

January 9, 2024

The Board of Directors of Brown County Water Improvement District No. 1 convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 pm, January 9, 2024, in the office of the District at 501 E. Baker, Brownwood, Texas. This meeting was called to order by Mr. Bert Masey; pledge led by Mr. Johnny Hays; and invocation by Mr. Jimmy Jones. Mr. James McMillian and Mr. Brad Simpson were also present. General Counsel, Chris Munson, was present. Other District staff members present: Mr. John Allen, Mr. Dale Weaver, Mr. Mark Davis, Mr. Marcus Lively, Ms. Kay Silva, and Ms. Alveza Marin.

MINUTES

Board considered minutes from the regular meeting held on December 11, 2023. After review, Mr. Hays moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. McMillian. There being no further discussion, motion carried.

CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

Claims, accounts & checks issued January 5, 2024, in a total amount of \$222,744.21 consisting of checks 31413-31680 were reviewed and approved as presented by motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hays. There being no further discussion, motion carried.

INVESTMENT REPORT

Investment Report for December 2023 & Revenue and Expenditure Report for November 2023 were considered. After discussion, Mr. Simpson moved to approve these reports as presented, seconded by Mr. McMillian. There being no further discussion, motion carried.

CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS:

There were none.

RESOLUTION HONORING TED SIMPSON APPROVED

The Board then considered a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Brown County Water Improvement District No. 1 Honoring Ted Simpson. Mr. Jones moved to approve the Resolution presented to the Board, seconded by Mr. Hays. There being no further discussion, motion carried. The Resolution read as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BROWN COUNTY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 HONORING TED SIMPSON

WHEREAS, Ted Simpson served the Brown County Water Improvement District No. 1 as a Board Member for 34 years, 16 of which he served as President of the District; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simpson selflessly dedicated his time, talent, and unique understanding and expertise to the growth and success of the District; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simpson's leadership was motivated by the best interest of the District, never straying from the end goal of bettering Brown County and the surrounding community via steadfast commitment and dedication to extraordinary service spanning over three decades, a true anchor for the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Brown County Water Improvement District No. 1 does hereby celebrate the legacy of Ted Simpson and extends its sincere condolences to his family and friends; and

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Brown County Water Improvement District No. 1 does memorialize Ted Simpson and does hereby recognize him as a cornerstone of the District, and with the deep and everlasting gratitude of this institution hereby thanks Mr. Simpson for his deep loyalty, dedicated service, and unflappable leadership which guided the District on a path to successfully manage the waters of Lake Brownwood now and for years to come.

TED SIMPSON

Director

September 13, 1988 – May 10, 2022

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands effective as of January 9, 2024.

/s/ Bert V. Massey

/s/ James McMillian

/s/ Jimmy C. Jones

/s/ Johnny Hays

/s/ Brad Simpson

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

General Manager then requested authorization to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Freese & Nichols regarding the required 2024 Water Conservation /Drought Contingency Plan Update in an amount not to exceed \$42,767.00. After a brief discussion, Mr. Jones moved to authorize District's General Manager to execute the above referenced document at an amount not to exceed \$42,767.00 for services rendered, seconded by Mr. Simpson. There being no further discussion, motion carried.

REPORT ON MOST RECENT

RETIREMENT OF LONG TIME DISTRICT EMPLOYEES JACK SALING AND ROBERT SOLIS
General Manager informed the Board of the District's two (2) most recent retirements of long time District employees, Jack Saling and Robert Silva. Mr. Saling was an employee of the District for approximately 36 years. Mr. Silva was an employee for approximately 28 years. Both worked in the District's Field Operations Department for the entirety of their employment. General Manager wanted to extend gratitude for their service to the District for so many years. All Directors were in agreement.

IRRIGATION CONTRACT FOR BROWNWOOD CLAY HOLDINGS LLC TABLED

General Manager began discussing an irrigation contract with Brownwood Clay Holdings LLC. After discussion regarding the term of the contract and submittal of various exhibits, Mr. Simpson moved this item be tabled for consideration at the District's next scheduled meeting of its Board of Directors on February 13, 2024, seconded by Mr. Hays. There being no further discussion, motion carried.

