

Date of Meeting: **September 9, 2021**  
Time of Meeting: **7:00 PM**  
Location: **Mesquite GCD**  
**802 9<sup>th</sup> ST**  
**Wellington, TX 79095**



### **Regular Meeting Minutes**

Jerry Lewis called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 19:06.

Board Members Present: Johnny Lindley, Jerry Lewis, Terry Canada, Michael Souder, Matt Tarver, and Mat Montgomery

Staff Present: Harmony Siemens & Lynn Smith

Professionals Present: Amy Bush & Keith Good

Visitors Present: None

There were no opening comments.

The regular meeting was adjourned to the Tax Hearing at 19:07.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 19:08.

1. Consent Agenda – Jerry pulled all items from the Consent Agenda for individual discussion.
  - a. Consider and act on Minutes of August 12, 2021 Terry moved to accept the minutes as presented, second by Johnny, all ayes.
  - b. Consider and act on Test Hole Permits Matt moved to approve the test hole and well registration applications, second by Mat, all ayes.
    - i. 560 – LJ Holton
    - ii. 561 – Steve Emmert
  - c. Consider and act on Well Registrations:
    - i. 814 – LJ Holton

- ii. 815 – Langley Family Trust
  - iii. 818 – Joseph Cerullo
  - iv. 819 – Patrocinto Vega
- d. Consider and act on approval of August bills Motion: Terry moved to approve the August bills, second by Michael, all ayes.

2. Consider and act on Well Permits Mat moved to approve all well permits, second by Matt, all ayes.

- a. 816 – LJ Holton
- b. 817 – LJ Holton

3. Receive update on the ongoing SAO Audit

Lynn reported that he had emailed several items to the SAO. Other than that, no activity had occurred. He believes they are in the process of writing their report.

4. Manager's Report –Lynn Smith

Lynn continues to send auditors information. Rain gauges have been checked by Harmony. Lynn attended the Summit and suggested the board members attend at some point. He also mentioned the session on succession planning that was quite good. We received a Ford Motor Company letter stating that we are eligible to get a vehicle through their fleet program.

5. Legal Comments -Keith Good

Keith discussed Senator Perry's SB 152, the Texas/New Mexico suit, and the Neches Trinity Valley suit.

6. Hydrogeologist Report – Ray Brady/Jennifer Puryear

Amy discussed her experiences at the Summit. She also encouraged the District to pursue updating the Seymour model with TWDB.

7. Consider and potentially adopt the proposed tax rate of \$0.049315 per \$100 valuation or some other rate not to exceed the proposed rate.

Lynn suggested that the tax rate could be lowered just a bit and not impact the adopted budget. After some discussion, Terry moved to adopt the lower rate of 0.049314 per \$100

valuation, second by Johnny, all ayes by role call vote. Mat moved to approve the rate of 0.049314 per \$100 valuation, seconded by Michael, all ayes by role call vote.

8. Discuss and potentially join the Chambers of Commerce in Memphis and Wellington

The roles of Chambers of Commerce were discussed at length. Lynn reported that it may be in our best interests to join for the public relations opportunities. A motion was made by Johnny and seconded by Michael to join the Chambers of Commerce in the District, all ayes.

9. Discuss status of the District's signature cards at Pilgrim Bank and Happy State Bank

Lynn reported that the signature cards have been completed and the State Auditors have been provided the updated versions.

10. Discuss the status of website build

A demo of the partially complete website was provided. The website is well underway and a few weeks from being finished.

11. Discuss and possibly take action by Resolution to open a second account at Pilgrims Bank or some other approved bank for the purpose of accepting credit cards via the website

After some discussion, Mat moved to open a second account at Pilgrims Bank and fund it with \$10,500 from our primary account at Pilgrims Bank for the purpose of accepting credit cards via the new website, second by Matt, all ayes.

12. Discuss and act to set bonding amounts for Directors and staff that handle District funds.

Lynn reported that the bonding for employees that handle District funds is currently set at \$150,000 and at \$10,000 for Directors. He suggested that the District could reduce the bonding levels by using direct deposit for deposits from the CADs. Johnny moved to reduce the bonding level for employees handling District funds to \$50,000 if the CAD deposits are accomplished by direct deposit, maintain the employee bonding level at \$150,000 if CAD deposits continue to be made by hand, and to set the Director bonding at \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Terry with all ayes.

13. Discuss and possibly act on purchasing a cook stove for the District office.

Lynn suggested purchasing a cook stove for the office for the purpose of preparing various meals for meetings and such. He believes it will cost approximately \$750. After a lively discussion, Mat moved to purchase a cook stove for the office, second by Michael, all ayes.

14. Discuss and possibly act on applying for program assistance through the American Rescue Plan and/or similar and future programs.

Lynn visited the website for the program and discovered that in order to receive funds from the American Rescue Plan, we could only receive an amount shared with us by the County or City. He thought there was little opportunity there and suggested the issue be dropped. The Directors agreed with that assessment.

15. Review, consider, and act on compliance matters before the District, including, without limitation, violations leading to potential water quality issues, water wasting violations, and inoperable meter violations.

No compliance issues were known at this time.

16. Other Business Jerry brought up that he would need to write December checks before the December meeting and that there was traditionally a bonus. Terry suggested we keep the bonus at the same level as years past. The other Directors agreed with this suggestion.

17. Executive Session: Consultation with Attorney Regarding Attorney Client Matters exempt from open meetings pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 None

18. Set Date and Time for the next Board Meeting

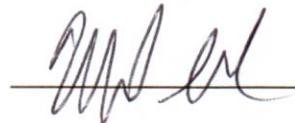
December 9, 2021 was acceptable to everyone for the next meeting. It will be held at the First Baptist Church in Memphis if that facility is available.

19. The meeting was adjourned at 21:22; motion made by Johnny, seconded by Mat, none opposed.

Minutes approved on December 14, 2021



Approved



Attest