

## **HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 70**

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors  
September 2, 2015

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 September 2, 2015, in accordance with the duly posted notice of said meeting, with a quorum of Directors present, as follows:

Nora Caufield, President  
Kenneth Michael Higgins, Vice President  
Steve Kimes, Secretary  
Randall Keith Adams, Assistant Secretary  
Terry L. Stevens, Director

and the following absent:

None.

Also present were Don Guillory, Brandy Woods, Bob Ideus, Bobby Crippens, Ryan Nokelby, David Hunn, Pam Graham, Irene Barfield, Gilbert Barfield, 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 August 5, 2015. After view and discussion, upon motion made by Director Higgins, seconded by Director Stevens, the Board unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

2. Don Guillory presented an operator/manager’s report, a copy of which is attached. After a brief discussion and review of the report, upon motion by Director Higgins, seconded by Director Adams, the Board unanimously approved the operator/manager’s report as presented.

3. Mr. Goodall advised that Mr. Greg Lentz was unable to attend the meeting and presented the District’s 2015 tax rate recommendation in the financial advisor’s absence. After a review and discussion, upon motion made by Director Higgins, seconded by Director Kimes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the recommendation of \$0.22 per \$100 assessed valuation for debt service and \$0.40 per \$100 assessed valuation for maintenance and operations, for a total 2015 tax rate of \$0.62, representing a reduction in the tax rate. The Board authorized the tax assessor-collector to publish notice as required by law so that the District would be in a position to set its 2015 tax rate at the next meeting.

4. The Board considered an update from Irene Barfield and Gilbert Barfield regarding the performance of OFS Solid Waste. There was discussion regarding recent truck

leakage and Mr. Barfield noted that there was a truck recently leaking oil that was fixed. He noted that the trucks entering the District had recently been resealed and are considered 98% sealed. The Board noted several customer complaints and Bobby Crippens noted that he counted approximately 21 leaks in the street. Ms. Adams also noted that she had seen leaks. The Barfields promised to carefully monitor the situation and assured the Board that the leaky trucks had been fixed. It was noted that heavy trash pick-up is on Thursdays.

5. Brandy Woods presented a District tax assessor/collector's report. Ms. Woods noted that the District's 2014 taxes are 98.59% collected. After brief discussion, upon motion by Director Stevens, seconded by Director Kimes, the Board unanimously approved the tax assessor/collector's report as presented.

6. Bob Ideus presented a bookkeeper's report, copy attached. After a review and discussion, upon motion by Director Adams, seconded by Director Stevens, the Board unanimously approved the bookkeeper's report as presented and authorized the issuance of the checks listed thereon.

7. The Board considered an offer of \$8,500 for a utility easement from CenterPoint. Mr. Goodall reported that CenterPoint realized that they did not have the necessary easement for a line that has been on District property since approximately 1951. CenterPoint was in the process of upgrading the power line to the District and discovered the issue at that time. After discussion, upon motion by Director Stevens, seconded by Director Kimes, the Board accepted the offer of \$8,500 in exchange for the easement pending the attorney's review of the documents and confirmation that the facilities will not interfere with District facilities by the District's engineer.

8. It was mentioned that a Comcast cable line at 2425 Foley Road was on District property and needed to be moved. The Board instructed Mr. Goodall to make contact with Comcast regarding the issue.

9. Ryan Nokelby and David Hunn presented the engineer's report, copy attached. Mr. Nokelby offered an extensive explanation of the rehabilitation of the existing wastewater treatment plant. After discussion, upon motion by Director Adams, seconded by Director Stevens, the Board unanimously ratified the emergency rehabilitation to the clarifier and approved expenditure of \$32,695 for the clarifier rehabilitation. The engineers were instructed to solicit proposals from other entities for the clarifier rehabilitation in the event the work could be performed for less than the approved amount. The engineers then discussed the status of the wastewater treatment plant chlorinator and shared the letter forwarded to TNC Construction from the engineer's office regarding the chlorinator.

10. The Board considered renewal of the storm water quality permit for the Deer Run Estates detention pond. After a brief discussion, upon motion by Director Kimes, seconded by Director Stevens, the Board unanimously authorized the engineers to proceed with application for renewal of the storm water quality permit in advance of the permit's December expiration date.

11. Pam Graham presented a billing and collections report, copy attached. It was noted that the District collected \$34,621.38 during the month. Subject to that discussion, upon motion by Director Kimes, seconded by Director Stevens, the Board unanimously approved the report as presented.

12. The Board considered public comments. Don Guillory noted his concern regarding the inability of Foley Road to accommodate new development in the area, and he suggested that individuals apply pressure to the County Commissioner's office in an effort to have Foley Road widened.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary