

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
GREATER TEXOMA UTILITY AUTHORITY**

MONDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2021

**AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
5100 AIRPORT DRIVE
DENISON TX 75020**

Members Present: Brad Morgan, Scott Blackerby, Donald Johnston, Matt Brown, Stanley Thomas, and Anthony Richardson

Members Absent: Ken Brawley

Staff: Drew Satterwhite, Debi Atkins, Tasha Hamilton, Nichole Sims, and Velma Starks

General Counsel: Mike Wynne, Wynne and Smith
Bond Counsel: Kristen Savant, Norton Rose Fulbright

Visitors: Tom Pruitt, City of Sherman

I. Call to Order

Board President Brad Morgan called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Board President Brad Morgan led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Consent Agenda

Items marked with an asterisk () are considered routine by the Board of Directors and are enacted in one motion without discussion unless a Board Member or a Citizen request a specific item to be discussed and voted on separately.

IV. * Consider and act upon approval of Minutes of January 18, 2021 Meeting.

V. * Consider and act upon approval of accrued liabilities for January 2021.

General Manager Drew Satterwhite reviewed the liabilities with the Board.

Board Member Stanley Thomas made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Board Member Anthony Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Citizens to be Heard.

There were no citizens requesting to address the Board.

VII. Receive Quarterly Investment Report.

Debi Atkins reviewed Quarterly Investment Report with the Board. Discussion was held.

VIII. Consider all matters incident and related to the issuance, sale and delivery of "Greater Texoma Utility Authority Contract Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 (City of Sherman Project)", including the adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance of such bonds, establishing parameters for the sale and issuance of such bonds and delegating certain matters to authorized officials of the Authority.

General Manager Drew Satterwhite provided background information for the Board. The City of Sherman requested financial assistance for several water and sewer projects. It was determined that the open market would be the best source of funding for the projects. Kristen Savant, Norton Rose Fulbright provided details. The Board is requested to adopt a parameters resolution that would delegate authority to the General Manager to execute bond documents after the bond series has been priced. Discussion was held. Board Member Stanley Thomas made the motion to adopt the resolution. Board Member Donald Johnston seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Consider and act upon Statements of Qualifications for Engineering Services for Northwest Grayson County WCID#1 Water System Improvements including a new Elevated Storage Tank Project.

General Manager Drew Satterwhite provided background information for the Board. The Northwest Grayson County WCID#1 requested assistance in obtaining funding for improvements to the District's water system. This includes the construction of a new elevated storage tank. The Authority staff solicited engineering services on behalf of Northwest Grayson County WCID#1 as required by the DWSRF program. Three responses were received. Northwest Grayson County WCID#1 selected Biggs & Mathews. The Staff recommends that the Board confirm the Northwest Grayson County WCID#1 selection of Biggs & Mathews, Inc. Board Member Scott Blackerby made the motion to confirm the Northwest Grayson County WCID#1 selection of Biggs & Mathews, Inc. Board Member Matt Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Consider and act upon a Resolution by the Board of Directors of the Greater Texoma Utility Authority requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board authorizing the filing of the application for assistance and making certain findings in connection therewith (Northwest Grayson County WCID #1 Water System Improvements Project).

General Manager Drew Satterwhite provided background information for the Board. The Northwest Grayson County WCID #1 requested assistance in obtaining funding for improvements to the City's water system. These improvements include a new elevated storage tank, appurtenances and other water system projects as funds allow.

The Texas Water Development Board ("TWDB") Drinking Water State Revolving Fund ("DWSRF") was initially selected as the funding source for these improvements. However, the TWDB informed the Authority staff in February that changes had been made to the SRF programs by limiting the amount of funding they are making available. For at least the next 12 months the SRF program funding will be difficult to qualify for and will take significantly more time to be funded if a project ends up qualifying. Due to these changes in the SRF program and discussions with TWDB, the Authority staff is proposing to pursue funding through the Texas Water Development Fund ("DFund"). The DFund is a state funded loan program with below market interest rates. Staff recommends the Board approve the Resolution requesting financial assistance from the TWDB on behalf of the Northwest Grayson County WCID for a new elevated storage tank and appurtenances in an amount not to exceed \$2,360,000. Board Member Matt Brown made the motion to approve the Resolution. Board Member Scott Blackerby seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- XI. Consider and act upon a Resolution by the Board of Directors of the Greater Texoma Utility Authority requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board authorizing the filing of the application for assistance, and making certain findings in connection therewith (City of Henrietta Wastewater Treatment Plant Project).

