

Beulah Utilities District
Minutes of Regular Board of Directors Meeting
July 21, 2015
5320 Lee Road 270 Valley, AL 36854
6:00 pm CST

The Board of Directors of Beulah Utilities District met in a regular meeting on July 21, 2015 at the Beulah Water Department.

1. **WELCOME**

Chairman Sims welcomed those in attendance.

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Sims called the meeting to order.

3. **ROLL CALL**

The following Board Members were present: Shane Franks, Linda Holt, Dan Roberts and Lamar Sims.

Absent: James Majors

Visitors in Attendance - See attached Visitor Sign In Sheet.

4. **DECLARE QUORUM**

After the roll was called, Chairman Sims declared that a quorum was present.

5. **ADOPT AGENDA**

Chairman Sims presented the proposed agenda for adoption. Mr. Franks motioned to adopt the agenda. Motion was seconded by Ms. Holt and the agenda was unanimously adopted.

6. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES** June 16, 2015

Chairman Sims asked for approval of the minutes from the June 16, 2015 Regular Meeting. Mr. Franks motioned to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and unanimously adopted and the minutes were approved.

7. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Chairman Sims reviewed the financial statements. Mr. Roberts motioned to accept the financial statements. Motion was seconded by Ms. Holt. The motion was unanimously adopted and the Financial Statements were accepted.

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Resolution Regarding Sale of Fire Dept. Red Pick-Up**

Chairman Sims read a resolution authorizing the sale of the Fire Dept. Red Pick-Up truck. Ms. Holt motioned to adopt the resolution. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and unanimously approved and the resolution was adopted.

b. **Project Update**

Mr. Joshua Pierce from the District's engineering firm, Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, Inc. (GMC) was recognized to give an update on the Lee Road 270 Water Main and Highway 29 Storage Tank Projects.

Mr. Pierce stated that bids had been received for the Lee Road 270 Water Main project and that the lowest responsive bidder was L&K Contracting Company, Inc and their bid was \$877,130. Mr. Franks motioned to accept the bid. Mr. Steve Miller, 321 Lee Road 268, was recognized and asked if the project would improve his water pressure and was told that the District was under taking system improvement projects that were within its budget and that while one single project would likely not fix all of the pressure issues, the projects as a whole should improve pressure throughout the District. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and unanimously approved by the Board and the bid was accepted.

Mr. Pierce stated that only one bid was received for the Highway 29 Storage Tank project and that was from Dixie Painting & Sandblasting, Inc and that the bid was \$515,700. Mr. Pierce stated that since only one bid had been received, the Board could reject the bid and re-advertise for bids or it could authorize GMC to negotiate with Dixie Painting to perform the work at a reduced cost. Mr. Pierce felt that it would be possible to negotiate a lower cost for the project with Dixie Painting. Mr. Franks motioned to authorize GMC to negotiate with Dixie Painting to perform the work at a cost not to exceed \$425,000. Motion was seconded by Ms. Holt and unanimously approved.

- c. Reminder of Board Training Seminar on July 28th, at 9 a.m. CST

Chairman Sims reminded the Board members that the training session with the Alabama Rural Water Association was set for this coming Tuesday.

- d. Update on Hyler & Associates 2013-2014 Financial Audit

Chairman Sims stated that more work needed to be done on the 2013-14 year but that the audit was expected to be completed in about a month.

Chairman Sims stated that the 2014-15 Audit would be completed in December.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Fire Department Committee Report on ISO

Chief Jacob Geiger was recognized and stated that the Fire Department Committee had met recently with the District's ISO consultant to discuss cost effective ways in which the District could improve its ISO rating. He stated that several projects were discussed which would help improve the rating and that he hoped to have recommendations at future meetings.

- b. Fire Department Report

Chief Geiger then gave the report on the Fire Department.

He stated that the Department ran a total of 93 emergency calls in the month of June, only two of which were fires.

He mentioned that the Rescue Truck was back in service after having its turbo replaced and that the new F-250 truck was sent to the shop to get fitted out.

Chief Geiger asked the Board to pass a resolution allowing employee sick leave to be converted into retirement service credit. He stated that this resolution was necessary to complete the process of having fire department employees come under the State Retirement System. Mr. Franks motioned to pass the resolution. Motioned was seconded by Ms. Holt and unanimously approved and the resolution was passed.

- c. Water Loss Report Form

Chairman Sims went over a new Water Loss Report which more accurately reflected the District's Water Use/Loss.

d. Clearwater Solutions Report

Mr. Houston Black was recognized to give the Clearwater Report for the Month of June.

He stated that he had three rate adjustments for the month of May:

Valerie Alley	\$627.30
Ronald Massey	\$121.80
Vickie Holloway	\$107.00

Ms. Holt motioned to approve the adjustments. Motion was seconded by Mr. Franks and unanimously approved.

Mr. Black then briefed the Board on Clearwater's activities over the past month.

Mr. Black stated that Clearwater's total repair and maintenance expenditures in June were \$7,038.82. Mr. Roberts motioned to pay Clearwater \$7,038.82. Motion seconded by Mr. Franks and unanimously approved.

10. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

11. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. B.J. Crenshaw, 52 Lee Road 965, was recognized and asked if the water infrastructure in his area would be able to sustain a new subdivision. He also inquired how long it would take to complete the tank project and was told 3-4 months.

Chairman Sims stated that the next Regular Meeting would be at 6:00pm on August 18, 2015.

There being no further business, Mr. Franks motioned to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Ms. Holt and unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. C.S.T.

Signed _____