UPDATE: ZEBRA MUSSEL SIGHTINGS AND ABATEMENT SITE PROJECT

General Manager informed that there were no changes to report on zebra mussels. Their inactivity continues possibly due to the colder temperatures.
ABATEMENT SITE PROJECT Zebra Mussel Abatement Project: Project continues. Currently in search of a replacement for a circulation pump for the chemical tank. Contractors expect the project to be completed within the next two (2) weeks.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Department supervisors then came forward and informed the Board of their recent and ongoing projects: Mr. Dale Weaver, Field Operations and Mark Davis, Lake Patrol. Cody Shannon, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor, was not present at this meeting.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

1. Current lake level: 1416.55 msl or 9 feet below Spillway level.
Brown County remains in Drought Stage 2 with mandatory restrictions.
*Stage 1 drought stage is reached at 1420 feet msl, 5 feet low.
*Stage 2 drought stage is reached at 1417 feet msl, 8 feet low.
*Lake level one month ago on December 11, 2023, was 1416.33 feet msl or 8 feet 8 tenths below Spillway level.
*Lake Capacity: Current 60.2%. One (1) year ago, 61.4%. Last month 60.7%.
*Current Brown County Drought Restrictions Recap:
*July 15, 2022- Declare Stage 1 of the drought restrictions as it fell to 1419.10, below 1420msl due to no rainfall. In this first stage of drought restrictions in which the public is asked to voluntarily conserve water.
*November 8, 2022-Declare Stage 2 drought restrictions when Lake Brownwood reached 8 feet low or 1417 msl. Restrictions include mandatory time of day and day of week watering schedules.
*May 10, 2023-Declare return to Stage 1 voluntary restrictions.
*August 23, 2023-Declare return to Stage 2 with mandatory restrictions; Brownwood reached an approximate 8 feet low or 1417 msl.
*Sept 12, 2023-Lake level 7 feet 9 tenths below Spillway, remain in Stage 2.
*Oct 10, 2023-Lake level 8 feet 2 tenths below Spillway, remain in Stage 2.
*Nov 14, 2023-Lake level 8 feet 5 tenths below Spillway, remain in Stage 2.
*Dec 11, 2023-Lake level 8 feet 8 tenths below Spillway, remain in Stage 2.
*Media and customers continue to be updated weekly regarding lake levels.
*Year to date totals: Precipitation information still not available.
Average lake capacity percentage statewide: 69.4% capacity
Treatment Plant Totals-Dec2023-Avg 5.2mgd/Min 4.5mgd/Max 6.1mgd.
6. New platform for fishing tournament weigh-ins near Dam parking lot- Project continues. USDocks will be driving the pylons. District's Maintenance Department will also work on this project. No new updates.
7. Administration building flood-Repairs from damages caused by a water supply line break in one of its restrooms on November 2, 2023, continues.

8. District Annual Christmas Party-District's Christmas party was on Thursday December 14, 2023, at the Maintenance Building at 1021 Riverside Drive in Brownwood and was catered by Humphrey Pete's.
9. TCEQ Dam Safety Program-Freese & Nichols held a tabletop exercise on dam failure on December 13, 2023, as required by TCEQ regarding the Dam Safety Program. District has received correspondence from TCEQ verifying that this requirement has been met.
10. Leadership Brownwood-Leadership Brownwood is scheduled to tour District's water treatment plant on Thursday January 11, 2024.
11. Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan Update-District received notice from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) informing that it was time for a five (5) year update. Freese & Nichols has been contacted and a proposal has been requested.
12. Year 2023 annual reports-Work to complete the following annual reports has begun: Annual Water Use Report required by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) that is then used to prepare the Annual Water Use Report required by Texas Water Development Board (TWDB); and Eminent Domain Report required by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.
13. Controlled diving training- The District is considering using the east water treatment plant basins for controlled diving as they remain intact, are 12' deep, will save on costs, and will give divers the opportunity to complete training.

ADJOURNMENT

Therefore, at approximately 4:52 p.m., Mr. McMillian moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hays. There being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned:


Bert V. Massey, President


Jimmy Jones, Secretary