

Beulah Utilities District
Minutes of Regular Board of Directors Meeting
February 20, 2018
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 February 20, 2018 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: Linda Holt, David Jackson, James Majors and Lamar Sims. Absent: Garnett McCollum

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. Ms. Holt motioned to adopt the agenda. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and the agenda was unanimously adopted.

6. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES** January 16, 2018

Chairman Sims asked for approval of the minutes from the January 16th, 2018 Regular Meeting. Mr. Jackson motioned to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Majors and the minutes were unanimously approved.

7. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Chairman Sims reviewed the January financial statements. Mr. Majors motioned to approve the January financial statements. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and the January financial statements were unanimously approved.

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Report on Pending System Updates

Mr. Houston Black was recognized and said land acquisition remained the holdup to proceeding with the projects.

B. Report on Potential Land Acquisition for Pending System Updates

Chairman Sims recognized Mr. Jackson who reported to the Board that he had heard back from Crown Castle and that they were willing to sell a portion of their land by the Long Bridge to the Board. He said the next step would be to get the land under contract.

Mr. Jackson then briefed the Board on the status of other potential land acquisition sites and the Board discussed various issues relating to those sites.

C. Report on Proposed Maintenance Building

Mr. Black stated there was nothing new to report.

D. Bank of New York 2010 Bond Issue

Mr. Black stated that the District had sent information to Joe Jolly to start the process for refinancing the remaining 2010 bonds and was waiting to hear back from him.

E. Update on Board Chairman Responsibility

Chairman Sims presented a revised Fire Department harassment policy to the Board for review and approval. The Board reviewed the proposed policy and suggested adding a deadline for appealing a decision to the Board. Mr. Jackson motioned to adopt the policy with the discussed change. Motion was seconded by Ms. Holt and the new policy was unanimously adopted.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Clearwater Solutions Report

Ms. Sabrina Chatmon was recognized to present the Clearwater Solutions Report.

She announced the winner of the leak incentive program for January.

She said that due to the freezing temperatures in January there were several requests for rate adjustments:

Clyde Pike	\$242.85
Robert Flournoy	\$141.05
Homer Bryant	\$136.84
Sheron Hughes	\$442.38
James Clark	\$780.81
Donna Franks	\$218.56
Lisa Samaniego	\$262.71
Melinda K. Howard	\$333.60
Wayne O'Shields	\$200.16
Robert Carlson	\$154.29
Tracy McCoy	\$154.29
Michael Kieffer	\$417.00

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

Ms. Chatmon then briefed the Board on Clearwater's activities over the last month.

Mr. Black was recognized and stated that the system wide leak detection program was underway. He stated that they were able to find some leaks on the customer side of the lines and informed those customers of the leaks. He also said that he had found someone who performs water audits of the utility districts and that he would bring him in to perform an audit on the District. He stated that this audit report might give a better idea of the performance of the District than the traditional water loss percentage number.

Mr. Black also stated that he had been reviewing the data for the last three years and that it showed a trend of the District selling more water while having to purchase less. He stated that this was a result of the reduction of water loss in the District.

B. Fire Dept. Report

Assistant Chief Blake Simpkins was recognized to give a report on the Fire Department. He reviewed the January call report for the Board. He said there were 67 total calls.

He said that the department had installed 47 smoke detectors since the January meeting. He said the department had installed a total of 290 detectors in Beulah.

He recognized Volunteer Firefighter Caine Longshore for being hired as a police officer for the City of West Point. He said Longshore was currently in the police academy and was scheduled to graduate at the end of March. He also recognized volunteers Zack Padgett and Damien Smith for being hired by Coweta County Fire in Georgia. He said they started the 16 week fire academy last week.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Jackson raised the possibility of the District purchasing a used dump truck and storing gravel to assist in the repairing of leaks. He said the District could likely reduce costs by having the dump truck and gravel available for smaller jobs rather than having the employees wait around until a contractor could arrive on scene. The Board and Mr. Black discussed the benefits to this proposal.

Mr. Jackson motioned to authorize Mr. Black to look into the purchase of a used dump truck. Motion was seconded by Ms. Holt and unanimously adopted.

11. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

Chairman Sims stated that the next Regular Meeting would be at 6:00pm C.S.T. on March 20, 2018.

There being no further business, Mr. Jackson motioned to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Ms. Holt and unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m. C.S.T.

Signed _____

