

FORT GRIFFIN SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT

1180 C.R. 109
Albany, TX 76430

FORT GRIFFIN SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT Board of Directors met Thursday, May 2, 2019, at the Prairie Star Catering Shack, 100 Ellison St., Albany, TX.

Board President Burrell McKelvain called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Other Board members present included Jim Blancq, Ken Hill, John Adams, Sam Snyder, and Robert Montgomery. General Manager Mark Gardenhire and Office Administrator Betty Barrett were also present.

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

Approval of minutes: Jim Blancq asked that an addition to the minutes be made stating the “reason for including the City of Moran was due to the possibility of taking over the City of *Moran’s water system*. Following a review of the April 4, 2019, meeting minutes, Sam Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ken Hill seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

Update on May 4th Election: Betty reported that to date she has received 20 ballots by mail and 38 early votes by personal appearance had been cast. Kyle Morrison was hired as Election Judge and will be paid \$15.00 per hour, and Kay Coleman as Alternate Judge will be paid \$12.00 per hour. Currently, election expenses are \$2,540, which includes charges for programming of the voting machines, printed ballots, required election signs, and other supplies. Judges will be paid after their duties are completed. She also stated that the election will be held at the District business office between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Update of District’s legal boundaries: John Adams made a motion to table this agenda item until a later date. Robert Montgomery seconded the motion, and it carried.

Update on RD Project: Derek is still working on paperwork for Water Development Board. He will give them his presentation on May 9, at the commissioners meeting concerning approval of funding for our project. Rural Development will be funding the standpipe at FM 1853, line from PS # 7 to PS #3, upgrade at PS #3, new water treatment plant, system additions that were not done in the last project (area in Throckmorton County, the Old Breckenridge Road, Hwy 6 past FM 1853.) The Water Development Board will fund the raw water line connection to West Central Texas Municipal Water District, and right-of-way easements.

Manager’s Report: 1.) Mark informed the Board that he received a phone call from the TCEQ office in Abilene concerning the violation at pump station 3. It has been in violation for six years, and according to TCEQ must be corrected within the year. Mark stated that the problem with pump station 3 will be taken care of in the Rural Development Project. 2.) Mark reported that he went to Austin to lobby against a bill proposing that all Board meetings should be video taped and the records kept indefinitely. 3.) On April 16, Mark attended an all-day EPA training session in Eastland. 4.) Board members were informed of needed repair on the Dixon riding lawnmower. While mowing at a pump station the transmission locked up and the mower was inoperable. Mark took the transmission to Hamilton Supply for repair and was told the transmission did not have any problems they could find. Mark was advised to change the filter and add fluid to see if the mower would then operate. He was also told parts may become hard to get. Hamilton Supply would take the mower as a trade-in value between \$800-\$1200, but if we have it repaired the resale

value might be \$2,000. Following a lengthy discussion concerning the purchase of a new mower, the Board suggested that Mark look at a heavy-duty mower that will last 15 years and leave the decision up to Burrell and Sam.

There being no further business, Robert Montgomery made a motion that the meeting adjourn. Sam Snyder seconded the motion, and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Burrell McKelvain, Certifying Official
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