

Public Hearing and Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes September 13, 2022

Board Members Present:

Richard Jones, President Belinda Ross, Vice President Jemmie Hageon, Secretary Pro Tem Belva Hartsfield, Secretary-Treasurer

Board Members Not Present:

ANRA Staff:

Kelley Holcomb, General Manager Jeremiah Poling, Deputy General Manager Christopher Key, Executive Manager, Utilities Kelli Bunton, Executive Assistant

Guests:

- 1. Call to Order: Mr. Richard Jones Called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- 2. <u>Invocation</u>: Mrs. Belinda Ross gave the invocation at the request of Mr. Jones.
- 3. <u>Confirm Quorum</u>: Mr. Jones confirmed quorum.
- 4. <u>Public Comment</u>: No members of the public were present.
- 5. Open Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rates for Calendar Year 2022: No comments were presented regarding the Proposed Tax Rates for Calendar Year 2022, there were no members of the public present. The open public hearing closed at 5:37 p.m.
- 6. <u>Consideration and Approval of Minutes from the February 25, 2021 meeting</u>: There were no questions or comments.
 - Mrs. Ross motioned to approve meeting minutes. Mr. Jemmie Hageon seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.
- 7. <u>Consideration and Approval of Financials</u>: Mr. Kelley Holcomb presented an overview of financials. Mr. Jones asked if we have new numbers since the new connections. The board

engaged in general discussion regarding utilities and development in the area. Mr. Chris Key noted there have been quotes but only a few new connections. Mr. Holcomb stated ACF is growing.

Mr. Hageon motioned to approve financials. Mrs. Belva Hartsfield seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

8. Consideration and Approval of the 2022 Certified Appraisal Roll: Mr. Holcomb presented an overview of the certified appraisal roll and noted market value has increased in the last year. The board engaged in general discussion regarding tax assessments and delinquency for ACF district.

Mrs. Hartsfield motioned to approve 2022 certified appraisal roll. Mrs. Ross seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motioned carried.

9. Consideration and Approval of the 2022 Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate: Mr. Holcomb presented an overview of the tax rate and noted it has been posted but not published. The board engaged in general discussion. Mr. Jones noted interest in AMR system. Mr. Jeremiah Poling gave an overview of the AMR meter and how they work. The board engaged in general discussion regarding the meter. Mrs. Hartsfield asked if ACF will go to the new AMR system. Mr. Holcomb stated we have a capital improvement plan that will be presented.

Mrs. Hartsfield motioned to approve 2022 maintenance and operation tax rate. Mr. Hageon seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

10. <u>Consideration and Approval of FY 2023 Annual Budget</u>: Mr. Holcomb presented an overview of the FY 2023 annual budget. The board engaged in general discussion regarding AMR system will improve budget by having more accurate readings.

Mrs. Ross motioned to approve annual budget. Mr. Hageon seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

11. Consideration and Approval of the engagement of Axley & Rode for the completion of the FY 2022 Annual Financial Audit: Mr. Holcomb presented an overview of the engagement. There was no discussion

Mrs. Ross motioned to approve the engagement. Mr. Hageon seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

12. <u>Consideration and Approval of an Annexation Request for property located at 5589 Hwy 59 N., Lufkin TX 75901</u>: Mr. Key presented an overview of the annexation request for this location. The board engaged in general discussion regarding the business at the location and the design for the taps.

Mrs. Ross motioned to approve the annexation request. Mrs. Hartsfield seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

- 13. <u>Discussion on Capital Improvement Projects</u>: Mr. Key presented an overview of the improvements listed and details regarding what needs replaced. Mr. Key noted Jerri St. lift station will need replaced soon. The board engaged in general discussion. Mr. Key stated sewer improvements are needed in cedar grove due to clay tile pipe that is corroded and failing. Mr. Key gave an overview of the AMR system. Mr. Holcomb noted the system has a 20-year warranty, and we have gone to this system with our other utilities we manage. Mr. Holcomb gave a general outline of the process for purchasing the AMR system. The board engaged in general discussion regarding concerns of customers tampering with equipment. Mr. Jones requested we get a quote prior to price increase, if possible, for AMR system. Mr. Key continued presentation of Capital Improvements, and costs associated with improvements. The board engaged in general discussion regarding project planning with engineering firm for future improvements.
- 14. Adjourn: Mr. Jones adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 17 DAY OF March, 2022.

ATTEST:

Richard Jones, President

Ralya Hartsfield Socratery Treasurer