

WATER DISTRICT NO. 1 OF MIDLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
DATE: JULY 15, 2020

Board Members Present:

Roger Crockett, Lincoln
Craig Gosen, Edenville
Laura Grubaugh, Jerome
Carl Hamann, Sanford
Andy Kobisa, Hope
Dave Rothman, Hope
Bill Stewart, Lee
Mike Wood, Jerome

Staff Present:

Rowan Everleigh
Ron Rose

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Board Members Absent:

Bill Page, Edenville
Bonnie Whaley, Sanford
George Whittington, Lee
Kevin Wray, Lincoln

MEETING LOCATION: Teleconference

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Gosen at 700 PM

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND ROLL CALL: Performed. 8 members were in attendance, a quorum.

MINUTES It was moved by Wood, seconded by Hamann to approve the minutes. Motion approved by roll call vote, 8/0.

OPERATIONAL BILLS: It was moved by Rothman, seconded by Stewart, to approve payment of WD#1 bills totaling \$94,336.75, checks 11690-11697, 11714-11724. Motion approved by roll call vote, 8/0. It was moved by Rothman, seconded by Stewart, to approve payment of WD#2 bills totaling 53,500, checks 1374-1377. Motion approved by roll call vote, 8/0. It was moved by Rothman, seconded by Stewart, to approve payroll totaling \$38,002.49, checks 11681-11689, 11698-11713. Motion approved by roll call vote, 8/0.

CORRESPONDENCE: Gosen- Declaration of Major Disaster from President. Kickoff meeting for FEMA Public Assistance next Wednesday, 9:30 AM.

BCBSM sent letter that our employee health insurance policy has been renewed.

STAFF REPORTS: Everleigh- Penalties have not yet been calculated or being charged. Shutoff date pushed out to July 30. Letters will be sent, but current state policy is no actual shutoffs before year end. WD#1

will move ahead with putting overdue bills on the tax rolls, pending a check with County on policy. It was moved by Gosen, seconded by Stewart, to perform no shutoffs until the State allows it. Motion approved by roll call vote, 8/0. It was moved by Wood, seconded by Kobisa, to calculate no penalties on currently overdue bills, but recommence the practice for the succeeding billing period. Motion approved by roll call vote, 8/0.

Rose- 27 meter sets, 27 permits sold, 3 meter upgrades, 266 stakeouts. We have had 33 consecutive days using more than 1 million gallons/day. Pump failed in Hope due to power surge. There is an issue on Sundown Trail with a single curb box and 4 homes that want water service. Staff to handle.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Gosen- Next WD#1 Board meeting will be in-person. Staff may send in written reports if they don't choose to attend. Board members advised to bring masks. USDA bond refinancing investigated. No advantage to doing this for Edenville or Hope, but WD#1 will benefit. Reminder of FEMA Public Assistance meeting next week.

Operations and maintenance: Wood- Discussion of who will bear the cost of meters damaged when submerged by recent flood. Estimated # of meters is 100, at a unit cost to WD#1 of ~\$230. It was decided the District policy for replacing meters when they fail, which is done at District expense. WD#1 has had many requests for water service to temporary housing (campers, trailers, etc.). Issue is who is responsible for freeze damage to meters. Decision was to make the customer responsible for protecting the meter. Hamann will carry this to Policy Committee to produce a formal policy for these temporary hookups. City of Midland has asked that WD#1 not pump water from main between 4:00 AM and 8:00 AM, Ron is doing this manually now, looking into automated system.

Map Mechanical was presented with a \$4,000 bill for their fire suppression system, due to delays in putting the system into service and an excessive number of engineer calls at WD#1 expense. Customer has refused to pay bill. Staff will add 10% late fee and resubmit bill. If not paid, bill will go on tax rolls.

There was a question about handling homes where water lines have been out of service and disconnected without notice or for an extended time, then customer wants to re-connect. Rose will write up a policy. Water lines in Sanford near rail trail where homes were lost to flood. No homes left there. Plan is to permanently shut off water line. Hamann to take issue to Village, request a letter of agreement. Hydrants to be bagged to prevent attempts to use.

Business and Finance: Rothman- Marcie (cleaning lady) has not been in the building since we closed the gates (due to COVID 19). There has been no contact from Marcie to WD#1. Rowan will contact Marcie to learn if she wants to return to the cleaning job. B&F will not be buying CDs due to current low interest rates.

Policy- Hamann- no report

Human Resources: No report

NEW BUSINESS: None

OTHER ITEMS:

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public

ADJOURN It was moved by Kobisa, seconded by Stewart, to adjourn motion approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

C. J. Gosser

L. David Rottman