

BEULAH UTILITIES DISTRICT

Minutes of Regular Board of Directors Meeting

February 21, 2023

5320 Lee Road 270, Valley, Alabama 36854

6:00 PM CST

The Board of Directors of Beulah Utilities District met in a Regular Meeting at 6:00 pm on February 21, 2023, 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, Lamar Sims, Andrew Bryan.

For 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. Bryan motioned to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and the agenda was unanimously adopted.

6. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Sims asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 17, 2023. Mr. Jackson motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryan and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

7. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

A. **Approval of January 2023 Financial Statements**

Mr. Zach Ewbank was recognized and reviewed the financial statements for the month of January. Mr. Majors motion to approve the January financial statements.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and the January financial statements were unanimously approved.

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Startley General Contractors

Mr. Ewbank was recognized and informed the Board that he had received the final pay requests for Phoenix Fabricators in the amount of \$206,686.02 and for Startley General Contractors in the amount of \$85,675.95. Mr. Ewbank stated that the Startley pay request included the adjustments for the corrective work that was done. The Board discussed with Engineer, Josh Pierce, the payment of the Startley invoice. After discussion Mr. Bryan motion to pay both pay requests. The motion was seconded by Ms. Holt, and both pay requests were unanimously approved.

Chairman Sims announced that he would begin a review of all district contracts.

B. New Fire Station No. 2 Building on Lee Road 266

Mr. Jackson was recognized and updated the Board on the progress of the Fire Station. He stated that the doors had been installed and they were currently pouring the driveway. He stated that he would wait for the driveway to be finished before resuming work on the interior of the building.

C. ARPA Funds

NO UPDATE

D. DWSRF Funds

1. Lake Crossing at Long Bridge.

Chairman Sims announced that a public meeting had been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on March 21, 2023. He said the purpose of this meeting was to allow the public to attend and hear an explanation for the proposed use of the DWSRF funds. Chairman Sims stated that since this meeting was scheduled to occur during the Board's regular meeting, they would incorporate it into the agenda.

E. Purchase of ½-Ton Work Truck (Water)

Mr. Zach Ewbank was recognized and informed the Board that the District would keep the Dodge Durango until a new truck had been purchased. Mr. Jackson was recognized, and he updated the Board on his efforts to locate a suitable truck. He stated that given the general unavailability of these types of trucks he was having difficulty finding one that met the District's specifications. After discussion the matter would be set to be revisited at next month's meeting.

The Board further discussed whether or not to seek a used vehicle and after discussion Mr. Jackson motioned to seek a used 1/2-ton work truck for the Water Department. Motion was seconded by Mr. Majors and unanimously approved.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Water Loss Review

Mr. Zach Ewbank was recognized, and he updated the Board on the current water loss report. He noted that the water loss had come back down to normal level, as was expected.

B. Clearwater Solutions Report

Mr. Ewbank was recognized, and he briefed the Board on Clearwater's activities over the past month.

Mr. Ewbank then presented the Board with the adjustments for the month.

Jason Barber	\$660.39
Richard Wood, Jr.	\$439.10
James Bishop	\$385.30
Joshua Morrison	\$243.80
Lloyd McKemy	\$123.10
Susan Garretson	\$1,603.09

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

The Board discussed with Mr. Ewbank keeping track of where his staff fixed main leaks so that they could get an idea of what parts of the system might need upgrading.

Mr. Ewbank then announced the Leak Incentive Program winner for the month.

C. Beulah Fire and Rescue Report.

Fire Fighter Gerald Terry was recognized to give the fire report for this evening. He announced that Chief Simpkins was out responding to an emergency call. Mr. Terry informed the Board that there had been 85 total calls the past month 3 of which were fire calls. He briefed the Board on one notable call that month.

Mr. Terry informed the Board that there had been no overtime paid out the past month.

He then briefed the Board on the training activities conducted by the Department for the prior month.

Mr. Terry announced there had been one random drug test the last month.

Mr. Terry brought to the Board a request for new lights for Fire Station #5. He stated that the request was for \$3,500.00 for replacement lights. After discussion Mr. Jackson motion to approve \$,3500.00 for light replacements for Station #5. Motion was seconded by Ms. Holt and the request was unanimously approved.

10. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Sims requested that Clearwater be prepared to update the Board on the EPA's revised lead and copper rule at the March board meeting.

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

A. NONE

12. **NEXT MEETING**

Chairman Sims stated that the next regular board meeting would be at 6:00 PM CST on March 21, 2023.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Jackson motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Holt and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM CST.

Signed _____

