

**BATTLE GROUND**  
**CONSERVANCY DISTRICT MEETING**

**February 22, 2023**

Attendance: Chairman Carol Watson, Philip Baer, Ron Holladay, Rick Oliver  
Virtual: Joe Kline, Georgia Jones, David Bisher (arrived late). Andrea Agree was absent.  
Also present: Dan Gemmecke (Superintendent) and guest Bill Jones

**Chairman Comments**

This meeting was scheduled for February 15 but was postponed due to illnesses and lack of quorum. Carol Watson thanked the TTVFD for use of the meeting room at the fire station for annual meeting. She also thanked Dan and Ron for their attention to the January 6 main break on Northgate Drive. The break occurred at the point where the new lane of SR 43 was installed without adequate protection to the metal pipe below. Dan worked long hours and took great care to inform the businesses that were affected.

**Customer Service Report**

Joe Kline reported seven calls, one each for water quality, high use and residential leak, three for billing questions (two from same address) and one entry for the water main break under State Road 43 at Northgate Drive.

1. Water quality concern North of CR600 N, occurred after Dan changed the meter and flushed the water heater; resolved.
2. Water main break under SR 43, repaired and boil advisory lifted; resolved.
3. Billing related, one in River Bluffs, and two N of CR600 N at same address; resolved.
4. leak report in Historic BG, repaired by commercial plumber; resolved.
5. High use question, was a leak in tub, repaired by commercial plumber; resolved.

**Water Superintendent Report**

Dan Gemmecke reported a recent IDEM site visit and said the results should be available in about a month. He reviewed costs incurred due to the Northgate water main repair.

**Financial Clerk**

Motion to approve minutes of January 18 by Rick Oliver with second of Ron Holladay. Motion carried with 5 Aye, by roll call vote.

Ron Holladay moved to approve the register of claims, in the amount \$194,223.73. Second of Phil Baer, motion carried by roll call vote with 5 Aye.

An additional appropriation was discussed, to move operating reserve \$359,247.47 to capital projects and appropriate \$529,700.00 to be used for the Northgate water main break, lead and copper remediation project, and other capital projects later this year. Rick Oliver moved to advertise the additional appropriation with hearing date March 15. Second of Ron Holladay, motion carried with roll call vote, 5 Aye.

## **Old Business**

### **Revenue Committee**

Bill Jones received a "thank you" from the board for his data analysis and recommendations for a 2023 rate adjustment. The draft rate ordinance was discussed. The new plan reduces the number of price tiers, and rates over 5,000 gallons consumption will need to change significantly to cover the cost of distribution. Phil Baer moved to advertise the draft rate ordinance as presented, for a March 15 hearing date. The ordinance would take effect July 1, 2023 for September utility bills. The lowest rate tier does not change. There is a planned cost of living increase for 2004 and 2005 for only the two higher tiers, to stay in line with anticipated adjustments in the cost of chemicals, fuel, communications and electrical power.

Second of Rick Oliver, motion carried with roll call vote, 5 Aye.

### **District Plan Update**

Carol Watson has assembled all documents needed for submission to start the court process for district plan revisions.

### **Teays Aquifer**

Rick Oliver is in contact with the county commissioners and the county council with regard to the Conservancy's opposition to allowing the Teays water resource to be tapped for excessive commercial use in Lebanon.

## **New Business**

### **Internal Controls**

The quarterly audits will be conducted by Carol Watson, (Q1), Rick Oliver (Q2), David Bisher (Q3) and Ron Holladay (Q4).

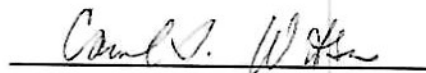
### **Conference**

Dan will attend the Water Alliance spring conference, and this year Ron Holladay will also attend.

**Motion** to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. by Rick Oliver with second of Phil Baer.



Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk



Carol Watson, Chairman of the Board

## Memorandum of Open-Door Law Compliance

Date: February 22, 2023 (postponed from February 15)

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present in Person: Rick Oliver, Carol Watson, Philip Baer, Ron Holladay

Member Present Virtually on screen: Joe Kline, David Bisher (arrived late)

Member Present by Telephone: none

Also Present in Person: Dan Gemmecke, Georgia Jones

Guest Present in Person:

Guest Present virtually: Bill Jones

Electronic Means of Communication Used For Members and Public: Zoom.us

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Georgia Jones", written over a horizontal line.

Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk