

**FLYING L PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 12, 2021
M I N U T E S**

CALL TO ORDER: The April 12, 2021 regular meeting, of the Flying L Public Utility District; is called to order by President Don Bateman at 6:30 PM. Additional Board Members in attendance are June Baker, Judd Ryan, Nathon Laws, and Austin Christensen. Also, in attendance are Recording Secretary Leslie Rector, Field and Office Administrator Steve Childers, and Water and Wastewater Operator Jerry Hefley.

A quorum was established.

Guest(s) in Attendance: Jay Call, (Chad Sillers & John Montgomery are Consulting Reps from Municipal Operations), Terry Peek, Brian Caldwell, and Tom Gil

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Montgomery stated he and Chad had a two-hour conversation with Steve Childers and Jerry Hefley regarding the sewer plant and will inspect the Plant this week to develop a plan of action to get it back in peak operating condition.

Tom Gil from Kamstrup Meters gave a talk on their Smart Water Meters & Remote Reading Systems. This system originated from Denmark around 1946. He said River Ranch has installed these meters and has only a 1% water loss. It will cost around \$85,000 to do the entire community. Tom said the batteries in the meters have a 20-year warranty but have lasted much longer. He will install 10 meters free of charge to see how they perform if the Board would like but PUD would have to install them. They have ultrasonic distribution meters that can be used on the Wells up to 4 inches. The Board and John Montgomery asked several questions to better understand the Smart Meters and all of the functions they can perform.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: After a review of the March 9, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes a **motion** was made by Christensen, 2nd by Laws to approve the Minutes from the March meeting. **Unanimous**

Financial Review: Steve went over the Financial Statements, which includes P&L Prev Yr Comparisons, P&L Budget vs Actual, Balance Sheet, Expenses by Vendor Summary, System Totals, Top Usage Accts, Usage & Loss Report, and Well Levels. The sewer system maintenance is up from last year and the Sewer and Water Tap Fees are back in balance in the Budget after the recent increase to the consumer. There is now a new extra pump, which is being stored in the PUD building.

REVIEW AND PAY BILLS: After reviewing the checks submitted, the Balance Sheet, and the Vendor Summary a **motion** was made by Christensen, 2nd by Laws to accept the reports and pay the bills with a transfer of \$40,000 from System Account #266 to Operating Account #816 at Bandera Bank. **Unanimous** (The invoice for Waste Water Transport Service for \$2,490 is under review and will be held pending the outcome of an upcoming phone conversation with that company.)

Bandera Bank, CDs & Hondo Bank:	\$512,217.76
Savings & CDs at Randolph Brooks FCU:	\$164,234.14
FUND BALANCE:	\$676,451.90

TCEQ Inspection Review: The on-site inspection was done on 3-10-2021. Nathon Laws, Judd Ryan, and Jerry Hefley were in attendance along with Susan Roberts TCEQ Rep from San Antonio. There were several AV (Alleged Violation) issues, which included Permit Conditions, Monitoring and Reporting Requirements, Effluent Limitations, Operational Requirements, Permit Provisions, Sludge Provisions, and Ventilation & Alarms. To-date there are only 2 AVs that cannot be immediately resolved which involve ordering backup power sources and installing a road to a Lift Station. The two Observations will be completed by Jerry, which involve Sludge Drying Beds and the Holding Ponds. John Montgomery will assist in the written formal responses to TCEQ to clear the AVs. Determining the size and ordering generators for the Sewer Plant and lift stations will be top priority. Jay Call will be handling an insurance claim due to the Winter Storm. The invoices paid out from damage were from American Backflow H2O @ \$362, Pump Energy @ \$1,965.26, and Hill Country Landscaping @ \$250. Jerry said the electrical panel at the sewer plant has recorded over 1,752 electrical surges since the Winter Storm with no solution from BEC. The two red lights for the lift stations will be installed this week. Judd will take care of getting the ventilators and auto-dialers for the Lift Stations.

REPORT OF MONTHLY WORK PROJECTS AND OPERATION: Steve reports that RGB has found all the water valves on Glenvalley, Oak Hills, and Knollwood. It was determined that 6 valves will have to be replaced. RGB plans on being out this week to replace those valves. The residents will be advised of the planned water outage and advised to boil their water for a period of time.

Jerry stated his work projects going forward consists of repairs at the Lift Stations, effluent pump maintenance, and check valves.

The Board asked Jerry about the invoices he turned in to the office to understand the purpose of the purchases. Jerry answered all of the questions presented and then said he was giving the Board a 60 day resignation notice and left the meeting. After the news of the impending resignation, the Board suggested to inventory all parts, equipment, and supplies.

Steve informed the Board that not only can MOC (Municipal Operations & Consulting) help with consulting on the health of the Sewer Plant but they also can take over as Water and Wastewater Operators if needed.

OLD BUSINESS (Discuss and Consider)

Drought Restrictions: Tabled

NEW BUSINESS (Consider for Action and Review):

Budget Revisions: Tabled

Review Sewer Expenses YTD: Tabled

Water Tanks Inspection & Cleanout Scheduled: The water tanks were inspected in March and there is currently 2 inches of sediment on the bottom of the tanks. Steve scheduled divers to come out and remove the sediment on April 28th at a cost of \$5,005. There are reports generated from the tank inspections for the Board to review if they would like to review it. There is some corrosion and rust on the ladders in the tanks but still rated as “good”. Nathan reminded the Board there is rust/corrosion on the interior of the sewer tanks that should be addressed before it get worse and gave Steve a contact person.

Trash Issues: Steve reported that the trash bills have kept going up with extra charges over the weekend collections along with a 6% increase. Steve says a regional rep is reworking our contract. Steve asks what should we do about the overages and illegal dumping? Do we need to fence it off, get better cameras, look into trash compactors, issue fines to residents that don’t breakdown their boxes? Should we offer a service for bulk item scheduled pickups? Steve is to wait until the Regional Rep comes back with adjusted pricing and then get prices from other companies.

Review the New Notification System Set-up and Monthly Newsletter: Tabled

Next Meeting: The next month’s regular meeting date for the Flying L PUD is scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Christensen, 2nd by Laws to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 PM. **Unanimous**

Presented for review and approval,
Leslie L. Rector, Recording Secretary
for the Flying L Public Utility District