

Beulah Utilities District  
Minutes of Regular Board of Directors Meeting  
September 15, 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 September 15, 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: James Majors, Shane Franks, Dan Roberts and Lamar Sims.

Absent: Linda Holt

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 Mr. Majors and the agenda was unanimously adopted.

6. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The election of officers was held.

**Chairman**

Lamar Sims was nominated to serve as Chairman. There being no further nominations, Lamar Sims was unanimously elected to the position of Chairman.

Vice Chairman

Shane Franks was nominated to serve as Vice Chairman. There being no further nominations, Shane Franks was unanimously elected to the position of Vice Chairman.

Secretary/Treasurer

James Majors was nominated to serve as Secretary/Treasurer. There being no further nominations, James Majors was unanimously elected to the position of Secretary/Treasurer.

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Linda Holt was nominated to serve as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. There being no further nominations, Linda Holt was unanimously elected to the position of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

7. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES** August 18, 2015

Chairman Sims asked for approval of the minutes from the August 18, 2015 Regular Meeting. Mr. Roberts motioned to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Franks and unanimously adopted and the minutes were approved.

8. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. Update on Tank and Lee Road 270 Project

Chairman Sims recognized Houston Black from Clearwater to read a status memo from the District's engineer, Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood (GMC) on the two projects:

Construction on the Lee Road 270 Project was underway, with work being done to install the water main at the east end of the project area. The Contractor, L&K Contracting, submitted a pay request in the amount of \$392, 134.62, which GMC recommended the Board pay. Mr. Roberts motioned to pay the amount specified in the pay request. Motion was seconded by Mr. Majors and unanimously approved by the Board.

Work had also commended on the Highway 29 Tank Project. Demolition of the smaller tank had been completed and electrical work was underway.

b. Update on Lee Road 375 Water Main Relocation

Chairman Sims stated that he and Mr. Franks had met with the Lee County Engineer to discuss the county reimbursing the District for the expenses of moving its pipes to accommodate the road and bridge work and that they had been told that it was not the policy of the County to reimburse the costs of moving utilities. The Board discussed the situation and it was suggested that the District go to the Lee County Commission to request reimbursement for the expenses incurred in moving the water pipes.

Mr. Black stated that GMC had bid the project out and the lowest responsive bidder was L&K Contracting Co. with a bid amount of \$45,160. Mr. Franks motioned to accept the L&K bid and to go to the County Commission and request that the District be reimbursed for the having to move the water line. Motion was seconded by Mr. Majors and unanimously approved.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Fire Dept. Report

Chief Jacob Geiger was recognized to give the report on the Fire Department.

He stated that the Department ran a total of 71 emergency calls in the month of August.

He mentioned that the Department's red pickup truck had sold for \$2,180 and that all that remained to conclude the sale was to get the title transferred.

Chief Geiger announced that the Department's volunteer firefighters had completed the third training block in the State Certification training program and that they had one more training block to complete.

He presented the Board with quotes for the purchase of equipment needed for the new pumper truck the District had purchased. He stated that the low quote had come from Emergency Equipment Professionals for a total of \$14,570 and the equipment was of better quality than the equipment of other bidders. Mr. Roberts moved to purchase the equipment from Emergency Equipment Professionals. Motion was seconded by Mr. Franks and unanimously approved.

Chief Geiger stated that the Fire Committee had agreed to seek out an architectural firm to draw up plans for the new Fire Station Two but that the prices quoted were \$13,000 or more. He recommended that the District find a contractor to build a metal building. Mr. Franks motioned to get a price for constructing a metal building. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and unanimously approved.

Chairman Sims and Chief Geiger then reviewed the Fire Budget for the new fiscal year and highlighted areas where there were changes from the last fiscal year. Mr. Franks motioned to accept the budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Majors and unanimously approved.

b. Clearwater Solutions Report

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

He announced the August winner of the Leak Reporting Incentive program.

He stated that there were three customers who qualified for rate adjustments for August:

Scott Wales	\$456.30
Brent Miller	\$131.35
Candence Moody	\$375.05

Mr. Roberts motioned to approve the adjustments for the customers who qualified. Motion was seconded by Mr. Majors 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 August were \$9,864.31. Mr. Roberts motioned to pay Clearwater \$9,864.31. Motion was seconded by Mr. Majors and unanimously approved.

Chairman Sims and Mr. Black reviewed the Water Budget for the new fiscal year and highlighted changes from the previous fiscal year. Mr. Majors motioned to approve the budget. Motion was seconded by Mr. Franks and unanimously

11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

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

Mr. B.J. Crenshaw, 52 Lee Road 965, was recognized and spoke about the District seeking at reimbursement from the County for expenses incurred in relocating waterlines as a result of work the County does on its roads.

Chairman Sims stated that the next Regular Meeting would be at 6:00pm on October 20, 2015.

There being no further business, Mr. Franks motioned to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. C.S.T.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

