



## **Walnut Creek Special Utility District**

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### **Minutes for Walnut Creek SUD Board of Directors Special Meeting May 19, 2025**

Directors Present: Mike Gilley, Jim Cox, Mark Green and Bill Roesicke.

Director Absent: Beth Correll

Employees: James Blackwood, Perry Day, Denise Taylor, Beverly Griffith, and James Stevens

Others Present: Trevor Truss and Ron Freeman

The meeting was called to order by Mike Gilley, at 4:01 P.M. 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. The invocation was given by Jim Cox. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Roesicke.

#### **Statement and Oath of Office**

Denise Taylor administered the Oath of Office to newly elected members Bo Walker, Stephen Rorai, and Tom DeGeer after the Statement was signed by each.

Mike Gilley, long-time outgoing President thanked Jim Cox for his service to the board. Mr. Gilley spoke of his 42+ years on the board and all that had been accomplished during that time. This met with a standing ovation from the board, staff, and attendees.

#### **Reorganization of Board Officers**

Bill Roesicke nominated Bo Walker for President. Seconded by Tom DeGeer. 5-0

Tom DeGeer nominated Bill Roesicke for Vice-President. Seconded by Bo Walker. 5-0

Bill Roesicke nominated Tom DeGeer for Secretary. Seconded by Stephen Rorai. 5-0

**Open Forum** – Jane Galvin of 128 Clayton Crossing. She spoke about working with customers on issues. She stated that there was a lack of communication. She spoke to agenda requests not being approved. Infrastructure issues. She requested that project updates be put on the district website along with annexation information.

Paula Lunsford of 100 Faye Lane spoke of being a resident of Springtown for over 50 years. She spoke to the new board about having to get along for the good of the district.

**Consent Agenda** – Items a. and c. were removed from the Consent Agenda and added to the General Session. Bo Walker moved to approve items b. and d. on the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Tom DeGeer. Motion carried 4-1, with Stephen Rorai against.

**General Session:**

Consent Agenda item a. – Approve minutes of Regular Meeting April 21, 2025, and May 14, 2025. Bo Walker asked about details on the minutes to be approved. It was explained that the items were approved or disapproved at the meeting date referenced.


Consent Agenda item c. – Approve income and expense reports for April 2025. Bo Walker and Stephen Rorai asked questions pertaining to specific line items. Questions were addressed by James Blackwood and Beverly Griffin. Bo Walker moved to approve items a. and c. from the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Stephen Rorai. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. Reorganization of signers for District accounts at Pinnacle and LOGIC. Bill Roesicke moved to add Marshall D Walker, Bill C Roesicke, Thomas A DeGeer, James Blackwood, and Denise Taylor as signers on Pinnacle and LOGIC. Seconded by Tom DeGeer. Motion carried 5-0.
- D. Review and discuss the proposed Annexation instructions. Moved to the June meeting.
- E. Consideration and/or action to update the Open Forum working and time limit. Discussion ensued with a decision to leave it as it is currently.
- F. Consideration and/or action to approve Resolution 2025-001 providing for the periodic use of water for non-essential lawn irrigation. The Drought Contingency Plan Section 12 and 13 supersede the proposed Resolution. No action needed.
- G. Engineer's project report – See Exhibit A. Trevor Truss went over the project list with updates of completion based on visits to the sites. Bo Walker asked that the project numbers be added to his report.
- H. Legal and professional reports. None

**General Manager Report**

- A. Update on Construction Projects. See Exhibit B. James Blackwood updated the board with current project status. Generator update – three of the four generators should be ready to be added to the system by the end of the week. The 4<sup>th</sup> generator should be in service by the end of June. It was determined that storage tanks be at each site for fuel.
- B. Meter Project Status – Reads continue at 98% success rate. Two of the eleven collectors have been installed and are performing better than AV predicted. Meter change outs continue. The AMI project will be completed by next year.

Bo Walker adjourned the meeting at 6:02 P.M.



Bill Roesicke, Board Secretary

# Exhibit A

## **E.S. & C. M., Inc.**

**Civil & Environmental Engineers · Planners · Construction Managers**  
**Texas Registered Engineering Firm No. F-12080**

May 13, 2025

Mr. James Blackwood, General Manager Walnut  
Creek Special Utility District  
P.O. Box 657  
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### **Engineer's Monthly Report to the Board of Directors Meeting For May 19, 2025**

Dear Mr. Blackwood:

For your Board of Directors Meeting, I have listed an outline of our work for the District as follows:

#### **I. Bond Projects**

##### **Projects Under Construction:**

1. Surface Water Treatment Plant Expansion  
Contract Amount = \$4,298,000.00  
Status: Actual construction start date July 2025 due to long lead times for treatment units.
2. 2 MG Ground Storage Tank at Plant Site  
Contract Amount = \$2,549,400.00  
Status: 95% complete
3. 0.5 MG Ground Storage Tank Rehab at Plant Site  
Contract Amount = \$568,607.00  
Status: Project Complete
4. FM 920 Booster Pump Station Expansion  
Contract Amount = \$2,774,500.00  
Status: 80% complete
5. 1 MG Ground Storage Tank at FM 920 Booster Pump Station  
Contract Amount = \$1,544,000.00  
Status: 95% complete

