

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

January 16, 2025

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. Also in attendance was Dirk Jordan ("General Counsel") and Timothy Young with Professional General Management Services, Inc. ("General Management").

1. Call to Order and Establish a Quorum.

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 9:15 A.M.

2. Receive Comments from the Public.

None.

3. Corrected Minutes to Previous Meeting Held on November 21, 2024.

Draft minutes to this meeting were not available to approve. No action was taken. PGMS shall provide these minutes at the next meeting.

4. Minutes to December 19, 2024. Regular Meeting

Draft minutes to this regular meeting were presented and discussed. With no corrections noted, Secretary Hoekstra moved to approve the minutes. Vice-President Nebgen seconded the motion. After full discussion and all voting in favor, the motion carried.

5. Payment of Current Bills and Invoices.

Treasurer Rohlfs presented the invoices to be approved for this period and discussed those invoices in some detail. It was reported that Atchley and Associates have completed the District's financial audit and submitted their final invoice. Treasurer Rohlfs reported that TXDOT has approved the first Highway 290 Relocation Project reimbursement, but TXDOT has not provided any further update concerning additional reimbursements. With no extraordinary bills or invoices, Secretary Hoekstra moved to approve the invoices as presented. Director Eckert seconded the motion. After full discussion and all voting in favor, the motion carried.

6. Financial Statements for the Period Ending December 31, 2024.

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

Treasurer Rohlfis reported that tax collections have started coming in. It was also reported that TXDOT has not yet made their first reimbursement payment. The District shall continue to submit reimbursement requests to TXDOT for expenses relating to the Highway 290 Project. No further update has been made from TXDOT.

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

7. 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. The District continues in a Stage 2 Drought Condition. Though the aquifer levels held through November, they have begun to drop again. PGMS shall monitor for leaks and water abuse. Additionally, Hill Country Underground WCD may move to a Stage 3 drought status if the aquifer continues to decline.

Management also reported on the TXDOT Highway 290 Project. In the last reporting period, TXDOT is nearing completion of replacing all culverts in the project area. Once all culverts are complete, TXDOT, and their contractors, will pave the north side of highway 290. They will then make a traffic pattern change and finish paving the south side. During south side paving, Capital Excavation will reset fire hydrants to the proper height and pour concrete pads around all valves. There are no further outages expected with only cosmetic items remaining to be completed.

The new Ground Storage Tank has operated without issue for the last month. A signed inspection contract was submitted to Maguire Tanks, and they have scheduled the work for the week of February 3rd. Any reports will be forwarded to the Board immediately.

PGMS has been tasked with locating a competent contractor to make repairs to the chlorine room area of the concrete pumphouse. Specifically, the corner area has begun to crumble. Groundworks are scheduled to inspect the building during the week of February 3rd and make recommendations for the repair of the wall. The report shall be forwarded to the Board when available.

The District was asked to pay for the new fire hydrant Storz Connections as an “upgrade” to the water line relocation project. PGMS reports that they were simply asked which connection the SWCID Board and the Stonewall VFD prefers. That question was sent to both, and the new style connection was preferred by both. This information was relayed to Capital Excavation and the new style were installed. Now TXDOT is asking for reimbursement.

Director Eckert moved to approve the management report as presented. Treasurer Rohlfs seconded the motion. After full discussion and all voting in favor, the motion carried.

7. New Business.

- Hydrant Adapters Needed for 290 Project

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8. Old Business – Operations Update. take action as needed.

- Update on meter located at 1623 Strip Center – Payment has been received for the upgrade to the service connection. PGMS shall order parts and schedule the work immediately. Once complete, the account will be updated to reflect the upsized service.
- Update for Routine Leak Repairs. No action taken.
- Update to Plaque Placement at the Plant. The plaque shall be placed at the front of the plant property behind the security fence. A photo was also taken of the Board to be placed within a companion article in the Fredericksburg Standard
- Update on Highway 290 Expansion. Final grading and concrete work will be completed when traffic is moved to the north side of the highway.
- Update on Grant progress / Reimbursement of funds. Treasurer Rohlfs reported that TXDOT has approved the first reimbursement request.
- Update to Old GST. An executed contract has been submitted to Maguire, and they have scheduled the inspection for the week of February 3, 2025.
- Update on Well Progress No update.

9. Secretary’s Report.

None.

10. Treasurer’s Report.

Treasurer Rohlfs presented the quarterly financial report, including bank balances, TexPool Balances, and interest earned, to the Board for review and approval. It was also reported that a transfer was made from the TexPool account to the HSB Operating account. With a CD Account maturing in July, the Board will discuss re-investment options in the coming meetings.

The annual audit has been completed and submitted to the TCEQ. A copy of the audit is available for review.

11. President’s Report.

President Hopkins reported that the water fountain / bottle filler installed at the elementary school has been a hit with students, faculty and parents. The Stonewall Chamber of Commerce has informed the Board that they would like to have the upgraded, full color electronic sign rather than the single-color sign. President Hopkins will present this request to parties with an interest in the new electric sign.

12. Other matters as may come before the Board and take action necessary thereon.

None

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:21 A.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th Day of February 2025.



Nikolaus Hopkins, President
Stonewall Water Control and Improvement District



Attest, Laurel Hoekstra, Secretary
Stonewall Water Control and Improvement District