

Called Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2023

Board Members Present:

Richard Jones, President
Belinda Ross, Vice President
Jemmie Hageon, Secretary Pro Tem

Board Members Not Present:

ANRA Staff:

Kelley Holcomb, General Manager
Jeremiah Poling, Deputy General Manager
Christopher Key, Executive Manager, Utilities
Kimberly Wagner, Executive Manager, Communications

Guests:

Megan Ibanez, Axley & Rode
Sheri Hatt

1. Call to Order and Invocation: Mr. Richard Jones called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Mr. Jones stated that Mrs. Belva Hartsfield, Secretary-Treasurer, had passed away since the previous meeting. Mrs. Belinda Ross provided the invocation.
2. Confirm Quorum: Mrs. Kimberly Wagner confirmed a quorum was present.
3. Public Comment: No members of the public were present.
4. Consideration and Approval of an Appointment to Fill a Vacant Board Position: Mrs. Sheri Hatt was sworn in by Mr. Jones as a member of the Angelina County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1 Board of Supervisors.
5. Election of Officers: The following officer positions were recommended: Richard Jones, President; Belinda Ross, Vice-President; Jemmie Hageon, Secretary-Treasurer; and Sheri Hatt, Secretary Pro Tem.

Mrs. Ross motioned to approve the recommended slate of officers. Mr. Hageon seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

*** Agenda Items #7 was presented before Agenda Item #6 in order to allow the guest presenter to leave early. ***

6. Consideration and Approval of Minutes from the September 13, 2022 meeting: Mrs. Ross motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Mr. Hageon seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

7. Consideration and Approval of the 2021 Financial Audit: Mrs. Megan Ibanez presented the 2022 Financial Audit. There were no questions.

Mr. Hageon motioned to approve the 2022 Financial Audit. Mrs. Ross seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

8. Consideration and Approval of Quarterly Financials: Mr. Holcomb presented a summary of the quarterly financials. Discussion occurred regarding the need for a rate change, due to continuous wastewater revenue loss.

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

9. Consideration & Approval of an Annexation Request for Property Located at 195 Ethyl Lewis Road, Lufkin, Texas 75904: Mr. Chris Key presented the request. Mr. Key stated that a customer, who is currently out of district, has been a good customer.

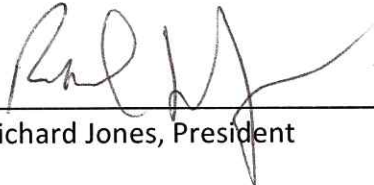
Mrs. Ross motioned to approve the annexation. Mr. Hageon seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

10. Status Update of the Regionalization of Rivercrest Wastewater Treatment Plant: Mr. Key presented. Mr. Key stated that the environmental assessment had been submitted and that the agency feedback was positive. He stated that the plans had then been sent to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for pre-engineering. Mr. Key also noted that ACF was continuing to operate the sewer plant until the engineering plans were finalized, which was leading to a higher cost, but he reassured the Board that he was pushing TWDB to be quick. He stated that the process would take approximately 18 months, potentially ending in the spring of 2024. He noted that the process began in 2017.

11. Discussion of the Emergency Preparedness Plan and Capital Improvements: Mr. Holcomb presented. Mr. Holcomb noted that the Emergency Preparedness Plan necessitated future Capital Improvements in infrastructure, including office renovations, new meter installations, a new booster station (for more control over volume and pressures), and fire hydrants for protection. He stated that the anticipated cost was \$4.3 million, but that ACF could potentially apply for grants to assist with the cost. Mr. Holcomb stated that the detailed information would be put on the ACF website. The board engaged in general discussion.

12. Adjourn: Mrs. Ross made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hageon seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF September, 2023.


Richard Jones, President

ATTEST:


Jemmie Hageon, Secretary-Treasurer