DATE: Tuesday, May 19, 2020
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Pritchett Community Center
           1092 FM 1404
           Big Sandy, TX 75755

Directors Present: Henry Casey, James Corbin, Randall Switzer, David Yordy, James McCraw and Lisa Sneed
                   David Beavers, Barry Smith and Sandy Hunter were absent

I. Call to Order
Mr. Casey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all guests.

II. Acknowledgement of Members and Guests

III. Citizen’s Comments
This time set aside in the agenda was not utilized as intended, rather Mr. Wilson and Mr. Worthen opted to speak later in the meeting.

Mr. Casey moved ahead to Item B, under New Business pertaining to the contract for Plant #24 Water Main Improvements. Mr. Corbin asked Todd Winn what the problem was and he stated that prior crews didn’t put the pipe together correctly, but currently he had a 7 man crew that knew what they were doing. He would give us another year warranty and do what was necessary to complete the project. 18 repair couplings have already been used to repair leaks on the line up to date. Mr. Casey asked if Mr. Winn would pay for an inspector of which he replied he would.

Discussion continued with the board going into closed session @ 6:20 p.m. and reconvening at 6:55 p.m.

Upon the reconvening of the meeting, Mr. Meador presented stipulations to continue the contract being:
- A 2 yr. warranty
- Reimburse the cost of an inspector
- Maintain the current crew
- Pressure test new lines they were installing every 500’
- Get the work completed ASAP
- Should Pritchett WSC and the inspector see vast improvements, the pressure testing could be relaxed
Mr. Corbin moved to continue the contract with TWDirt, LLC, with the stipulations as presented by Mr. Meador, Mr. Switzer seconded and the motion carried along with the attorney, Ron Stutes, writing up the amendments to be signed by both parties before continuing.

IV. Approval of Minutes
Ms. Sneed moved to approve the minutes of Mar. 17, 2020 and Mar. 19, 2020, Mr. Yordy seconded and the motion carried.

V. Committee Reports
There were no reports.

VI. Budget and Financial Statements
There were no questions or comments.

VII. Manager’s Reports
The Trackhoe has been repaired and a check sent to Vermeer, expensed from the check received from our insurance carrier.

Water Utility Maintenance has started on Plant #22 at Rhonesboro with a 5 week time frame to be completed around June 25.

We received violations from TCEQ on Well #14 on Cherry Laurel due to routine chemical monitoring for 2019. This well has not been used for distribution for several years and we’re working with TCEQ to resolve the violations.

Mr. Meador acquired the services of Clifford Power to repair and get 2 of the generators operational during the major storm that knocked power out at most of our plants. The cost was $3,095.98 which was more than anticipated.

Mr. Corbin moved to approve the bills as paid, Ms. Sneed seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Corbin moved to approve the forfeiture of O. Staniford @ $30.64, Ms. Sneed seconded and the motion carried.

VIII. Old Business
Mr. Meador presented a draft contract to each director with ALERT from the appointed committee that met with representatives from ALERT. Mr. McCraw asked him for the highlights of the contract and the changes of which Mr. Meador reviewed. Discussion continued with Mr. Switzer stating that ALERT would be discontinuing service in the near future. Michael Wilson, made comments that the contract is not an improvement from the old contract and the members are subsidizing or Pritchett WSC is overcharging all the members…..before you vote, let the members know. As the discussion progressed, Michael Wilson called a “point of order” stating that Mr. Switzer should not be deliberating or debating as it was a conflict of interest and should be asked to leave the room. Mr. McCraw moved to table the approval until the next meeting to allow more of the directors their vote, secondly that Mr. Switzer step out of the room during the discussion, Ms. Sneed seconded and the motion carried with Mr. Corbin opposing.

IX. New Business
Mr. Corbin moved to accept the 12 month pay-out plan of the $1,675.74, Mr. Switzer seconded and the motion carried with Mr. Yordy abstaining.

Due to bypassing the tank at Plant #22 and diverting water for maintenance, several residents at Raintree Lakes had pop-off valves on their water heaters blow off. We asked them to contact us for notation and keep up with their expenses. Speaking from experience, Upshur Rural does no compensation for issues of power outages and to avoid future complications, Mr. Corbin moved that we do nothing, Mr. Switzer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

X. Next Board of Directors Meeting
The next board meeting was set for June 16, 2020, 6:00 p.m. at the office.

XI. Adjourn
Mr. Corbin moved to adjourn @ 7:45 p.m., Ms. Sneed seconded and the motion carried.

Minutes taken by
Cindy McMillan

Approved
June 16, 2020