

**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, July 8, 2024, 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:

Ben Fox

Tim Jones

Allen Davis

Jack Maddox

Buddy Hughes

Also present were Wayne Turk, Joey Keel of Keel Enterprises, Jeff Leavins of Leavins Engineering & Design, LLC and Guy N. Goodson of Germcr 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 June 10, 2024, 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 Joey Keel who presented his Operations Report and office operations for June. Mr. Keel noted that Keel Enterprises responded to 23 grinder calls and 4 leaks followed by a lengthy discussion concerning the water

pumpage reports and the notation that the Operations Report would now show production for current and prior months. Mr. Keel noted the District had four (4) control panels and one (1) grinder pump in inventory, and all biological sampling and reporting had been completed along with an annual inspection at both plants. Mr. Keel also reported on other projects including meter lid replacements and lead and copper inspections. Mr. Keel noted the TCEQ had a comprehensive water inspection on June 27, and they were waiting for the TCEQ Exit Interview Report. Questions followed, and Mr. Keel indicated that parts for the generator repair at the front well had been ordered and were on schedule for repair, and the 6' security fence and barbed wire had been installed at Well Site No. 2. Director Fox noted the back well site seemed to be cycling, and Mr. Keel responded this was due to the continuing efforts to balance the well productions. President Maddox asked about matters related to the Keel Enterprises invoice including work done at Well Site #1. After discussion and upon motion duly made by Director Hughes and seconded by Director Jones, the Board approved the Operations Report as presented.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Utility service charges to Idylwild Golf Club. A lengthy discussion followed concerning the service charges to the Idylwild Golf Club. After further discussion, the Board agreed to defer this matter for consideration to the August Board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Presentation by LEAD and possible action on revision to raw water treatment system. The Board recognized Mr. Jeff Leavins as to possible revisions to the raw water supply treatment system. Mr. Keel noted a conference call had been made representatives of Hawkins Environmental. Mr. Leavins along with Mr. Keel gave a detailed report which indicated the current recommendation was caustic, and it was no longer needed, but in order to stop the

caustic fee and change chemical providers, it would require notification to the TCEQ which would be undertaken once the Board approved the changes. Mr. Leavins and Mr. Turk indicated this would hopefully help address other matters including TTHM prior violations. Mr. Turk asked about the cost of transition, and it was determined the District would save money on the caustic cost. After discussion and upon motion duly made by President Maddox and seconded by Director Hughes, the Board approved proceeding with revisions to the raw water treatment system as needed, and for its consultants to provide the necessary notifications to the TCEQ. The closing question was as to what facilities would be removed, and Mr. Keel indicated the new tanks would be supplied by the new chemical provider, and the current provider would remove all of this owned equipment.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Proposal from the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool on the provision of cyber liability and data breach response insurance coverage. The Board recognized Mr. Turk who provided detailed information concerning the Texas Municipal Intergovernmental Risk Pool cyber liability and data breach insurance coverage through a new TML-IRP created risk pool. The Board discussed the cyber security provider by its two service providers for which data and cyber security breaches would be of concern, and it was determined to defer execution of an agreement with TML-IRP on the cyber liability for further consideration.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Monthly Financial Statements. The Board recognized Mr. Turk who presented the monthly financial report from PNC Bank noting deposits for the month and system transfers. After discussion and upon motion duly made by Director Hughes and seconded by Director Jones, the Board approved the monthly financial statements as presented.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Accounts Payable. The Board again recognized Mr. Turk who reviewed items and costs incurred for the month. After discussion and upon motion duly made by Director

Hughes and seconded by Director Jones, the Board approved the accounts payable for payment as presented.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Correspondence. The Board recognized Mr. Turk who provided information on the filing of the District’s Annual Report and prior audit reports with the TCEQ and placement on the EMMA system. Mr. Turk also stated that consideration of the District’s proposed budget was not on the agenda but would be on the August agenda.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Comments from Board Members. Comments followed from President Maddox and Director Fox.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

President of the Board

ATTEST:

Secretary of the Board