

FORT GRIFFIN SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT

1180 C.R. 109
Albany, TX 76430

FORT GRIFFIN SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT Board of Directors met Thursday, April 4, 2019, at the Prairie Star Catering Shack, 100 Ellison St., Albany, TX.

Board President Burrell McKelvain called the meeting to order at 12:25 pm. Other Board members present included Ken Hill, Robert Montgomery, Sam Snyder, John Adams, Jim Blancq. General Manager Mark Gardenhire, Office Administrator Betty Barrett, and engineer Derek Turner were also present.

Visitor Comments, limited to five minutes: Candidates Sid Collinsworth and Don Stutsman were present but had no comments.

Approval of minutes: Following a review of the March 7, 2019, meeting minutes, Ken Hill made a motion to approve the minutes as read. John Adams seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Approval of expenditures and financial reports: Following a review of the March 2019 expenditures and financial reports, Sam Snyder made a motion to approve the expenditures and financial reports as submitted. Robert Montgomery seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Review & discuss water rate charged the City of Moran: No discussion was held; item was tabled.

Review & discuss FGSUD legal boundaries: John Adams asked questions concerning two separate entities – the City of Moran and Fort Griffin SUD – being in the same legal boundary. At the time of the conversion from a water supply corporation to a special utility district, legal boundaries excluded the City of Albany and the City of Throckmorton but included the City of Moran. Mark explained that the reason for including the City of Moran was due to the possibility of taking over the City of Moran at one time. Mark reported that he had consulted with attorney Leonard Dougal for input on changing the District’s legal boundaries to exclude the City of Moran beyond their ETJ (Extra Jurisdiction). John Adams made a motion to have Mark pursue the change in the District’s legal boundaries. Robert Montgomery seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Update on RD Project: Engineer Derek Turner stated that he has been working with Water Development Board to get our project approved, hopefully at their April 23rd meeting. Hilltop Securities Financial Advisory Services is working on a package for the Board. Derek also stated that the plans for the evaporation ponds are complete and he’s working on getting the discharge permit and the treatment portion of the plant. Those are included in the Rural Development part of the project and hopefully we will be ready to start at the end of summer, according to Derek. The Water Development Board, which will fund the raw water line portion of the project, must see some construction started before they release funding monies.

Manager’s Report: 1.) Burrell and Mark gave reports on the March 21st BRA meeting they attended in Waco. Plans and projects for the future, as well as their budget, were discussed at the meeting. 2.) Mark attended the Texas Rural Water Association Convention in Austin March 25-29. He distributed copies of TRWA’s Analysis of “Bills to Support” at the 86th Texas Legislature, and pointed out some items of interest. While at the convention, he attended the Day at the Capitol and visited with our representatives. 3.) Our high water loss was due in part to a big leak on FM 601 (Ibex Highway).

There being no further business, Robert Montgomery made a motion that the meeting adjourn. Ken Hill seconded the motion, and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Burrell McKelvain, Certifying Official
Fort Griffin Special Utility District