# Spring Valley Water Supply Corp. Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors October 12, 2021

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President

Larry Hobbs -- absent

Vice-President

Zandy Goode

Secretary

Bert Hernandez

Director

Darrell Bledsoe

Director

David Morrison -- absent

Director

**Gerald Theut** 

Director

Kyle Grigsby -- absent

#### ITEM 1.

#### CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Vice-President Zandy Goode.

#### ITEM 2. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

There were several visitors to the meeting: Mr. & Mrs. Jones; Brian Davis, and Steve Baxley.

#### ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Brian Davis addressed the Board to request assistance with his bill due to water leaks. Mr. Davis had a couple of water leaks that increased his water usage resulting in a \$1,236.89 water bill for the month of September 2021. Examination of his water usage indicated that in August 2020 he had a high water usage of 116,000 gals. with no leaks and his water usage in August 2021 was 124,300 gallons. His September usage was 138,100 gallons which was a great increase over September 2020. Bert Hernandez made the motion to reduce the September 2021 bill by implementing the lowest water usage rate to the water usage he incurred. The motion was seconded by Darrell Bledsoe and on vote of the Board, the motion passed. Mr. Davis afterward discussed his August bill but no action was taken on that bill because it was not known when he actually incurred the first leak and the usage for August 2021 was within 8,000 gallons of his 2020 August usage. Two bills for leak repairs were presented to the Board. One was invoiced on September 7, 2021 and the other was on October 12, 2021,

#### ITEM 4. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Gerald Theut to approve the minutes from the previous Board meeting. Darrell Bledsoe seconded the motion. The vote was taken and all present approved the motion.

#### ITEM 5. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON METER REQUESTS

There were two meter requests: one from K&K RV Storage for one meter on Old Lorena Road and one for one meter on Chapel Road from Steve Baxley.

After discussion and clarification on the situation on Old Lorena Road, Darrell Bledsoe made the motion to accept the Engineer's report on the meter request. Gerald Theut seconded the motion. There were two issues involved. One was a SVWSC requirement to improve the water lines which would cost the SVWSC \$5,500 and the second would require the applicant to spend \$2,200 plus membership fee and meter installation cost. The SVWSC 's portion is planned in the system improvements plan and the applicant's portion can be paid once the system improvements are made. On vote, the motion passed.

The Engineer's report on the request from Steve Baxley was discussed. Darrell Bledsoe made the motion to accept the Engineer's report and Bert Hernandez seconded the motion. On vote, the motion passed and the meter request was approved.

After the vote on the Baxley meter request, Darrell Bledsoe made a motion to move item 13 ahead of item #6. Gerald Theut seconded the motion. On vote, the motion passed and item 13 was discussed next.

ITEM 13. WATER SYSTEM OPERATIONS REPORT BY REPRESENTATIVE OF AQUA TEXAS (NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD) INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING: (A) OPERATIONS REPORT; (B) WATER USAGE AND ACCOUNTABILITY; (C) FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND REPAIRS; AND, (D) FINANCIAL REPORT

Mark Kocian reviewed the Directors' Operations Report with the Board.

Bert Hernandez made the motion to accept the water operations report. It was seconded by Gerald Theut . On vote, the motion passed.

#### ITEM 6. TABOR ENGINEERING - UPDATE ON PROJECTS

Johnny Tabor presented the following report:

Southern Heights Addition (Bill Fraley) – JNB Construction is working on this project. Final inspection and close out should occur within the next two weeks.

Plant Rehabilitation (Judd and Moses) – Plans and specifications for the Pump Station work was submitted to the TCEQ on August 12, 2021. The TCEQ website is showing a review completion of October 12, 2021.

Water Line Rehabilitation – Water line rehabilitation is to get the entire distributions system in TCEQ compliance using a minimum of 4" water lines as per SVWSC Tariff. Plan review is complete by Aqua and their mark-ups will be added.

Questions for Board consideration to be discussed and decided as part of the Rehabilitation plan:

- 1) Do we place 4" lines in the middle of much smaller lines?
- 2) Should PRV's be deleted from the improvement plans?

Both issues were discussed. On the water line size decision, it was determined that the full Board should give consideration before making a final decision since downsizing lines would go against our tariff though not TCEQ requirements. On the PRV's , Johnny Tabor will present alternatives to the Board at the next meeting to further consider costs vs. maintenance requirements since PRV's are high maintenance items.

Pilgrim Lane Water Improvements – This project is waiting on easements being obtained. This item will be included in the information on the Water Line Rehabilitation project.

75 meter Study for Trudie Tate Estate – This potential project is waiting on the surveyor's plat, signed Developer Agreement, pre-payment of engineering fees, and the engineering agreement with the SVWSC.

#### ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT REVIEW BY FRANK ALEXANDER

Frank Alexander reviewed the balance sheet and income statement for September 2021 with the Board. He explained the set up of the Developer Contribution Construction account and the effect it had on the Income Statement.

Bert Hernandez made a motion to accept the financial report. Darrell Bledsoe seconded the motion and on vote, it passed.

#### ITEM 8 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: METER (EQUITY) RATES

This Bert Hernandez made a motion to table this item for a future meeting since three Board members were absent. Gerald Theut seconded the motion and on vote, it passed.

#### ITEM 9. REGULAR UPDATE ON BLUEBONNET WATER SUPPLY

David Morrison was not present at the Board meeting to report on Bluebonnet.

### ITEM 10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

On review, the motion was made by Zandy Goode and seconded by Bert Hernandez to authorize payment of bills for September 2021. All were in favor, the motion passed.

### ITEM 11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CHRISTMAS PARTY LOCATION AND DATE

The Christmas Party is set for December 7, 2021 at 135 Prime in Hewitt, TX. The start time is 6:00 p.m. The motion to accept the location and date was made by Darrell Bledsoe and was seconded by Zandy Goode. On vote, the motion passed.

# ITEM 12. QUESTIONS TO THE BOARD BY AQUA TEXAS REPRESENTATIVES CONCERNING GENERAL OPERATIONAL ISSUES

The question of disposal of the pressure tank at the Bethany Plant was discussed and a motion was made by Darrell Bledsoe to allow Frank Alexander to remove the tank at no cost to the SVWSC. The motion was seconded by Gerald Theut, and on vote, the motion passed.

# ITEM 14. ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NEEDED AS ALLOWED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.074

There was no need for an Executive Session

## ITEM 15. RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session so there was no need to reconvene.

### ITEM 16. SET TIME AND PLACE FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

The next meeting of the Board will be on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at the Aqua office at 7025 Sanger, Waco, TX 76710.

#### ITEM 17. ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn by Darrell Bledsoe and was seconded by Zandy Goode. All were in favor and none opposed. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Bumbette Bernandez

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Secretary, SVWSC

November 5, 2021