

ORANGE COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 09, 2015.

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Water Control and Improvement District No. 2 met at 4:00pm on February 09, 2015 in the Districts office on Western Avenue, West Orange, Texas.

The following directors were present: Mr. Woolley, Mr. Richard, Mr. Foreman, Mr. Curran and Ms. Premeaux. Also present were: Daniel Tatum, Superintendent; Joel Steirman, Independent Auditor; Alan Sanders, District's Legal Counsel, Nester Barroeta of Schaumburg and Polk, District Engineer, and April Lombardo, Office Manager.

ITEM #1 OPENING OF MEETING: Mr. Woolley opened the meeting at 4:00 PM.

ITEM #2 RECOGNIZE GUESTS: Marty Delano (Bowie St.), Miquel Alcalca (Houston St.)– Residents

ITEM #3 OPEN THE FLOOR FOR COMMENTS: None.

ITEM #4 CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS OR REQUESTS FOR WATER LEAK ADJUSTMENTS:

- a. Mr. Delano addressed the Board about several matters. He said he has been billed two minimum charges for the past seven and half years. He explained the history on the matter and it started in 2007 when his father parked a RV at his house. Mr. Delano said that Mr. Caswell, Superintendent told that he would not be billed for a separate service if his father's RV was not going to stay. He said that he was billed a second water minimum bill at that time and it has continued until recently when complained. The other issue was that he had to clean up after sewer back-ups and feces in his ditch. Lastly he said he reported water leaks and they were not promptly repaired. The Board told Mr. Delano that they were empathetic with him for these things and that the District will be more responsive in the future on the sewer matter; in fact the Superintendent had a plan to service the line periodically to prevent these occurrences in the future. Mr. Marty Delano requested reimbursement for having a 2nd unit charged to him since 2007. Tom Woolley suggests going back 3 years at \$15.00 a month for a total of \$1260.00. This payment is in full satisfaction of all claims out of this residence through February 9, 2015. Jerry Foreman motions that we pay a flat rate of \$600.00 and Mr. Premeaux seconds it. Motion passed with 5 yeas, 1 nay (Mr. Richard).
- b. Miquel Alcalca would like to know more information about the Lead Copper letters that were sent out at the beginning of Feb. Nothing is wrong with our district water. All the sample sites get a copy of the results.

ITEM #5 MINUTES FOR ANY PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT APPROVED: Minutes for the meetings in January were approved by a motion by Mr. Richard, second Linda Premeaux, and pending correction in reference to item 10 to read "needs bearings".

ITEM #6 TEXAS COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM: (See Engineer's Report)

ITEM #7: ATTORNEY'S REPORT: There was no report other than Counsel's comments during consideration of other agenda items.

ITEM #8 ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Barroeta submitted his written report for the month.

TWDB 2012 CWSRF: The QAQC for plans and specifications for the waste water treatment plant improvements as well as the force main installation is complete. The next phase will be the electrical plans and specifications. Mr. Barroeta will have both sets of plans and specs and reports to review on the waste water treatment plant and force main shortly, all he needs to to add a few more things and they will be ready.

West Orange 2013-2014 TCDBG Project: Mr. Barroeta said that the packet for the Block Grant, (Sewer lines on Gloria and Bonnie), is almost ready for review.

West Orange 2015-2016 TCDBG Project: Public hearing has happened and they have done some low income surveys. A table 2 budget justifications and location map for this were submitted to the Grant Administrator, Ms. Sherry Tarrant, Gary Traylor and Associates. Ms. Tarrant will forward the plans to the Texas Department of Agriculture for approval. This project includes water line rehabilitation on Longhorn, Mustang, Buffalo, Bonham, Irving, and Alamo streets. He said the Grant Administrator had surveyed residents to support the request by proving that the residents are low to moderate income individuals which is one the basic requirements of the Grant. Ms. Tarrant said that a public hearing was held, which is another requirement of the Grant. Mr. Barroeta said the package is ready to submit to the State for approval.

Other Matters:

Mr. Barroeta stated that Instead of doing spot checks with permits for Bowie St., he wants to have a plan and do it in a more systematic way. If you do more volume of lines you get a better price. Ms. Premeaux discussed that it might be easier to just go ahead and change out the lines, since there are so many issues. Daniel Tatum stated that if the line is anyway fixed or repair, they will have to be moved across the street, because they aren't up to the current TCEQ code, which is within a 9' tolerance, we were grandfathered in because of the date that this was originally done.

Mr. Sanders said he would like Schaumberg and Polk to prepare a statement or document that will show in general the layout for the pending Sabine River Fallout Project. He said he wants to provide the City of an understanding of where the line will go with specific enough detail for the City Orange's staff to understand be able to recommend the District's plan as it affects the City. He said this would cut down on a possible back and forth and delay in the City Council's approval

Lastly, there was a question about Bowie Street and the low water pressure. Mr. Tatum said the expects the water improvements will include a three inch line upgrade for part of Irving Street Mr. Tatum said a complete replacement of the water line would necessitate the District moving the line to the other side of the street which would be much more expensive and is not really needed to solve the issues the District has experienced on Bowie Street. Additionally he said as discussed earlier in the meeting a plan to insure there are no future sewer back-ups on Bowie Street has been created and implemented.

