Fort Griffin Special Utility District

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Albany, TX 76430

FORT GRIFFIN SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT Board of Directors met Thursday, December 6, 2018, at the Prairie Star Catering Shack, 100 Ellison St., Albany, TX.

Board President Burrell McKelvain welcomed Board members, employees, and spouses to the annual Christmas luncheon. Ken Hill gave the invocation. Other Directors and their wives present included John and Pat Adams, Jim Blancq, Ken and Carolyn Hill, Ben and Aimee Hale, and Robert Montgomery. General Manager Mark Gardenhire and Mona, Office Administrator Betty Barrett, Tyler, Samantha and Jaxon George, Kyle and Shawnee Tischler, Eric Herod, and Steve Taggart also attended the meeting. President McKelvain called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Visitor Comments, limited to five minutes: Sid Collinsworth was present and asked to speak to the Board with concerns about the recent rate changes and increase in the monthly water bill. Sid stated that there are lot of unhappy customers who are questioning the changes. President McKelvain explained that a rate study had been performed by a company that specializes in rural water systems, their rates, and budgeting. Three options were presented to the Board, and it was a unanimous decision to select the budget and rate changes that became effective October 1, 2018. Sid also asked if a “spending study” had been performed, and he questioned the purchase of 60 acres of land for the treatment plant location rather than 20 acres. Following a discussion, Sid stated that he plans to draw up a petition protesting the rate changes, and he asked to be included on the agenda for the January 3, 2019 Board of Directors meeting.

Approval of minutes: Following a review of the November 1, 2018, meeting minutes, John Adams made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Ken Hill seconded the motion, and it carried.

Approval of expenditures and financial reports: Following a review and discussion of the November 2018, expenditures and financial reports, Robert Montgomery made a motion to approve the expenditures and reports as submitted. John Adams seconded the motion, and it carried.

Update on RD Project: Engineer Derek Turner communicated to Mark and Burrell concerning comments from Ward Veale, which included his request for a tap at our cost if we are ever able to sell water to him. Mark stated that Derek is close to finishing the engineering of the treatment plant, and their architect is working on the building plans in order to get it up to par for the plant.

Manager’s Report: 1.) Mark reported that he was in Austin Monday through Wednesday for a TRWA Board meeting. 2.) John Adams asked Mark about the project and joint funding with the City of Moran. Mark stated that the grant writers and engineers are still working on it and Tyler is planning to meet with the grant writer next week.

There being no further business, Robert Montgomery made a motion that the meeting adjourn. Jim Blancq seconded the motion, and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:21 PM.

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Burrell McKelvain, Certifying Official

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