

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

### Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors January 7, 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 January 7, 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 Bob Ideus, Vicki Smith, Don Guillory, Eddie Robinson, Bobby Crippens, Ryan Nokelby, 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 minutes of the meeting held on December 3, 2014 were presented and reviewed. Upon motion by Director Higgins, seconded by Director Stevens and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes as presented.

2. The Board reviewed the tax assessor-collector's report and noted that 63.57% of 2014 taxes are collected. After review and discussion, upon motion by Director Higgins, seconded by Director Stevens, the Board unanimously approved the tax assessor-collector's report as presented and authorized issuance of the checks drawn on the tax fund.

3. The Board considered the Order Adopting Homestead Exemption. Mr. Goodall reported that his office prepared the Order Adopting Homestead Exemption in the amount of 20%, the same amount exempted for the last several years. After brief discussion, upon motion by Director Kimes, seconded by Director Stevens, the Board approved the Order as presented.

4. The Board considered the Order Adopting Residence Homestead Exemption for Persons Sixty-Five or Older or Disabled. Mr. Goodall reported that his office prepared the Order Adopting Residence Homestead Exemption for Persons Sixty-Five or Older or Disabled Exemption in the amount of \$20,000, the same amount exempted for the last several years. After brief discussion, upon motion by Director Kimes, seconded by Director Stevens, the Board approved the Order as presented.

5. The Board was presented with a letter of authorization for CGP Solutions to serve as the District's utility consultant. The utility consultant will aid the Board in getting the required meters at the new wastewater treatment facilities working and also negotiate for a better rate with the providers. The engineers should be carefully monitoring the progress of the electricity meter installation, as there appear to have been unnecessary delays. After discussion, upon motion by Director Higgins, seconded by Director Stevens, the Board unanimously approved the letter of authorization for CGP Solutions to provide utility consultant services.

6. Don Guillory presented an operator/manager's report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. After review of the issues with the hydro-tank the Board instructed the engineers to review the issue as well as the warranty and warranty start date for the defective devices. After review of problems with the No. 2 blower at the wastewater treatment facilities, the Board authorized repairing the blower. Subject to that discussion, upon motion by Director Higgins, seconded by Director Kimes, the Board approved the operator's report as presented.

7. Bob Ideus presented a bookkeeper's report, copy attached. After review, upon motion by Director Higgins, seconded by Director Stevens, the Board unanimously approved the report as presented and authorized issuance of the checks contained therein. Don Guillory then presented the Board with two additional invoices for payment for recent work related to repairing a sewer main line. Upon motion by Director Higgins, seconded by Director Stevens, the Board approved the invoices as presented.

8. Ryan Nokelby presented an engineer's report, a copy of which is attached. Pay Estimate No. 9 was recommended for payment. Mr. Nokelby reviewed the results of the preliminary cost analysis to replace the grinder pump system on Old Galley Road. After lengthy discussion, the Board declined further action on the matter at this time. After a further discussion, upon motion by Director Higgins, seconded by Director Stevens and unanimously carried, the Board approved the engineer's report and pay estimate as presented.

9. Vicki Smith presented a billing and collections report, copy attached, and noted \$33,665.59 was collected in the month. Subject to review and discussion, upon motion by Director Higgins, seconded by Director Kimes, the Board unanimously approved the report as presented.

10. The Board considered public comments. Mr. Higgenbinbotham approached the Board regarding the main line clog near his father's house at 3210 Shoreside Drive. Mr. Higgenbinbotham noted that the issues causing his service line to back up were not fixed immediately when he notified Don Guillory on Thanksgiving Day. Mr. Guillory noted that he responded but it took a few hours to get a vacuum truck on site and it was not until recently that the source of the problem—a collapsed tap down the main line—was discovered. The problem has recently been addressed and there should be no further issues. Mr. Higgenbinbotham took issue with the District's procedures designed to handle such issues and the Board took his comments under advisement.

11. The Board considered pending business. Mr. Goodall presented the lease agreement with Verizon for an additional cell tower facility to be placed on District property drafted on the previously agreed upon terms. After motion by Director Higgins, seconded by Director Kimes, the Board approved the execution of the document as presented.

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

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Secretary