ITEM #9 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Tatum said that we are under on copper for this past month, testing is still being done. We should have results for South Street and one of the lift stations in 2 weeks. Nester stated that minuscule amounts of copper accumulates in the sludge and then is taken to the digester. If we keep a continuous sludge wasting schedule it will help to get the copper out of the system.

Water pumping vs. billed is getting better. Leak at the gully was repaired and it was a pretty significant loss. A lead packed valve was repaired. We were able to account for 71% of the water that we pumped.

Mr. Tatum notified that he hired a new employee last week, Chad Stroud.

District got a call over the weekend to Walmart, because they plugged up the system with a substantial amount of grease. We called out A-1 Plumbing and Walmart called another truck. Between the 2 trucks, there were 3 manholes that were sucked out. We received a bill for \$3553.75, from A-1 Plumbing and Mr. Tatum believes that this invoice should be sent to Walmart. Mr. Tatum spoke to the store manager and she stated that she has a work order in to find out why it is doing this. Mr. Tatum let her know that we could shut off her water because she is over her allowance for ppm of grease in waste water. Mr. Steirman suggested that Alan Sanders send them a letter with the invoice for re-imbusement.

TCEQ tank inspections need to be done on all 3 tanks.

Next Year Budget recommendations:

- a. Schaumburg & Polk to do a Water Modeling to identify the low pressure areas of the district. To help decide where to replace and repair lines. Mr. Barroeta said that the system is older and all 3 well sites are operating on the same pressure. One well pumps all the time and the other 2 are manually. This modeling would help find congested lines, closed valves, and leaks in the old lines. Gauges are placed on the lines, for a period of time, in specific places to determine the pressure gradient through the entire system. The modeling can be changed and updated, to help determine where to concentrate work. The modeling would take 4 months, and would be invoiced on a monthly basis. Contract can be written up to not to exceed \$40,000.
- b. 2 work trucks for sewer plant and new employee to read meters.
- c. Sewer Camera system \$11,000.

ITEM #10 CAPITAL REPAIRS TO POTABLE WATER AND/OR WASTEWATER SYSTEMS: Mr. Tatum said that the North side still needs work but the South side is up and running. Vendor is scheduled to come in and look at getting it repaired.

ITEM #11 REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

- a. Motion by Glenn Curran, Seconded by Jerry Foreman: to pay Railroad Commission fine of \$1250.00 for not hand digging an area in the tolerance zone. The motion passed with all yeas, and no nays. Per request of Alan Sanders, check will be sent by certified letter.

- b. One more item that requires repair to satisfy TCEQ. A shaft that exits through the concrete wall, sludge splashes through the opening with the orbals are running. A repair must be made to seal the opening to prevent the sludge from leak while unit is running.

ITEM #12 WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES PLANNING AND FINANCING: Mr. Sanders said he has located the Web-site of all the proposed projects submitted to obtain a portion of the BP settlement. Mr. Sanders said the last Federal Court hearing, and possibility the final hearing, set the amount of the spillage on which the fine will compute. He said the District's projects, as well as the consortium's projects, were listed including the regional sewer project. He noted that one of the projects did not have an estimated cost and asked Mr. Barroeta to provide that information for submission to the State for their consideration when awarding the money from the fine. He said that Southwest Louisiana and Southeast Texas are working together to insure that a portion of the fine money is awarded to the Chenier area that includes Sabine Lake and goes east into Louisiana for wet lands projects or supporting the ecological conditions of that area.

ITEM #13 FINANCIAL MATTERS: Mr. Woolley would like the financial statements reviewed again, Mr. Tatum and Mrs. Lombardo will work on them again before the next meeting to achieve desired format.

ITEM #14 BILLS TO BE PAID: A motion was made by Glenn Curran and seconded by Jerry Foreman to pay the bills for a total amount of \$144,444.99; to pay any utility bill presented for payment in order to avoid a late payment fee. The motion passed with all yeas and no nay.

ITEM #15 CLOSED SESSION REGARDING SUPERINTENDENT, STAFF, LEGAL AND FISCAL ADVISORS:
NO closed session.

ITEM #16 CHANGING THE START TIME OF THE MEETING: No change in start time of meetings.

ITEM #17 CONSIDER ANY SPECIAL MEETING BEFORE THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The Board agreed that such a meeting was not necessary and no action was taken.

ITEM #19 ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Premeaux and seconded by Mr. Curran to adjourn. Motion passed without exception. Meeting ended at 6:31 P.M.



Linda Premeaux
Secretary