grant-Phase 3 of Praesel Addition, last section to replace almost complete.
- 908 Plant Upgrades-Contractor is working on submittals and coordinating parts delivery.
- Anthis Well-The 3 service pumps are becoming undersized. One has to be pulled for rebuild, we have a larger, more GPM pump on order to replace the poorest performing pump.
- Birkhead + Anthis Wells-Plan to get bids on seal coating the inside of the concrete clearwells, cracks have developed and are seeping water.
- Sandoval Plant-Fill volume is deficient, need larger pumps at either Thorndale or 908 Plants or both. Also, larger pipes from both plants to Sandoval.
- Lina Plant-The distribution pumps have reached capacity and will need to be upgraded as soon as possible.
- Pipeline projects to start-FM 486 going east from San Gabriel, Burleson Co, FM 487 going northwest from FM 1712, CR 455/459 in Milam Co-8" pipe, FM 3242 in Milam Co-6" pipe.
- Capital Improvements.

21. President's Report:

22. Discussion of any item to be included on next agenda: Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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