# MINUTES TO A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS STONEWALL WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

November 21, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Stonewall Water Control and Improvement District (the "District") held a regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Stonewall Volunteer Fire Department located at 14854 US Highway 290, Stonewall, Texas 78671, pursuant to notice of said meeting posted in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, whereupon the roll was called of the members of the Board, to-wit:

Nikolaus Hopkins President
Mark Nebgen Vice-President
Laurel Hoekstra Secretary
Henry Rohlfs Treasurer
Louis Eckert Director

All Board members were present except Secretary Hoekstra. Also in attendance was Dirk Jordan ("General Counsel") and Timothy Young with Professional General Management Services, Inc. ("General Management").

### 1. <u>Call to Order and Establish a Quorum.</u>

President Hopkins, after finding the notice of the meeting was posted as required and that a quorum of the Board of Directors was present, called the meeting to order and declared it open for such business as may come before it at approximately <u>9:03 A.M.</u>

#### 2. Receive Comments from the Public.

Elder Hardwood requested and was approved for a bill credit due to a misread meter. The bill in question will be reduced to an average of his previous months' usage.

Mr. Cole Eckert Requested a bill credit due to a misread meter. Mr. Eckert's meter was covered with mud during a recent repair and was not read properly. A correct reading was made, and Mr. Eckert's water bill has been adjusted accordingly.

## 3. Minutes to October 17, 2024. Regular Meeting

Draft minutes to this special meeting were presented and discussed. With no corrections needed, Treasurer Rohlfs moved to approve the minutes. Director Eckert seconded the motion. After full discussion and all voting in favor, the motion carried.

## 4. Payment of Current Bills and Invoices.

Treasurer Rohlfs presented the invoices to be approved for this period and discussed those invoices in some detail. Treasurer Rohlfs reported that a payment for Alphabet Signs for the reimbursement to Mark Nebgen will be added to the invoices for the month. Atchley and Associates that they are near completion of the District's financial audit. The District requested a formal "release of lien" from TTE LLC to complete the new GST project. The previously approved purchase of a water fountain and bottle filler was made on November 25, 2024. There was also discussion about the installation of a new phosphate number of the water plant and about

to approve the invoices as presented. Director Eckert seconded the motion. After full discussion and all voting in favor, the motion carried.

## 5. Financial Statements for the Period Ending October 31, 2024.

Treasurer Rohlfs presented the financial reports for the period ending October 31, 2024, to include a Balance Sheet and a Profit and Loss Statement.

Treasurer Rohlfs reported that District is expecting roughly \$100,000 to be reimbursed by TXDOT for the Highway 290 water line replacement project. No timetable has been provided. The District shall continue to submit reimbursement requests to TXDOT for expenses relating to the Highway 290 Project. No update has been made from TXDOT.

Vice-President Nebgen moved to approve the financial statements as presented. Director Eckert seconded the motion. After full discussion, the motion carried.

6. Receive operations report relating to current system operational issues and take action deemed necessary thereon. (Presented by Professional General Management Services, Inc.)

Management presented the System Operations and Management Report to include (a) water accountability, (b) status of system accounts and (c) significant events. A copy of the Systems Total Report, Allocation of Receipts, Exceptional Usage Report and Adjustments Report were also presented and discussed as a matter of routine.

An update on the current drought conditions was reported. Ther District continues in a Stage 2 Drought Condition. Despite the lack of rain in the last reporting period, the District's aquifer has leveled off and is not currently declining, indicating heavy nearby use has subsided.

Management also reported on the TxDOT Highway 290 Project. Since the last meeting, the last portion of 2,100 feet of 6" and 8" pipeline has been installed, tested, disinfected, sampled and put into service. This portion substantially completes the relocation project. There are no further outages expected with only cosmetic items remaining to be completed.

The new Ground Storage Tank has been repaired and appears to be watertight. The tank will now be put into service and controls will be switched to the new tank. With proper operation verified, the old tank will be drained and inspected.

PGMS has been tasked with locating a competent contractor to make repairs to the chlorine room area of the concrete pumphouse. Specifically, a corner area has begun to crumble. An estimation of costs will be forwarded once it is provided.

Treasurer Rohlfs moved to approve the management report as presented. Vice-President Nebgen > seconded the motion. After full discussion and all voting in favor, the motion carried.

#### 7. New Business.

#### Residential meter rules

o PGMS to provide an LUE conversion chart similar to the City of Austin to aid in the adoption of standardized capacity policies.

## Procedures for Routine Leak Repairs

o PGMS shall submit documentation indicating where service lines have been replaced. In areas of repeat failures, PGMS will submit estimated costs for wholesale replacement. This will continue street by street until all old HDPB lines have been replaced.

## Exceptional Usage/Elder Hardwoods

o Two customers presented misread meters to the District. First was reduced to their average monthly use. The second was corrected by fixing an erroneous meter reading.

#### Repair issues at RR1/Aspra line

o After full discussion, TXDOT agreed to cover the costs of relocating the 4" "Aspra Line". The line has been repaired.

#### Old Business - Operations Update, take action as needed. 8.

- Update on meter located at 1623 Strip Center No action was taken
- Update on ground storage tank / emergency fill valve. The Ground Storage Tank has been completed and retainage released. The new tank will be placed into service immediately.
- Update on TxDOT. Hwy 290 expansion. The Highway 290 project has been substantially completed. Capital Excavation will complete cosmetic portions in the next few weeks as TXDOT changes traffic patterns. PGMS will continue to invoice separately for any time spent on this project.
- Update on Grant progress / Reimbursement of funds. Treasurer Rohlfs has made the District's first request for reimbursement. No further update was available.
- Update on Old GST. PGMS has requested Maguire Tanks to inspect the tank and make necessary recommendations for corrective measures to be taken.
- Undate on Well Progress No update.

#### 9. Secretary's Report.

None.

#### 10. Treasurer's Report.

Scott Fair, of Gillespie County, has requested past-due or delinquent tax collectables be written off. The District has minimal delinquent tax due, totaling less than \$100. Treasurer Rohlfs moved to resolve to write of delinquent tax receivables. Director Eckert seconded the resolution and after full discussion and all voting in favor, the motion carried.

#### 11. President's Report.

President Hopkins reported that the VFD, Chamber of Commerce, and FISD are each in agreement to purchase an electronic sign to post important notifications throughout the year.

Other matters as may come before the Board and take action necessary thereon. 12. None

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, the meeting was adjourned at approximately  $\underline{10:39~A.M}$ .

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th Day of December 2024.

Nikolaus Hopkins, President

Stonewall Water Control and Improvement District

Attest, Laurel/Hoekstra, Secretary

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