

FORT GRIFFIN SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT

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FORT GRIFFIN SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT Board of Directors met Thursday, November 5, 2020, at the Prairie Star Cook Shack, 100 Ellison St., Albany, TX.

Board Vice President Sam Snyder called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm. Other Board members present included John Adams, Sid Collinsworth, Robert Montgomery, and Don Stutsman. Field Manager Tyler George and Office Manager Betty Barrett were also present.

Visitor Comments, limited to five minutes: None present

Review and approve October meeting minutes: Following a review of the October 1, 2020, meeting minutes, Robert Montgomery made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Don Stutsman seconded the motion, and it carried.

Review and approve October expenditures and financial reports: Don asked about the purchase of the 2005 Ford flatbed truck in the amount of \$6,000. Was it approved by the Board before the purchase? Sam stated that Mark had called him about the purchase of the truck, and he gave Mark the okay to purchase it. Don also asked about the lease-purchase contract with Caterpillar and when will a decision be made on how to proceed. More information is needed from Mark concerning his conversations with his contact at Caterpillar. Following a review of the October expenditures and financial reports, Don Stutsman made a motion to approve and accept the reports as submitted. Sid Collinsworth seconded the motion, and it carried.

Old Business –

- Status of Lopez Warranty Deed – Tyler reported that he had talked with Mark about this, and Mark stated that he has not heard any word from Mr. Lopez.
- Status of Andy Vaughn’s proposal/discussion – Until Mr. Vaughn will make his decision about allowing FGSUD to construct a standpipe on his property, he wants to go look at a similar one at the City of Strawn.
- Discuss replacement of Board seat vacated by Jim Blancq – No action was taken, and the item was tabled until the December Board meeting.
- Status of System “Burnout” – Tyler reported that the burnout ended around October 15th, and we are now back to Total Chloramines rather than the temporary Chlorine.
- Status of exclusion of City of Moran from District – Tyler stated that Mark talked to attorney Leonard Dougal who will review Chapter 49 of the water code to determine the legalities. Mr. Dougal stated that in 2021 the Legislature will probably review and remedy “this problem,” which will eliminate any costs to remove the City of Moran from our current District. This item will be included on the December Board meeting agenda for further information and discussion.

- Status of vehicle search – To each Board member, Tyler submitted a copy of the list of vehicles and descriptions, locations, and prices that Mark had found. (See attached list.) Tyler also informed the Board members of the current conditions of our vehicles to determine the highest priority for repair or replacement. At the October meeting the Board voted to replace two (2) vehicles. With the purchase of the 2005 Ford flatbed that will replace the 2003 Chevrolet haul truck, one additional vehicle may be purchased. Following a review and discussion of the list of vehicles, Don Stutsman made a motion to purchase, by monthly financing, the 2021 Ford F150 Super Cab 4x4 from Bayer Ford, Inc. in the amount of \$28,975, and replace the 1999 Chevrolet. John Adams seconded the motion, and it carried. Concerning the vehicle repair, following a discussion Don Stutsman made a motion to have the 2012 Chevrolet repaired that will cost approximately \$3,000. John Adams seconded the motion, and it carried.

Field Manager's Report: Tyler reported that our current Scada system is about wiped out and is not operating properly in some major areas. Tommy with Wallace Controls & Electric has repaired and updated as much as he can with our current Scada system, which is obsolete to the point of not being able to find the needed parts. Not being able to get communications in certain areas causes more time and water lost while searching for leaks. A "Quote to upgrade scada system to Modbus communications" was submitted by Wallace Controls & Electric. The bid in the amount of \$29,950.00 does not include taxes or any other upgrading unless specifically listed in the submitted quote. Following a review and discussion, Robert Montgomery made a motion to accept the Wallace Controls & Electric bid in the amount of \$29,950.00. Don Stutsman seconded the motion, and it carried.

Other Business: 1) As in the past, the December Board meeting will be the Christmas meeting in which spouses are invited for lunch. Sam asked that the meeting be rescheduled for Thursday, December 10th so that all Board members can attend. 2) John Adams reminded Board members that end-of-the-year bonuses will be given in the same amounts as the previous year since it was approved in the Annual Budget.

There being no further business, Sid Collinsworth made a motion that the meeting adjourn. Don Stutsman seconded the motion, and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Vice President Sam Snyder, Certifying Official
Fort Griffin Special Utility District