#### HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 99

#### MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### **DECEMBER 15, 2020**

The Board of Directors (the "Board" or "Directors") of Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 99 (the "District") met in regular session, at 7:00 p.m., by Teleconference, on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, pursuant to notice of said meeting posted in accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders regarding holding Open Meetings via Teleconference for the protection of public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic; whereupon the roll was called of the members of the Board, to-wit:

Monte Lee Cooper President
Billy Ray Fritsche Vice President
George Galindo Secretary

Thomas Riddle Assistant Secretary/Treasurer/Investment Officer

Charles Leroy Richardson Director/Operations Maintenance Officer

All members of the Board were present, thus constituting a quorum. Also attending all or portions of the meeting by teleconference were: Karen Long of Equi-Tax, Inc., bookkeeper for the District ("Equi-Tax"); Debbie Bessire of Equi-Tax, Inc., tax assessor-collector for the District ("Equi-Tax"); Andrew P. Johnson, III, attorney and Marisa L. Roberts, legal assistant, attorneys for the District ("Johnson Petrov" and/or "Attorney"); Mike Plunkett of Eagle Water Management, Inc., operator for the District ("Operator" and/or "Eagle Water"); Sergio Van Dusen, P.E. and Caitlin Bobb, EIT of Vogt Engineering, L.P., engineers for the District ("Engineer" and/or "Vogt"); Deputy Z. Ryan of the Harris County Constable's Office ("HCCO"); and John Howell of The GMS Group, L.L.C., financial advisor for the District.

The President, after finding that notice of the meeting was posted as required by law and determining that a quorum of the Board was present, called the meeting to order and declared it open for such business as may regularly come before it.

1. <u>Minutes</u>. The Board reviewed the regular meeting minutes held on November 17, 2020; a copy of which was previously distributed to the Board.

Upon motion by Director Fritsche, seconded by Director Galindo, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting aye, the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 17, 2020.

2. <u>Constable's Report</u>. Deputy Ryan reviewed the November Constable's Report with the Board and responded to question from the Board.

Deputy Ryan stated that there were a few complaints from East Cypresswood, asking for the stop sign to be put back. Director Riddle commented the reason the lights were put there was for the purpose of flashing only when buses and school traffic are letting out, but that it seems the speeding has increased. Director Cooper stated he would contact Traffic Control and report back to the Board.



Upon motion by Director Fritsche, seconded by Director Richardson, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting aye, the Board approved the Constable's Report.

- 3. <u>Bookkeeper's Report/Investment Report/Energy Usage Report.</u> Ms. Long presented to and reviewed with the Board, the Bookkeeper's Report, Investment Report and Energy Usage Report for the previous month, copies of which are attached hereto collectively as <u>Exhibit "A."</u>
- a. Ms. Long reported that TexPool is paying 0.1231% interest and the net asset value is 1.00024%.

Upon motion by Director Fritsche seconded by Director Riddle, after full discussion and with all Directors present unanimously voting aye, the Board 1) approved the Bookkeeper's Report, Investment Report, and Energy Usage Report, as presented, 2) authorized the payment of checks numbered 12512 through 12536 from the Operating Account.

4. <u>Tax Assessor-Collector's Report.</u> Ms. Bessire presented the Tax Assessor-Collector's Report, a copy of which is attached hereto collectively as <u>Exhibit "B."</u>

Director Fritsche asked if the uncertified value at some point would become certified, to which Ms. Bessire responded yes.

Upon motion by Director Fritsche, seconded by Director Galindo, after full discussion and with all Directors present unanimously voting aye, the Board approved the Tax Assessor-Collector Report.

5. Operator's Report. Mr. Plunkett presented the Operations Report, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "C."

Mr. Plunkett reminded the Board that Eagle Water switched over to Well No. 1 for the remainder of the winter season.

Mr. Plunkett reported the average daily flow at the sewer plant during the previous month was 61,000 G.P.D, which is 27% of current capacity. He noted there were only 1-1/2 days of rain this month. He also reported the pumped to billed ratio was 93.11% at the water plant. No sludge was hauled for the month of November. No excursions reported for the month of November.

Mr. Plunkett next presented the Monthly Light Fixture Review, a copy of which is attached to the Operator's Report.

Mr. Plunkett presented and reviewed the disconnection list and stated that out of the nineteen (19) accounts listed. Mr. Plunkett requested the Board postpose the termination for the month of December for any non-payment accounts until January 2021.

Upon motion by Director Fritsche, seconded by Director Galindo, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting aye, the Board agreed to postpose the termination for the month of December for any non-payment accounts until January 2021.

Mr. Plunkett reported that DLD services has completed the annual maintenance on both generators and repair of the oil leak on the generator at the Water Plant, and Elite Pumps and Mechanical Services, LLC. has completed the re-installation of Blower No. 1.

Upon motion by Director Fritsche, seconded by Director Riddle, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting aye, the Board, 1) approved the Operator's Report.

6. <u>Engineer's Report</u>. The Engineer's Report was presented and reviewed by Mr. Van Dusen, a copy of which is attached as <u>Exhibit "D"</u>.

Mr. Van Dusen reviewed the Engineer's Report with the Board. He responded to questions from the Board.

<u>Waterline Extension Along Cypresswood</u>. Mr. Van Dusen stated there were eight (8) bids received, and the lowest bid was \$109,668, with the other bids ranging from \$152,000 to \$162,000. Vogt Engineering is in process of qualifying the lowest bidder and Mr. Van Dusen is requesting the Board's authorization to accept the lowest bidder, in the event they are, indeed qualified. Discussion ensued.

Upon motion by Director Fritsche, seconded by Director Richardson, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting aye, the Board authorized Vogt Engineering to accept the lowest bidder, if qualified, but should the lowest bidder not qualify, Vogt Engineering will make a subsequent recommendation to the Board.

