

Beulah Utilities District
Minutes of Special Board of Directors Meeting
April 4, 2018
5320 Lee Road 270 Valley, AL 36854
6:00 p.m. C.S.T.

The Board of Directors of Beulah Utilities District met in a Special Meeting on April 4, 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, James Majors, David Jackson, and Lamar Sims.

Absent: Garnet McCollum

4. **DECLARE QUORUM**

Chairman Sims declared a quorum present.

5. **ADOPT AGENDA**

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

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

(1). **Land Purchase for Booster Station on LR 266**

(a) Sales Contract

Chairman Sims stated that the purchase contract for the booster station land had been signed by the Seller and needed Board approval to enable the Chairman to sign on behalf of the District. Ms. Holt motioned to approve the contract. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and the contract was unanimously approved.

(b) Planning Commission Process

Chairman Sims recognized Mr. Black who stated that the subdivision plat for the booster station site would need to go before the Opelika Planning Commission for approval. He said that all signatures on the plat had been obtained and that the plat would go before the Planning Commission at its next meeting.

Chairman Sims and Mr. Black updated the Board on the efforts to purchase the one acre tract on Lee Road 270. Chairman Sims stated that after talking with Medicaid, the District would need to deal with the owner in purchasing the property. He stated that if the property was sold to the District, the District could honor the owner by naming the water tower after her. Mr. Jackson motioned to name the water tower after the property owner if the property was sold to the district. Motion was seconded by Ms. Holt and unanimously approved. Mr. Black said he would communicate this offer to the owner.

Chairman Sims stated that the potential tank site off of Lee Road 266 would not be available for purchase on the District's timeline.

For the Long Bridge tank site, Mr. Black said he would have the engineer prepare a survey and legal description so a purchase contract could be put together and sent to Crown Castle.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

(1) Transfer of Vehicle from Fire to Water Dept.

Chairman Sims stated that the next item on the Agenda was the transfer of a spare Ford F250 from the Fire Department to the Water Department. He said that a review of Blue Book values for similar models indicated the vehicle had a value of \$25,400 and that that amount would be transferred from the Water Department Savings Account to the Fire Department Savings account in exchange for the vehicle. Mr. Majors motioned to transfer the vehicle to the Water Department. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved.

(a) Utility Bed and Additional Upgrades Needed

Mr. Black briefed the Board on recommended truck upgrades to ensure that the F250 met the needs of the Water Department. He recommended that the Board accept the low bid from Knaphide in the amount of \$6,345 which included installation. He also asked the Board to approve the purchase of a flip top for \$900. Ms. Holt motioned to accept the Knaphide bid and add the flip top for \$900. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved.

(2) Air Compressor for Water Department

Mr. Black briefed the Board on the purchase of an air compressor for the Water Department's diesel vehicle. He said that Knaphide quoted the lowest price. Mr. Jackson motioned to approve the purchase of the air compressor from Knaphide. Motion was seconded by Ms. Holt and unanimously approved.

(3) Replacement of Fire Dept. Vehicle

Chief Padgett was recognized and briefed the Board on the need for a new vehicle for the Fire Chief. He stated that he had taken the current vehicle, a GMC Yukon, to a mechanic and that major repair work to the vehicle would need to be performed soon and as the vehicle is approaching 200,000 miles, it would not make economic sense to put a lot of money into repairs on such a worn vehicle. He said he had spoken to some dealers regarding purchasing a Ford Explorer from the State bid list and that he would be making a fact finding trip to Montgomery to learn more about the vehicle and the available options.

(4) Proposed Upgrade of Fire Dept. Boat

Chairman Sims briefed the Board on the need for a new fire boat. He stated that the current fire boat was out of commission as the engine was under repair. He stated that Mr. Majors, Chief Padgett had been looking for a replacement fire boat. He said they had test driven a used boat but that there were some issues with that particular boat and that they would keep looking. The Board discussed the necessity of any boat purchased being able to pass under the railroad trestle.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Sims informed the Board that S&P had given the District a credit rating of A+.

Mr. Black stated that Mr. Jolly needed to know if the District wanted the approximately \$80,000 in net savings resulting from refinancing the bonds to be paid in cash or in reduced payments over the first year on the bonds. Ms. Holt motioned to accept the savings in cash. Motion was seconded by Mr. Majors and unanimously approved.

Mr. Black updated the Board on the status of pricing of the Water Department maintenance building. He said he had reached out to get prices on wood framing. He informed the Board of the quotes he had received on prefabricated metal buildings. The Board discussed the various options and manners of construction. Mr. Black stated he would continue to gather information and quotes for constructing the building and would report back to the Board.

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

None

Chairman Sims stated that the next Regular Board Meeting would be on April 17, 2018 at 6pm CST.

There being no further business, Ms. Holt motioned to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mr. Majors and unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. C.S.T.

Signed _____

