

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024

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

Members Present: Brad Morgan, Scott Blackerby, Henry Koehler, Stanley Thomas, Ken Brawley, d Robert Hallberg, Kristofor Spiegel, and Matt Brown

Members Absent: Donald Johnston

Staff: Paul Sigle, Tasha Hamilton, Stacy Patrick, Nichole Murphy, Debi Atkins, Lisa Lee, and Velma Starks

General Counsel: Mike Wynne, Wynne and Smith

Bond Counsel:

Visitors:

I. Call to Order

Board President Brad Morgan called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Administer Oath of Office.

The Oath of Office was administered to Scott Blackerby, Stanley Thomas and Matt Brown by Velma Starks, Notary Public

IV. Consider and act upon Officers for 2024 Calendar Year.

The Nomination Committee consisting of Scott Blackerby, Stanley Thomas, and Henry Koehler nominated Brad Morgan, Donald Johnston, and Scott Blackerby. Board Member Ken Brawley made the motion to keep officers the same, Brad Morgan for President, Donald Johnston for Vice President, and Scott Blackerby for Secretary/Treasurer. Board Member Robert Hallberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

V. 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 requests a specific item to be discussed and voted on separately.

VI. * Consider and act upon approval of Minutes of December 18, 2023, Meeting.

VII. * Consider and act upon approval of accrued liabilities for December 2023.

Board Member Scott Blackerby made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Board Member Kristofor Speigel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Citizens to be Heard.

No citizens wished to be heard.

IX. Consider and act upon Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2023.

Cody Nichols, with the firm of Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P, reviewed the audit with the Board. Board Member Henry Koehler made the motion to accept the audit as presented. Board Member Matt Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Consider and act upon a Resolution authorizing the City of Sherman to procure construction projects on the behalf of the Authority.

General Manager Paul Sigle provided background information for the Board. Mike Wynne, GTUA's Attorney provided additional information. No action to be taken.

XI.. Consider and act upon the Guaranteed Maximum Price Five (GMP 5.00) for Garney Companies, Inc. for the City of Sherman 36-inch West Sherman Water Main Project.

General Manager Paul Sigle provided background information for the Board. Four bids for the installation of the three segments for the 36-inch West Sherman Main were received. After the bids were reviewed, it was decided to award the segments: Segment 1 to Garney Construction, Segment 2 to McKee Utility Contractors and Segment 3 to Garney Construction. The City of Sherman has approved the GMP 5.00 for Garney in the amount of \$47,067,422.64 for a total contract amount of \$77,653,935.32. Board Member Stanley Thomas made the motion to approve the award. Board Member Matt Brown 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 an application for assistance, and making certain findings in connection therewith (City of Whitewright).

General Manager Paul Sigle provided background information for the Board. The bids for the water system improvements project were over budget. It was realized that additional funds would be needed in the amount not to exceed \$3,220,000. Board Member Robert Hallberg made the motion to authorize the submission of an application to the TWDB for the additional funds. Board Member Matt Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Consider and act upon a resolution by the Board of Directors of the Greater Texoma Utility Authority accepting the contract with Red River Construction Company for the City of Kaufman WWTP Improvements Project as complete.

General Manager Paul Sigle provided background information for the Board. Red River Construction Company has completed the City of Kaufman WWTP Improvements Project. Accepting the project as complete will allow the Authority to process the final payment and release the retainage to Red River Construction Company. Board Member Scott Blackerby made the motion to approve the project as complete. Board Member Stanley Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

XIV. Consider and act upon the Agreement for Financial Advisory Services.

General Manager Paul Sigle provided background information. Specialized Public Finance has provided financial advisory services to the Authority since November 2008 and the Authority staff has been very satisfied with the services they have provided. Board Member Scott Blackerby made the motion to approve the contract with Specialized Public Finance to provide Financial Advisory services to the Authority. Board Member Ken Brawley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

XV. Consider and act upon Agreement for Bond Counsel Services.

General Manager Paul Sigle provided background information for the Board. Norton Rose Fulbright is the Authority's current bond counsel and has provided bond counsel services to the Authority since our creation. The Authority continues to be very satisfied with the services they have provided. Board Member Scott Blackerby made the motion to approve the contract with Norton Rose Fulbright to provide bond counsel services to the Authority. Board Member Ken Brawley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

XVI. Discussion and possible action on reimbursement of cost for use of a personal vehicle by the General Manager for Authority Business.

Discussion was held. Board Member Matt Brown made the motion to increase the General Manager's salary by \$600 per month and to use the standard IRS mileage reimbursement for the millage used for work related activities. Board Member Kristofor Spiegel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

XVII. Discussion and possible action on calling a special Board Meeting for February 5, 2024.

General Manager Paul Sigle informed the Board that the City of Sherman requested a special meeting to consider Sherman agenda items. Board President Brad Morgan called a Special Board Meeting to be held Monday, February 5, 2024, at 12 noon with lunch.

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

- TWDB is requesting input for the new Texas Water Fund. Authority Staff has provided feedback through the surveys provided in the press release.
- With the needed for additional water supplies by City of Celina, North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) and Upper Trinity Regional Water District is offering to cost share updating the Regional Water System Report conducted in 2019. The MOA for the proposed assistance by the two group is expected at the February Board meeting.
- NTMWD has released the a consulting engineer to begin work on the design for paralleling the Texoma Raw Water Line with contraction expected to begin in 2016 and completion in 2019. The ILA is expected to in the near future for the cost sharing of the project.
- City of Princeton Change Order reduction on February 5, 2024, Special Meeting Agenda

XIX Adjourn

Board Member Ken Brawley made the motion to adjourn. Board Member Robert Hallberg seconded the motion. Board President Brad Morgan declared the meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

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Velma Starks
Recording Secretary

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Secretary-Treasurer