# HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 99

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### **APRIL 15, 2025**

The Board of Directors (the "Board" or "Directors") of Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 99 (the "District") met in 19423 Lockridge Drive, Spring, Texas 77373, on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, pursuant to notice of said meeting posted in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code; whereupon the roll was called of the members of the Board, to-wit:

Billy Ray Fritsche	President
Thomas Riddle	Vice President
George Galindo	Secretary
Rick Ghinelli	Director
Terry Wright	Director

All members of the Board were present, with the exception of Director Wright, thus constituting a quorum. Also attending all or portions of the meeting were: Cathi Wilbanks of ETI Bookkeeping Services, bookkeeper for the District ("ETI"); Debbie Bessire and Angela Cunningham of Equi-Tax, Inc.; Zachary A. Petrov, Attorney and Marisa Roberts, Paralegal of Johnson Petrov LLP ("Johnson Petrov" and/or "Attorney"); Doug Jacobson of Eagle Water Management, Inc., operator for the District ("Operator" and/or "Eagle Water"); Sergio Van Dusen, Engineer and Tyler Reeves, EIT of Vogt Engineering, L.P., engineers for the District ("Engineer" and/or "Vogt"); Deputy Richardson of the Harris County Constable's Office ("HCCO"); Michelle Kincer of Storm Water Solutions; and residents of the District (see sign-in sheet).

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>Storm Water Solutions Monthly Report</u>. Ms. Kincer presented and reviewed the Storm Water Management Report, a copy of which is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit "A"</u>.

Ms. Kincer then exited the meeting.

2. <u>Presentation by Applicants to fill Director vacancy.</u>

Applicants were given an opportunity to speak regarding their contributions, skills and qualifications as a potential Board member. The Board thanked the applicants.

- 3. <u>Public Comment.</u> Members of the public were given an opportunity to speak at this time.
- 4. <u>Minutes</u>. The Board reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting of March 18, 2025, a copy of which was previously distributed to the Board.

Upon motion by Director Galindo, seconded by Director Ghinelli, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting aye, the Board approved the minutes the regular meeting of March 18, 2025 as presented.

5. <u>Constable's Report</u>. Deputy Richardson reviewed the Constable's Report with the Board and responded to questions from the Board.

Director Riddle thanked the Constables for the extra stops and stickers on vehicles.

Mr. Petrov entered the meeting at this time.

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

6. <u>Bookkeeper's Report/Investment Report/Energy Usage Report</u>. Ms. Wilbanks 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 "B."</u>

Ms. Wilbanks reported that TexPool interest rate is 4.3345% interest and the net asset value is 1.000001%.

Upon motion by Director Riddle, seconded by Director Galindo, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting aye, the Board: 1) approved the Bookkeeper's Report, with certain revisions, Investment Report, and Energy Usage Report; and 2) authorized the payment of checks numbered 14127 through 14153, which includes pay application no. 1 to Solid Bridge Construction, from the Operating Account.

7. <u>Tax Assessor-Collector Report</u>. Ms. Bessire presented and reviewed the Tax Assessor-Collector Report with the Board, a copy of which is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit "C"</u>.

Ms. Bessire reported that 92.0% of the 2024 taxes and 97.2% of the 2023 taxes have been collected as of March 31, 2025.

Upon motion by Director Galindo, seconded by Director Ghinelli, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting aye, the Board approved the Tax Assessor-Collector Report, including payment of check no. 2550.

- 8. <u>Operations Report.</u> Mr. Jacobson presented the Operations Report, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "D."
- a. Mr. Jacobson then reported the total monthly pumpage for March was 5,296,000 gallons and the average daily flow at the sewer plant during the previous month was 146,000 GPD, which is 51% of current capacity. Mr. Jacobson also reported the pumped to billed ratio was 86.25% at the water plant. There were no excursions for the previous month.

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

Mr. Jacobson presented and reviewed the disconnection list of twenty-three (23) accounts.

Upon motion by Director Galindo, seconded by Director Riddle, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting aye, the Board, after confirming with the Operator that notice had been delivered by the Operator to each person on the list notifying them that they could appear before the Board to discuss termination of services and that services could be terminated at any time after this meeting, and determining that no one appeared at the meeting for such purpose, the Board: 1) approved the termination list and authorized the Operator to terminate service as required by the Rate Order to all customers who remain unpaid; and 2) approved the Operations Report.

- 9. <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 "E"</u>.
- a. Mr. Petrov reviewed the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 110 termination of service letter regarding transfer of service of McNabb Elementary with the Board. The Board authorized Johnson Petrov to prepare an agreement and the audit committee will review the terms of the agreement.

Upon motion by Director Riddle, seconded by Director Galindo, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting aye, the Board authorized Johnson Petrov to prepare an agreement and the audit committee will review the terms of the agreement

- b. Mr. Van Dusen presented and reviewed Pay Application from SiteCon Services, Inc. in the amount of \$533,879.10 for WTP project, a copy of which is attached to the Engineer's Report. Mr. Van Dusen recommends approval of Pay Application from SiteCon Services, Inc.
- c. Mr. Van Dusen presented and reviewed Pay Application from Solid Bridge Construction in the amount of \$46,620.00 for Lemm Gully Slope Stabilization Repair, a copy of which is attached to the Engineer's Report. Vogt Engineering recommends approval of Pay Application from Solid Bridge Construction.

