

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
HARDIN COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hardin County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1 was held on Monday, January 12, 2026, pursuant to notice duly posted in accordance with law. The meeting was held at 333 Commercial Drive, Hardin County, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Jack Maddox

Ben Fox

Allen Davis

Buddy Hughes

Absent: Tim Jones

Also present were Wayne Turk, Joey Keel of Keel Enterprises, Guy N. Goodson of Germer PLLC as legal counsel to the District.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by President Maddox at 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Public Comments. None.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Minutes. The minutes of December 8, 2025, were unanimously approved upon motion duly made by President Maddox and seconded by Director Fox.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Contract Operator/Maintenance Supervisor's Report, including review of the following:

- (a) **Operational Report.** The Board recognized Mr. Keel who presented the Operational Report for the month noting that Keel Enterprises had responded to 31 grinder calls and 4 sewer leaks. It was also noted the District currently had two control panels and two grinder pumps in inventory, and all required sampling, testing and reporting had been submitted timely. Mr. Keel also indicated they were continuing with the process of replacing damaged

meter box lids with ten (10) replaced in the previous month. A lengthy discussion followed as to the wastewater treatment generator which had been out of service, noting difficulties with getting the present consultant to provide an onsite review and provide a cost estimate so the repairs could be undertaken; therefore, he had contacted another person to provide a quote. Mr. Keel then advised the scales at water treatment plant #1 had failed and needed to be replaced, and the Board authorized proceeding with these repairs. Mr. Keel and Director Fox also had a brief discussion on a blower issue at the wastewater treatment plant. After discussion and upon motion duly made by Director Fox and seconded by Director Davis, the Operations Report was approved as presented.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Paul Preston Capacity Request.** Tabled.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: John Arcana, Janco Investments Capacity Request.** Tabled.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Monthly Financial Statements.** The Board recognized Mr. Turk who presented the PNC Bank statement showing system revenues of \$31,796.86. Mr. Turk noted the District had just begun to receive the ad valorem taxes, and during the months of January and February, most of the remainder would be collected. Mr. Turk then spoke briefly about the concerns that the District's cost of bank service was substantially exceeding the interest earned on its accounts. Mr. Turk gave a detailed explanation of the upcoming February 15, 2026, bond interest payment through Bank of New York Mellon in the amount of \$85,000 and interest of \$4,543.75. A brief discussion followed concerning the remaining bond issue maturities, and President Maddox stated he was going to meet with Jeff Leavins to discuss both application to the Texas Water Development Board for possible utility system improvement financing and possible path ahead for a November, 2026 bond election. After discussion and upon motion duly made by President Maddox and seconded by Director Fox, the financial statements were approved as presented.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Accounts Payable.** The Board recognized Mr. Turk who reviewed in detail the bills authorized for payment noting specifically the chlorine acquisitions from PVS DX, Inc., the

website and munibilling fees, as well as the purchase of equipment through Automatic Pump, invoices from Ernie's Hardware and Hawkins, Inc. The Board reviewed the invoice from LEAD for the John Arcana capacity study, and President Maddox directed that Mr. Turk bill Mr. Arcana for this study. Mr. Turk also reviewed the Emergency Power Services invoice for the check of the generator transfer switch at the wastewater treatment plant and the invoice from TCEQ on the annual regulatory assessment fee. After discussion and upon motion duly made by Director Fox and seconded by Director Hughes, the Board unanimously approved the accounts payable in the amount of \$41,464.84.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Correspondence.** Mr. Turk reviewed correspondence the Texas Water Development Board for the preparation and filing of a water use and water loss survey, noting that one of these reports, the District was not required to file as they had no outstanding bond indebtedness to the TWDB. Mr. Turk asked Mr. Keel to handle these matters. Mr. Turk also provided the Board with a copy of the Radley Electric Certificate of Insurance.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Comments from Board Members.** None.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Adjourn.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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President of the Board

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Secretary of the Board