

Beulah Utilities District
Minutes of Regular Board of Directors Meeting
September 18, 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 September 18, 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.

Chairman Sims announced that Garnett McCollum had tendered his resignation from the Board to Commissioner Ham and that the County Commission would be appointing his replacement.

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. Majors and the agenda was unanimously adopted.

6. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES** August 21, 2018;

Chairman Sims asked for approval of the minutes from the August 21st, 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**

Mr. Houston Black was recognized and reviewed the August financial statements for the Board. Mr. Majors motioned to approve the August financial statements. Motion was seconded by Ms. Holt and the August financial statements were unanimously approved.

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Report on Pending System Updates**

Mr. Black stated that there was nothing new to report and that land acquisition remained the holdup to beginning the projects.

B. **Report on Potential Land Acquisition for Pending System Updates**

a. **Tank near Long Bridge**

The Board was informed that the terms of the purchase contract and access agreement were being negotiated with Crown Castle.

b. **Tank on Lee Road 270/266**

The Board was informed that an appraiser was being sought to appraise the property.

c. **Booster Station on Lee Road 266**

Mr. Black presented the Board with a resolution authorizing the District to amend the Purchase Contract to allow the District to pay for some of the mortgage release costs for the Seller and then subtract such amounts from the purchase price. Mr. Jackson motioned to adopt the resolution. Motion was seconded by Ms. Holt and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

C. **Report on Proposed Maintenance Building**

Mr. Black was recognized and said that the building had been delivered and that grading work was underway. He stated that he was working to line up contractors to prepare the concrete pad and erect the building.

D. **Review of Board Member Salary Amount**

Mr. Jackson was recognized and announced that he had attended the County Commission meeting and that the new salary amounts had been unanimously approved by the Commission.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. ServLine Leak Protection Proposal

Mr. Black briefed the Board on the ServLine Leak Protection Proposal received by the District. He stated that the customers would pay a monthly fee to ServLine which would then pay any adjusted amounts on the water bill per the District's guidelines.

The Board discussed the service and afterwards Ms. Holt motioned to table the proposal until the Board had some of its questions answered. Motion was seconded by Mr. Majors and the proposal was unanimously tabled.

B. Clearwater Solutions Report

Mr. Black stated that he had a contractor coming out to fix the roof of the Water Office. He mentioned that while the contractor was on site, he would ask that they give him quotes for awnings to be placed over the Water Office back doors and drive through.

He asked the Board to approve up to \$2,200 to spend on the awnings. Ms. Holt motioned to approve up to \$2,200 for the awnings. Motion was seconded by Mr. Majors and unanimously approved.

Mr. Black stated that there was one request for a rate adjustment for the month:

Jordan Estes	\$711.86
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Ms. Holt motioned to approve the adjustment. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and the adjustment was unanimously approved.

Mr. Black announced the winner of the Leak Incentive Program.

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

F. Fire Dept. Report

Chief Padgett was recognized to give a report on the Fire Department. He reviewed the August call report, stating that the Department ran a total of 73 calls, one of which was a fire. He stated that the fire started in a closet and that the Department was able to contain it to the closet.

He said the Department had recently participated in the Friends of the Community Day and the High School Homecoming Parade.

He announced that he was looking into a new online based training platform called Target Solutions. He said that the online training would assist the Department with staying on target with Fire and EMS training. He also said the training would be compatible with ISO requirements.

He stated that an Auburn University School of Nursing cohort group was studying substance abuse in the Beulah area for a school project. Chief Padgett stated that he hoped to be able to use their research to help fight substance abuse in the area.

He informed the Board that the District's boathouse and slip not currently in use was being looked at by the Lee County Sherriff's Office for use in their operations. He said that if the Sherriff was to use the boat house and slip that they would install their own lift.

Ms. Holt motioned to authorize the use of the boathouse and slip by the Lee County Sherriff's Office provided they install a lift at their own expense. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved with Mr. Majors abstaining.

10. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Black was recognized and stated that he had reached out to the person who was doing the decaling on the Fire Department vehicles about putting some District decals on the Water Department trucks. He presented a few of the options to the Board and stated he would be working further with the company to finalize the desired decals.

Mr. Jackson asked Chief Padgett to update the Board on the status of the new Fire Chief's vehicle. Chief Padgett stated the vehicle's build date was September 26-28 but that he was informed that it was on schedule for a first week of October delivery date.

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

Mr. Gerald Terry, 5350 Lee Road 270, was recognized and encouraged the Board to set a limit to the amount of water rate adjustments it would pay out. Ms. Holt explained that the adjustment amounts paid by the District were strictly the amounts above the District's costs.

There being no further business, Ms. Holt motioned to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m. C.S.T.

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