

FORT GRIFFIN SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT

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Albany, TX 76430

FORT GRIFFIN SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT Board of Directors met Thursday, January 2, 2020, at the Prairie Star Cook Shack, 100 Ellison St., Albany, TX.

Board President Burrell McKelvain called the meeting to order at 12:56 pm. Other Board members present included Jim Blancq, Sid Collinsworth, Don Stutsman, Sam Snyder, and Robert Montgomery. General Manager Mark Gardenhire and Office Administrator Betty Barrett were also present.

Visitor Comments, limited to five minutes: None present

Review and approve December 12, 2019, meeting minutes: Following a review of the December 12, 2019, meeting minutes, Jim Blancq made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Sam Snyder seconded the motion, and it carried.

Review and approve December expenditures and financial reports: Following a review and discussion, Robert Montgomery made a motion to approve the reports as submitted. Don Stutsman seconded the motion, and it carried.

Update on RD and TWDB Projects: Mark has talked with engineer Derek Turner concerning the projects and moving forward with obtaining the remaining easements. Checks have been processed but not submitted to Iona Land, LP and Sally Satterwhite for right-of-way easements along their property line. Once all easements have been obtained the project can move forward.

Update from Special Committee: Mark stated that he heard back from Leshia Brewster of Stephens County SUD. They talked about having another meeting around January 15th for further discussion. She informed Mark that their Board is only interested in selling FGSUD water and are not interested in any type of merge. They would use our Possum Kingdom water, but the cost would be about \$6.00 which is about the same as what the City of Albany charges us. Mark will contact Leshia to ask about the next meeting date.

Manager's Report: 1.) Mark reported that Colin Harris with Nextlink Internet had called to request FGSUD's permission to install an antenna on the Throckmorton tower. Following a discussion, Mark recommended that the internet company not have permission to put their antenna on the tower. Sam Snyder made a motion that FGSUD refuse the installation of an antenna on the Throckmorton tower. Robert Montgomery seconded the motion, and it carried. 2.) Director Don Stutsman asked Mark about the high water loss for December, 2019. Mark explained that we have a different time period for reading meters than the City of Albany and that has a bearing on the water purchased and sold. Without more flow meters it is difficult to determine if, and track where, we might have leaks. A lengthy discussion followed concerning the purchase and installation of the additional flow meters. Mark will contact companies who have done this type of work for FGSUD in the past and will request an estimate for the job of installing flow meters. 3.) Mark mentioned an article in the November/December edition of TRWA's *Quench* magazine regarding per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS). The National Rural Water Association (NRWA) is gathering information across the country to see how many water systems have been affected or have growing concerns about these substances. The article states that "EPA is moving forward with the maximum contaminant level (MCL) process. A regulatory determination will be proposed by EPA soon." Mark informed the Board members if they are interested in reading the article, we will get them a copy.

Convene to Executive Session, if necessary, in accordance with Texas Government Code 551.074 of the Open Meetings Act regarding the discussion of, or action to be taken, concerning Personnel Issues and Texas Gov't Code 551.071 concerning Consultation with attorney.

Reconvene to Open Session.

Action taken, if any.

Executive Session was not called for.

There being no further business, Sam Snyder made a motion that the meeting adjourn. Sid Collinsworth seconded the motion, and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Burrell McKelvain, Certifying Official
Fort Griffin Special Utility District