

**FLYING L PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 11, 2021
M I N U T E S**

CALL TO ORDER: The January 11, 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 and Judd Ryan. Nathon Laws and Austin Christensen are absent. 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: Bob Haueter

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob asked a few questions: He reminded the Board about the upcoming Annual Meeting and asked if a representative would attend and give an update to the homeowners on what's been going on. How many more sewer hook-ups can the sewer plant support. Jerry Hefley said all lots that are currently in the service area can hook-up to the system with no problem. Bob also said he was contacted by Nathon Laws who confirmed the current health of our water system is good, but this doesn't guarantee our wells can't fail. (Our wells are in Trinity Aquifer. The Trinity Aquifer stretches from the Red River in North Texas to the eastern edge of Bandera and Medina counties, west of San Antonio and has three sections: the upper, middle and lower.)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: After a review of the December 14, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes a **motion** was made by Baker, 2nd by Ryan to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting. **Unanimous**

Financial Review: Steve went over the Financial Statements, which includes the System Totals Report, P&L Previous Year Comparison to December, P&L Previous Year-to-Date, P&L, and Budget vs Actual. He pointed out income revenues from water, sewer, and garbage fees are positive revenue. Total revenue is down from last year due to not receiving a tax payment from the tax collector in January. Total maintenance is up 71% from last year due mainly from the hydrant work. Currently the P&L indicates a loss.

REVIEW AND PAY BILLS: After reviewing the checks submitted and the Balance Sheet a **motion** was made by Baker, 2nd by Ryan to accept the reports and pay the bills with a transfer of \$34,000 from System Account #266 to Operating Account #816 at Bandera Bank. **Unanimous**

Bandera Bank & Hondo Bank: \$457,512.20
Savings & CDs at Randolph Brooks FCU: \$164,234.14
FUND BALANCE: \$621,746.34

REPORT OF MONTHLY WORK PROJECTS AND OPERATION: Steve Childers reports that an insurance claim will be submitted to TML due to a lightning strike at Well #2 (our main well). The cost of repair was a little over \$18,000. Also, we have trash pickup on Fridays. Christmas fell on Friday and wasn't picked up until Saturday. The dumpsters were overflowing and we were charged an extra \$309 for the extra trash. Steve contacted the Constable with the names and addresses of people that illegally used our dumpsters from outside the community. He also contacted residents that had not flattened their boxes. Judd supplied Steve with another hydrant company to get a second bid on the work planned. Representatives from ACE Quality Aqua came out to bid on the work. The first bid from another company was \$15,227 and the second bid from ACE Quality Aqua was \$8,525 for the same work. ACE Quality Aqua will start on Wednesday and touch base with Jerry Hefley when they are on the property. Chris Molnar will work with Steve soon, to setup the data storage system.

Jerry reports that the lightning strike blew a hole in the Well #2 motor. He suggests a better surge protector. Judd said when a surge protector takes a hit from lightning it should be replaced. He will look into getting a new surge protector. Well #1 was placed into service. It runs 24 hrs a day to keep up with demand.

Hydrant Flushing – Jerry will flush all hydrants once a month. That frequency is not required by TCEQ and will waste a lot of water, so if that's what the Board wants that's what he will do. The Board told Jerry to go ahead with the monthly hydrant flushing. Jerry wants to make sure we are using the right phosphate for the condition of our water. A phosphate change can also clear up the occasional brown water. He has to wait on the results from the water sample taken by the chemical company.

Jerry will be bringing in a helper to aide with the valve boxes, to elevate them and also help with water meter maintenance.

On the wastewater side: Each Lift Station will have a clipboard with maintenance history. Whatever is done in that Lift Station will be on the clipboard. Jerry has always completed required maintenance but not always documented them. He will now. In regards to the sewer system odor – Jerry’s recommendation is to purchase a trailer designed to flush our sewer lines at a cost of around \$25,000 instead of hiring a contractor or renting one. In the long run, it will be cost more effective. Jerry can do the flushing and a septic company can come out and remove the waste from the system. He said 10’s of thousands of dollars can be saved. It wouldn’t take long to acquire one. He is still trying to get the company out for a demonstration so a decision can be made.

There is corrosion in the wastewater plant. He feels it wasn’t constructed correctly, which is causing the corrosion. An engineer needs to look into the corrosion problem. The steel is flaking above the water line. Also, something is blocking the return hole. That is a major problem that he will look at in the morning. Effluent is still going out but not as clear as it should be. He may have to bring in help to clear the blockage.

Jerry has found rags in the sewer system, like the ones used in a restaurant. The excessive amount of grease in the sewer system was talked about in the November meeting. It was decided then, that Board representatives will go and speak with the Stevens. To-date no one has met with them. Judd would like to go down to the school to check on their cafeteria and grease handling.

If more sections were added for sewer access, one of the biggest costs would be the lift stations. Cost wise it wouldn’t be practical if only a few homes were added per lift station. When Jerry has some time he will look over the sewer map to see if any other areas may be added to the sewer system.

Lift Stations parts have been ordered and waiting for delivery. Jerry also found some cleanouts where rainwater is infiltrating the sewer system. Those areas will be repaired hopefully tomorrow.

OLD BUSINESS (Discuss and Consider)

Drought Restrictions: Tabled

BISD Sewer Contract: Tabled

Sewer System Odor Issue: Pressure Washing, Cleaning of Manholes and Main, Contractor or Buying or Renting Equipment to Clean (Covered in Work Projects)

Mapping System Maintenance: Continues, but not discussed.

NEW BUSINESS (Consider for Action and Review):

Scheduled System Maintenance Plan: Tabled

PUD Personnel: Tabled

Scheduled System Maintenance Plan: Tabled

Study Residential Sewer Expenses vs Income: Tabled (Leslie)

Budget Revisions: Steve presented his recommended figures to the Board to revise the Budget and bring it back closer to balance. After reviewing the figures, a **motion** was made by Baker, 2nd by Ryan to adjust the budget as presented by Steve Childers. **Unanimous** Steve will ask the auditor about classifying the hydrant costs as a Capital Expenditure.

Director’s Pay: Tabled

POA Ballot: Because the PUD doesn’t pay lot dues, voting is not permitted.

Next Meeting: The next month’s regular meeting date for the Flying L PUD is scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Adjourn: Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM. **Unanimous**

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