General Manager Drew Satterwhite provided background information for the Board. The Texas Water Development Board ("TWDB") Clean Water State Revolving Fund was initially selected as the funding source for these improvements, however; due to the changes made by the TWDB, the Authority staff is proposing to pursue funding through the Texas Water Development Fund ("DFund"). Staff recommends the Board approve the Resolution requesting financial assistance from the TWDB on behalf of the City of Henrietta for improvements to their Wastewater Treatment Plan in an amount not to exceed \$10,235,000. Board Member Anthony Richardson made the motion to approve the Resolution. Board Member Donald Johnston seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- XII. Consider and act upon a Resolution by the Board of Directors of the Greater Texoma Utility Authority requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board authorizing the filing of the application for assistance, and making certain findings in connection therewith (City of Dorchester Water System Improvements Project).

General Manager Drew Satterwhite provided background information for the Board. The City of Dorchester requested assistance in obtaining funding for improvements to the City's water system. These improvements include construction of new water well, pump station, ground storage and water lines, appurtenances and other water system projects as funds allow. The Texas Water Development Board ("TWDB") Clean Water State Revolving Fund was initially selected as the funding source for these improvements, however; due to the changes made by the TWDB, the Authority staff is proposing to pursue funding through the Texas Water Development Fund ("DFund"). Staff recommends the Board approve the Resolution requesting financial assistance from the TWDB on behalf of the City of Dorchester for improvements to their Water System in an amount not to exceed \$4,625,000. Board Member Stanley Thomas made the motion to approve the Resolution. Board Member Scott Blackerby seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- XIII. Consider and act upon a Resolution by the Board of Directors of the Greater Texoma Utility Authority requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board authorizing the filing of the application for assistance, and making certain findings in connection therewith (City of Princeton Water System Improvements Project).

General Manager Drew Satterwhite provided background information for the Board. The City of Princeton requested assistance in obtaining funding for improvements to the City's water system. These improvements include a new elevated storage tank, appurtenances and other water system projects as funds allow. The Texas Water Development Board ("TWDB") Clean Water State Revolving Fund was initially selected as the funding source for these improvements, however; due to the changes made by the TWDB, the Authority staff is proposing to pursue funding through the Texas Water Development Fund ("DFund"). Staff recommends the Board approve the Resolution requesting financial assistance from the TWDB on behalf of the City of Princeton for improvements to their water system in an amount not to exceed \$9,790,000. Board Member Scott Blackerby made the motion to approve the Resolution. Board Member Anthony Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- XIV. Consider and act upon a Resolution by the Board of Directors of the Greater Texoma Utility Authority requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board authorizing the filing of the application for assistance, and making certain findings in connection therewith (City of Valley View Wastewater System Improvements Project).

General Manager Drew Satterwhite provided background information for the Board. The City of Valley View requested the Authority staff assist the City of Valley View in obtaining funding from the Texas Water Development Board ("TWDB"). They have a wastewater plant that needs to be upgraded as well as some inflow and infiltration issues in their collection system. These issues need to be looked at as a whole and we believe that there needs to be preliminary engineering performed to dive further into these issues in order for the City to select the appropriate path forward on capital improvements. The Texas Water Development Board ("TWDB") Clean Water State Revolving Fund was initially selected as the funding source for these improvements, however; due to the changes made by the TWDB, the Authority staff is proposing to pursue funding through the Texas Water Development Fund ("DFund"). Staff recommends the Board approve the Resolution requesting financial assistance from the TWDB on behalf of the City of Valley View for testing, planning, and designing the Wastewater System in an amount not to exceed \$700,000. Board Member Donald Johnston made the motion to approve the Resolution. Board Member Anthony Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- XV. Consider and act upon a Resolution by the Board of Directors of the Greater Texoma Utility Authority requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board authorizing the filing of the application for assistance, and making certain findings in connection therewith (City of Bells Wastewater System Improvements Project).

General Manager Drew Satterwhite provided background information for the Board. The City of Bells requested the Authority staff to assist the City in obtaining funding from the Texas Water Development Board ("TWDB") Clean Water State Revolving Fund ("CWSRF") and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund ("DWSRF") for rehabilitation of water distribution lines and repairs to the wastewater treatment plant. The Texas Water Development Board ("TWDB") Clean Water State Revolving Fund was initially selected as the funding source for these improvements,

however; due to the changes made by the TWDB, the Authority staff is proposing to pursue funding through the Texas Water Development Fund ("DFund"). Staff recommends the Board approve the Resolution requesting financial assistance from the TWDB on behalf of the City of Bells for improvements to their Water/Wastewater System in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000. Board Member Donald Johnston made the motion to approve the Resolution. Board Member Stanley Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

XVI. Receive General Manager's Report: The General Manager will update the Board on operational and other activities of the Authority

a. Update on the Authority's Office Building

General Manager Drew Satterwhite informed the Board that pipes had burst and the office was flooded. Insurance claims have been filed and a company to dry out the building has been engaged. Office staff will mostly be working remotely until the offices are back in order.

XVII. Adjourn

Board Member Stanley Thomas made the motion to adjourn. Board Member Anthony Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Board President Brad Morgan declared the meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

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Velma Starke
Recording Secretary

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Secretary-Treasurer