

**FLYING L PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING – August 9, 2021
M I N U T E S**

CALL TO ORDER

The August 9, 2021 regular meeting, of the Flying L Public Utility District; is called to order by Board President Done Bateman at 6:35 PM. Additional Board Members in attendance are Don Bateman, Judd Ryan, Nathon Laws, and June Baker. Austin Christensen is absent. Also in attendance is Office Administrator Steve Childers.

Guest(s) in Attendance: Leslie Rector, Megan Ryan, John with MOC (called in at 6:45)

A quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leslie asked how the cameras are working and what procedures are being used to take action. Steve responded that there are no official procedures; they look at footage to see who does what. Residents are identified and non-residents are sent to the constable. Discussion ensued covering the dumping of dead animals, to the ranch's dumping, to the general improvement seen since the cameras and fines were implemented.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

After a review of the July 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes a motion was made by June, 2nd by Judd to approve the Minutes from the Month meeting. **Unanimous**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Steve reviewed financials. Revenue was down – has to do with the new service and adjustments that were corrected later in the year. No tax income received this month. Sewer system maintenance has been a major hit between valve replacement and the plant emptying due to the sabotaged float. Two CD's are coming due – intend to cash out and add to savings.

REVIEW AND PAY BILLS

After reviewing the checks submitted, the Balance Sheet, and the Vendor Summary a motion was made by June to transfer \$40,000 from System Account #266 to Operating Account #816 at Bandera Bank. 2nd by Nathon.

Unanimous

	<u>July 21</u>
ASSETS	
Bandera Deposit Acct	63,301.80
Hondo National Bank	243,988.82
RBFCU Savings	3,934.05
RBFCU CD xxxx9913 8/16/2023	54,866.78
RBFCU CD xxxx0003 8/14/2021	28,281.94
RBFCU CD xxxx0021 8/5/2021	27,570.82
RBFCU CD xxxx8980 4/12/2022	55,308.85
Bandera Operating Acct	-30,594.12
Bandera Bank CD xx005 11/6/2023	125,938.04
Total 11000 Bank accounts	<u>572,596.98</u>

REVIEW AND DISCUSS OPERATIONS

John reviewed MOC's total monthly report. Steve mentioned that we need to buy new meters and asked if we should start buying digital meters and asked if there is a brand MOC prefers. Steve recommends we go with John's recommendation and John has said he will put together a recommendation for us. Nathon asked about water quality. He has spoken to Steve about brown water at his house and it initially improved after new flushing guidelines, but became bad again. Steve said the regulator just wasn't working right so it was replaced, but it takes a few months for the phosphates to work their way through the system.

Nathon asked if there was an updated report that can be sent to residents to let them know of all the work that has occurred. Steve said that is on his list and will be done shortly.

Steve reported that well levels are looking great, but noted that Well 1 is an estimate due to some reading issues.

2021		
	Well 1	Well 2
Jan		
Feb	347	354
March		
April	262	254
May	231	299
June	231	284
July	230	299
Aug	230	255
Sept		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		
Current Drawdown	1'	5'

Water loss was high, but may possibly be due to the meter that John mentioned was faulty.

Water Pumped This Month	1,635,000 Gallons
Water Sold This Month	1,324,890 Gallons
Water Used for Fire and Flushing Line	25,800 Gallons
Water Loss	284,310 Gallons
Water Loss (%)	17.39 %

Auto dialers have been installed, though they are not up and running due to the cell units not working. Further working to be performed on these.

Setting up a periodic maintenance agreement with Odessa to service pumps every six months.

Looking to continue the valve maintenance program that was started on Glenvalley, Knollwood, and Oak Hills. Looking at September date to do next valve area; probably behind pro shop, putting green and entire villa area. Doug to select the date. Steve wants to set aside a one week period – last one was done in 2-3 days. Nathon suggests pushing back further than September; October might be suggested. Judd suggests walking through the plan with John next month when he is here in person for the meeting.

Past due system has been set up in the office. Send email notice after 30 days; tape card to door after 90 days. Water shut off is not paid in 5 days after 90-day notice.

Insurance claim has finally been submitted and will be receiving a \$4K check.

Arnett home has been put on hold. Looking for a bigger lot elsewhere like Bridalgate.

Steve would like to start looking into options for a new auditor.

Had an issue with a homeowner in which repair work had to be performed. Resident was billed for the repair and became angry about it. The PUD does allow a one-time grace to customers and we can offer that, but there is question over who should be responsible (potentially a contractor) and Don stated there are some questions over the timeline. The resident did threaten to cut off the valve. This threat overrides grace and the charge will stand. Further conversation revealed that a \$100 cap needs to be placed on the PUD's grace allowance.

Janet Williams had raised the question of whether the PUD has the authority to issue a fine for trash dumping saying there is a difference between fines and penalties. Our lawyer weighed in and we do have the authority to charge financial penalties. The board opted to keep the terms we have already printed on the signs – there is bleed over in definitions between the two words and any argument there is trivial.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss and consider Eric Cardinell eminent domain process: Eric was referred by our lawyer and believes he can work out a simple solution quickly. The lot offer has been rescinded and the only offer on the table is \$18K for the lot.

Financing options on backup power: Commissioner put Steve in touch with grant writer for county judge. TX Dept of Ag looks at disadvantaged community and we do not meet that. USDA was promising though; however, we need to be turned down by two outside financing institutions first. Nathon returned to a desire to lease rather than go in debt. Judd will contact Jack regarding leasing option.

POA role on carport built in easement on Glenvalley: Long discussion over the role of the PUD in approving new builds and additions. Conversation revolved around the POA meeting in which the carport on Glenvalley that is in the easement was discussed. Steve commented (and sent an email) pointing out that every point made by the POA President around this was incorrect. There have been other near misses. Steve's opinion is that the PUD needs to have sign-off authority on building projects. Currently Austin serves on the POA's ACC committee, but does not act with the PUD's authority. Steve suggested a legal letter be sent to the POA, but Nathon suggested a meeting be requested with the entire POA board in light of the partnership we should have. Don to discuss with Bob and setup a meeting. More eyes are better and this protects the POA as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and consider designating Reba Douglas to calculate tax for PUD: Reba Douglass is tax collector. Need to determine that we are not collecting more than 8%. Nathon moves to make Reba Douglas Tax Collector for PUD. 2nd by Judd. **Unanimous.**

Discuss and consider newspaper notice for the tax rate hearing: Ad will be placed in the newspaper.

Next Meeting: The next month's regular meeting date for the Flying L PUD is scheduled for September 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Adjourn: A motion was made by June, 2nd by ALL to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. **Unanimous**

Presented for review and approval,
Nathon Laws
Secretary, Flying L PUD