



## Walnut Creek Special Utility District

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### Minutes for Walnut Creek SUD Board of Directors Special Called Meeting February 21, 2023

Directors Present: Al Garrett, Beth Correll and Jim Cox  
General Manager: Doug Carothers  
Employees: James Stevens and Paula Spence  
ES&CM: Bill Lorkhe and Attorney Ronald J. Freeman

The meeting was called to order by Al Garrett, at 4:01 pm noting the agenda was posted in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Local Government Code. Quorum was established. The meeting was held at the District's office located at 1155 W Highway 199 Springtown, Texas. Invocation was given by Jim Cox, Pledge of Allegiance was led by Beth Correll.

**Consent Agenda** –Jim Cox moved consent agenda be approved as presented; seconded by Al Garrett motion carried 3-0.

**Open Forum** – No participation.

#### **General Session:**

- a. Discuss and appoint a Director to fill the remaining term held by Andy Deskin. Jim Cox nominated Mike Brown but failed due to lack of second. Beth Correll nominated Frank Henderson with a second by Al Garrett. Motion carried 2-1. After the vote, a conversation with legal counsel occurred. Board is investigating if the vote occurred during the legal time frame and if not, will investigate what procedures are required by the state.
- b. Engineer's project report – Costs have gone up. The bid for the AISD school was received but Bill is waiting on the contractor to get his payment bond. Once it's received, the contract can be executed. The contractor has ordered materials so that they will be ready to begin. AISD was notified of the increased costs and received approval to go ahead.
- c. Consider and take action to adopt resolution authorizing application to TCEQ for approval of projects and issuance of the District's Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 – Ron stated that the bond issues are not an emergency now so only going to have one request to release bond. Need to tell him the new bond amount, he said go high. Updated contracts will be needed. They recommend taking bids for everything together then we will know what is left. Jim Cox moved to adopt the resolution to combine the resolutions per Ron. Second by Beth Correll. Motion carried 3-0.

- d. Consider and take action to adopt resolution authorizing application to TCEQ for approval of use of surplus bond proceeds from the District's Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2014. Beth Correll moved to hire Jones-Heroy & Associates, Inc. to get the application for the bond approved. Seconded by Jim Cox. Motion carried 3-0.
- e. Legal and professional reports – Consider retaining Terrill & Waldrop as legal counsel to the District. Beth Correll moved to use Terrill & Waldrop for legal counsel. Second by Jim Cox. Motion carried 3-0.
- f. Consideration and/or action of District fees – Change deposits from \$135 to \$150 for residential and rentals, \$300 for builders. Change fire hydrant cost from \$525 to \$1,700. Change charge for a broken angle stop from \$45 to \$100. Moved by Jim Cox to approve the changes. Second by Beth Correll. Motion carried 3-0.

**General Manager Report**

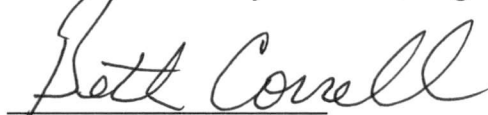
- a. Discuss and approve budget for fiscal year 2023 – Motion by Beth Correll to approve the 2023 Budget. Second by Jim Cox. Motion passed 3-0.
- b. Update on work conducted since previous meeting – Weekly meetings are being held for meter reading overtime. Zebra mussels are in Lake Bridgeport – getting low voltage filters to help with the issue. Research will continue on solution. Community service workers to help with tasks. Security updates inside and outside at the water plant.

James Stevens provided an update on the install of MIU's and actual reads coming in. They continue to work on installs and technical issues.

**Executive Session**

- a. Not needed

Jim Cox moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m. Seconded by Beth Correll. Motion carried 3-0.



Beth Correll Secretary