

## Fruitland Special Service District Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 9, 2025 Time: 3:02 PM

**I. Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 3:03 PM.

**II. Roll Call** Attendees: Vicki Savage, Mike Wilkerson, Bartley Morrell, Steve Hille, Jared Kesler

Others Present:

Brock Harrison, Zack Taylor, Judy Wilkerson, Vern Roberts, Rogan Wilde, Eddie Roberts, Nichole Cowley, David Larson, Jarald Sager, Allen Knight, Bill Boyde, Grant Ford, Nina Robinson, Calvin Robinson, Richard Yeates, Chealsea Neerings, Kirk Neerings, Shauna Ellis

Bond Attorney:

- Erik Johnson

**III. Public Comment** Public comments were heard regarding rate increases and loans. Discussion included the tiered rate system and monthly charges.

### **IV. Presentation A. Bond and Grant Overview**

- Erik Johnson, Bond Attorney, explained the details of the bond and grant.
  - The district has received a significant grant.
  - The bond can be repaid at any time; early repayment is encouraged.
  - Key features of the resolution include authorizing bonds strictly for loans to a public body.
  - Reserve accounts: Funds will be set aside monthly to cover the largest bond payments, with a goal to accumulate reserves within six years.
  - The State Treasurer will hold the escrow account in a PTIF.
  - The CIB can request records at any time.
  - The district committed to collecting water bills and shutting off services for accounts overdue by 60 days.
  - The bond's closing date is set for January 23, 2025.
- **Motion:** Vicki Savage moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bond. Mike Wilkerson seconded. A vote was taken, and all board members were in favor. Motion carried.
- **Motion:** Vicki Savage moved to close the bond application. Mike Wilkerson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **V. Reports A. Engineer Report**

- **SCADA Systems:**
  - Issues with insertion meters and readings were discussed.
  - Brock Harrison proposed working with Russel from Mountain land to address installation and orientation issues.
- **Mill Hollow Spring:**
  - Treatment plans were reviewed.
  - Weir installation issues have been corrected.
- **Environmental Services:**
  - Coordination with SHPO for cultural resources over 50 years old was noted.

- A fee of \$5,900 for environmental services was proposed, with an additional \$4,000 if required.
- **Motion:** Mike Wilkerson moved to approve funds for the project. Steve Hille seconded. Motion carried.

#### **B. Operations Manager Report**

- Discussed assisting with meter fixes in Mill Hollow.

#### **C. Clerk's Report**

- Yopiffy (public notification system) was introduced. The board requested more information.
- **Motion:** Mike Wilkerson moved to approve the December minutes. Jared Kesler seconded. Motion carried.
- **Motion:** Steve Hille moved to approve December Financials. Vicki Savage seconded. Motion carried.

### **VI. Business**

#### **1. Rate Increase:**

- Discussion about a rate increase to \$60 per month for 12,000 gallons. Tiered pricing for overages was approved as follows:
  - 0 – 12,000 gallons: \$60.00
  - 12,000 – 16,000 gallons: \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons
  - 16,000 – 20,000 gallons: \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons
  - Over 20,000 gallons: \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons
- **Motion:** Vicki Savage moved to adopt the new rate structure as outlined above. Bartley Morrell seconded. A vote was taken, and all board members were in favor. Motion carried.

#### **2. Water Purchase:**

- The board considered purchasing 126 acres of Strawberry water to support the district's needs.
- **Motion:** Jared Kesler moved to approve the purchase of 126 acres of Strawberry water. Bart Morrell seconded. A vote was taken, and all board members were in favor. Motion carried.

### **VIII. Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

- **Motion:** Mike Wilkerson moved to close the meeting. Motion seconded by Jared Kesler. Motion carried.

The next meeting date and time were confirmed for February 13, 2025, at 3:00 PM.