

Beulah Utilities District
Minutes of Special Board of Directors Meeting
April 28, 2016
5320 Lee Road 270 Valley, AL 36854
5:00 p.m. C.S.T.

The Board of Directors of Beulah Utilities District met in a Work Session on April 28, 2016 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: Lamar Sims, Shane Franks, James Majors, Dan Roberts and 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. Majors motioned to adopt the Agenda. Motion was seconded by Mr. Franks and unanimously approved and the Agenda was adopted.

6. **REPORT OF ISO GRADE**

Chairman Sims announced that the District had received its new ISO grade and recognized Fire Chief Jacob Geiger to brief the Board on the result. Chief Geiger stated that the Board received a Class 4 rating and was very close to getting a Class 3 rating. He stated that the Class 4 rating would mean a roughly 20% yearly insurance savings for those homeowners within 5 miles of a fire station. He said that this would cover around 85-95% of the District. For those outside of 5 miles from a fire station, he said that those homeowners would receive a Class 10 rating. He said the District was looking at ways to get those homeowners a lower rating. A press release would

be issued announcing the new grade and telling homeowners how they can inform their insurance companies of the new grade, which would go into effect on August 1, 2016. Chairman Sims thanked everyone for their hard work in getting the District the lower rating.

Chief Geiger closed by stating that Assistant Fire Chief Joseph Murray had submitted his resignation. Chief Geiger said that he was leaving to accept another job. He stated that Chief Murray's last day would be in a couple of weeks.

5. **WATER RATE STUDY**

The Board, along with Houston Black of Clearwater and Stephen Clay from the Board's Attorneys' Office discussed the issue of increasing the District's water rate. With the price of purchasing water from Opelika beginning to rise in the next couple of years under the new contract, the Board agreed that it needed to stay ahead of this increase in costs by raising its rates. The Board was also concerned with how the increase in the purchase price of water could affect the District's ability to fund improvements and upkeep of its infrastructure. Various ideas were discussed on how and when to raise the water rates. Mr. Black said he would re-run his numbers based on what was discussed and would have something to present to the Board for their consideration and approval at the May Regular Meeting.

6. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

Chairman Sims stated that the next Regular Meeting would be May 17, 2016.

There being no further business, Mr. Franks motioned to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mr. Majors and unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m. C.S.T.

Signed _____