New Wastewater Treatment Plant. TCEQ has approved the plans. The hydraulic models of the Cypress Creek Floodplain are pending. The project is ready to bid once funding is available.

<u>HCFCD Casper Drive Road Repair</u>. No additional update at this time. Waiting to hear back from HCFCD.

Sanitary Sewer Crossing Lemm Gully. Mr. Van Dusen reported that the project is estimated at \$250,000 with the design alternate requested by the Board. He also reported that the previous bid came in at \$311,263.10 on the original design. Mr. Van Dusen stated he would like to go and look at what this installation looks like, there are a few in the Buffalo Bayou that have been there for 2-3 years. Director Galindo inquired about the continued erosion on the stop GAP. Mr. Van Dusen responded that the solution would be for both sides, and he will forward the sketch to Director Galindo.

Lynwood Estates Subdivision Drainage Assessment and Michael Baker Report on Cypress Creek. No updates at this time.

<u>Spring ISD ("SISD") Annexation</u>. Vogt Engineering is working with the attorney to provide Spring ISD with all requested information.

Sanitary Control Easement. See Engineer's Report.

b. <u>Status of Bond Application</u>. TCEQ (the "Commission") has issued a bond memo, order and consent letter recommending approval. Johnson Petrov has responded to the Commission and working to make appropriate adjustments to the denomination, as recommended by John Howell.

Mr. John Howell, the District's Financial Advisor updated the Board. Mr. Howell asked Mr. Van Dusen for his timeline to provide the plans and specifications. Mr. Van Dusen stated he has the plans and specifications for the WWTP but will need 6-7 month's for water plant. He stated we now have approval from the Commission which is good for 3 years. Mr. Howell is

preparing the Preliminary Official Statement by the January Board meeting. Mr. Howell discussed his strategy for selling the bonds, including finding out whether Spring Independent School District would pay upfront or over time and how this would impact the rating received. He also explained how this would benefit the District.

Upon motion by Director Riddle, seconded by Director Fritsche, after full discussion and with all Directors present unanimously voting aye, the Board approved the Engineer's Report.

#### 7. New Business.

Discussed below.

#### 8. Old Business.

- a. <u>Annexation Request by Spring ISD (the "School District")</u>. No additional updates at this time.
- b. <u>Update on Fidelis</u>. Mr. Van Dusen stated that Fidelis seems to be on schedule. Director Richardson stated he saw concrete being poured and hanging building steel.

Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Van Dusen is there was anything needed to be approved to assist Vogt Engineering? Mr. Van Dusen responded that bond money is needed to move forward on the WWTP. Mr. Johnson asked how long would this process take? Mr. Howell responded, if the POS is approved at the January meeting, he would need 3-weeks in February to work with the rating agencies, and then bids for the bonds during the month of March; and closing in April, and money in the bank by mid-April. Mr. Van Dusen stated ideally, he would need funds by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### 9. New Business.

The Board then discussed the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services, a copy of which is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit "E"</u>. Director Riddle stated that before the Board approved such renewal, he would like to hear from the District's liaison, Mr. Mark Wells, and confirm that the deputy has provided 70% as stated in the current contract, as well as discuss the performance and services provided.

This item was tabled until the January board meeting.

#### 10. Public Comment.

There were no members of the public present.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

## Pay the Bills: As previously approved by the Board, the following bills were paid: Checks Written on Operations Account #0751-690363

# Harris County WCID #99 GOF Checks Presented December 15, 2020

Num	Name	Description	Amount
12512	Billy R Fritache	Director Fee	-138 53
12513	Charles L Richardson	Director Fee	-300 23
12514	Norte L Cooper	Oirector Fee	-138.52
12515	Association of Water Board Directors	AVVBD Annual Dues	-675.00
12516	Center Point Energy 4510015-0	Utilities	-40.04
12517	CFI Services Inc	STP Maintenance & Repair	-1,729.32
12518	Direct Waste Solutions	Garbage Collection	-9,102.00
12519	DLD Services	STP Maintenance & Repair	-2,522 13
12520	DXI Industries, Inc.	Chemicals	-411.97
12521	ETI Bookkeeping Services	Bookkeeping Fee	-700 00
12522	Harris County Treasurer	Security	-6.046.00
12523	Hudson Energy 300040453	Utilities	-1,700 15
12524	Hudson energy 300048454	Utilities	-24.69
2525	Hudson Energy 300048455	Unlines	-1,830 92
12526	Lawns & More	Mowing	-720.00
12527	Ne / Technical Services Corp	Maintenance & Repairs	-6,020 00
12528	North Harris County Regional Water Author	NHCRWA Fee	-19,775.25
12529	Texas Commesion on Environmental Quality	Water System Fee	-1,251,95
12530	Verizon	Telephone	-65.10
12531	Vogt Engineering	Engineering Fee	-4,702.50
12532	Waste Connections of Texas	STP Dumpeter	-251.00
12533	Eagle Water Management, Inc.	Operator Fee	-8,583 73
2534	Benjamirt K Carpenter	Customer Deposit Refund	-52 14
12535	Christopher Samuel Beard	Customer Deposit Refund	-150.00
2536	Emily Terry	Customer Daposit Refund	-90.00
Total			-67,021.83

### PASSED AND APPROVED on the 19th day of January, 2021.

Secretary

**Board of Directors** 

#### **EXHIBITS:**

- A Bookkeeper's Report, Investment Report, Energy Report
- B Tax Assessor Collector Report
- C Operations Report
- D Engineer's Report
- E Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services



Minutes recorded by Marisa L. Roberts Johnson Petrov LLP Regular Session December 15, 2020