Upon motion by Director Galindo, seconded by Director Riddle, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting aye, the Board approved 1) payment to SiteCon Services Inc. in the amount of \$533,879.10 for WTP project; and 2) payment to Solid Bridge Construction in the amount of \$46,620.00 for Lemm Gully Slope Stabilization Repair.

d. Mr. Van Dusen reported three (3) quotes were received for the driveway work. The lowest qualified bidder was Solid Bridge Construction in the amount of \$25,000.00. Vogt Engineering recommends accepting the bid from Solid Bridge Construction in the \$25,000.00 for the driveway work at the Water Plant.

Upon motion by Director Galindo, seconded by Director Riddle, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting aye, the Board accepted the bid from Solid Bridge Construction for the driveway work at the Water Plant.

e. Ms. Kincer presented the Storm Water Management Report earlier in the meeting (see above).

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

10. <u>Director Vacancy</u>. The Board was given an opportunity to ask the candidates questions.

# 11. New Business/Annual Agenda.

a. <u>Letter of Support regarding Cypress Oaks – North Freeway Detention Basin</u>. The Board submitted a letter of support to Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 110 supporting an application for a Community Project Funding Grant, a copy of which is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit "F"</u>.

Upon motion by Director Riddle, seconded by Director Ghinellli, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting aye, the Board approved the Letter of Support to Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 110 supporting an application for a Community Project Funding Grant.

b. <u>District Support, in form of multiple water taps for cleaning sound wall graffiti.</u> Discussion ensued. The Board approved a contribution not to exceed \$4,000 to assist the North Hill Estates Civic Club with water taps to clean graffiti on the sound wall and authorized Eagle Water to install the water tap(s), back flow preventor(s) and water meter(s).

Upon motion by Director Riddle, seconded by Director Ghinellli, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting aye, the Board approved a contribution not to exceed \$4,000 to assist the North Hill Estates Civic Club with water taps to clean graffiti on the sound wall and authorized Eagle Water to install the water tap(s), back flow preventor(s) and water meter(s).

c. <u>Resolution in Support of Senate Bill 1454</u>, a copy of which is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit "G"</u>. Mr. Petrov and Director Riddle reported that they testified at the Senate Local Gov't Committee on Monday, April 14, 2025 in Austin, Texas in support of Senator Bettencourt's bill SB 1454. Mr. Petrov stated that the bill would restrict a city HHA to operating only within the City's corporate limits. Director Riddle presented a Resolution in Support of SB 1454.

Upon motion by Director Fritsche, seconded by Director Galindo, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting aye, the Board approved the Resolution in Support of SB 1454.

### 12. <u>Old Business</u>:

- a. <u>Conversion of the District to powers of a MUD, including discussion regarding deed restrictions</u>. The Board discussed a public hearing on the proposed conversion from water control improvement district to a municipal utility district to be scheduled for May 5 at Emmanual Church. If the Church was unavailable for May 5, then May 13<sup>th</sup> was the alternative date. By general consensus, the Board with no none opposed authorized Johnson Petrov to publish notice of the hearing required by law and adopted the Resolution Calling the Public Hearing.
  - b. <u>Audit Committee</u>. Nothing at this time.
  - c. <u>PUC Docket No. 57439</u>. Mr. Petrov updated the Board that this was dismissed.
- d. <u>Designation of Additional Meeting Places</u>. Directors Fritsche and Ghinelli are continuing to work to find large capacity facility to designate as an additional meeting place.

13. <u>Executive Session</u>. As of 7:49 p.m., Director Galindo made a motion that the Board called for an Executive Session, closed to the public, pursuant to Section 551 of the Texas Government Code - Consultation with Attorney. The motion was seconded by Director Ghinelli, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting aye, the Board called for an Executive Session. There were no members of the public present at this time. All Board Members present along with Zachary Petrov, Marisa Roberts, Sergio Van Dusen, Tyler Reeves and Doug Jacobson were present for Executive Session.

As of 8:20 p.m., Director Riddle made a motion that the Board close the Executive Session and resume open session, seconded by Director Galindo, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting aye, the Board closed Executive Session and resumed open session.

14. <u>Executive Session</u>. As of 8:21 p.m., Director Riddle made a motion that the Board called for an Executive Session, closed to the public, pursuant to Section 554 of the Texas Government Code – Personnel Matters. The motion was seconded by Director Galindo, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting aye, the Board called for an Executive Session. There were no members of the public present at this time. All Board Members present along with Zachary Petrov, Marisa Roberts, Sergio Van Dusen, Tyler Reeves and Doug Jacobson were present for Executive Session.

As of 9:30 p.m., Director Riddle made a motion that the Board close the Executive Session and resume open session, seconded by Director Galindo, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting aye, the Board closed Executive Session and resumed open session.

No action was taken in Executive Session. There were no members of the public present.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 20th day of May, 2025

Secretary

Board of Directors

#### **EXHIBITS:**

A - Storm Water Solutions Report

B - Bookkeeper's Report, Investment Report, Energy Report

C - Tax Assessor Collector Report

D - Operations Report

E - Engineer's Report

F - Letter of Support to HCWCID 110

G - Resolution in Support of SB 1454

Minutes recorded by Marisa Roberts Johnson Petrov LLP Regular Session April 15, 2025