6. FM 51 Booster Pump Station  
Contract Amount = \$2,789,300.00  
Status: 80% complete
7. 0.5 MG Ground Storage Tank at FM 51 Booster Pump Station  
Contract Amount = \$1,292,400.00  
Status: 95% complete
8. 0.5 MG Elevated Storage Tank at Thomas Rd. and Johnnie Dr.  
Contract Amount = \$2,163,000.00  
Status: 80% complete *painting decals*
9. Water Line Between Keeter Elevated Tank and Jaybird Booster Station  
Contract Amount = \$7,199,912.79  
Status: 90% complete
10. FM 51 16" and 12" Water Lines  
Contract Amount = \$2,053,302.90  
Status: 50% complete
11. 12" Water Line Knob Hill From Jay Bird Ln. to FM 730  
Contract Amount = \$2,229,533.68  
Status: 75% complete

**Total Project Contract Amounts = \$29,461,956.37**

**Projects in Design Phase:**

1. 1.5 MG Ground Storage Tank Partition Curtain  
Plans are complete for this project. This project bidding and construction will need to take place in the Fall/Winter months when water demand is lowest.
2. FM 51 Elevated Storage Tank  
The bid opening for this project took place on May 15, 2025. There were two bids for this project. Both bidders' references are being checked and a recommendation for contract award will be presented to the Board at the June Board of Directors meeting.

3. 20" Water Line From FM 920 Booster Pump to Agnes Elevated Storage Tank  
Survey work is done. Construction plans are being finalized and this project should be ready to bid by May 31, 2025.
4. Three Skillet Rd., Roads Ln & Shady Ln. 12", 8" & 6" Water Lines  
The completion of this project has been put on hold for now. We would like to see how much of the bond funds remain after bidding the FM 51 Elevated Tank and the 20" Water Line From FM 920 Booster Pump to Agnes Elevated Storage Tank. After that we can evaluate the project and see if there needs to be any changes to the scope of the proposed project.

## **II. Private Developments**

1. We are currently working on and have complete numerous feasibility reports for new developments within the district. We are also working with the engineers for Paradise ISD to assist them with the water needs for the new Paradise High School.

## **III. Miscellaneous Projects and Work**

Sincerely,

Trevor Truss, P.E.  
Project Manager  
E.S.&C.M., Inc. Engineers

## General Managers Report

Meter Project: see attached pg1

Generator Project: see attached pg1

Bond Projects: see attached pgs1,2 & 3

- 32 new meters have been set, 179 meters changed out and 290 MIU units were completed between 4/15 and 5/16/25
- 782 work orders were completed from 4/15 thru 5/16/25
- There have been 3 boil water notices since April's meeting. 1 due to a line strike. 2 due to leaks from line failure.
- 641 line locates were completed between 4/15 and 5/16/25
- The next meeting of the Wise Regional Water District will be on 5/21/25 Perry Day and myself will be attending to follow progress reports. Walnut Creek SUD is a forming board member. Senate Bill SB 1359 was introduced on the Senate floor by Senator Parker on 5/14/25 and passed through the floor with 28 votes for and 3 against. This is the Senate bill supporting the formation of the Wise Regional Water District. House Bill HB 3154 was introduced on to the House floor by Representative Hopper on 5/15/25. HB 3154 failed to pass with votes of 41 for and 78 against. As of 5/16/25 SB 1359 has been moved to the house floor and awaiting to be presented and voted on. Both bills were written a little differently to have a better chance of one making it through. There are other options such as the formation of a PUA between all involved entities to still have the power to acquire more water for this area of North Texas.
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## Board Meeting

May 19, 2025

### Meter Project:

The district is starting to migrate the Diehl AMR system to AMI, two (2) of the eleven (11) collectors have been installed and are performing better than AV predicted. The district is diligently working to complete 1,211 complete meter change outs. The meters to be changed out are five (5) plus year old Sensus PD (positive displacement) meters. PD meters slow down and register less water than what passes through the meter as they age. There are currently 3,668 Diehl ultrasonic meters left that require the transmitter to be changed over from Setflow (a failing cellular AMI system) to the Diehl AMR/AMI system. The district is working to complete those as well.

### Generator Update:

Following the winter storm of 2021 the state of Texas made it mandatory for water systems to develop an emergency preparedness plan (EPP). At that point the district began working to acquire funding for generators which fell through in late 2023. Knowing the importance of having backup power at pump stations, Raw water pump station and the water treatment plant. The district had met with Wheco to have the generators sized for our specific needs; in March of 2024 four (4) generators were purchased and ordered.

According to Wheco, 3 of the 4 generators will be ready to be added to the system by the end of the week. The 4<sup>th</sup> generator should be installed and in service by the end of June. *cost of maint.*  
*48 hrs need storage tank at each site.*

### Bond Projects:

The following are projects currently under construction. These projects are partly or fully funded by the district's forty-million-dollar bond.

Water Treatment Plant expansion – waiting for the two (2) two-million-gallon trident filters that are on back order. Once installed the plant's treatment capacity will increase from 10 MG (8 MG) to 14 MG physically but rated by TCEQ at 12 MG.

FM 920 pump station pumping capacity (60%) and storage capacity (90%).

New pump station (60%) and storage tank (90%) on FM 51.

16" and 12" lines along FM 51 tying new pump station into existing system and to the new elevated storage tank to be located on the Woody property.

.5 MG elevated storage tank (60%) on Thomas Rd has the drop curtains installed and ready for paint.

12", 10", 8", and 6" tying the Thomas Rd tank into the system between Keeter tank and Jaybird (FM 2257) pump station.

20,000 LF of 12" water line on Knob Hill Rd to bolster pressure and capacity.

The following projects have been completed.

Installing a 16" water line from Jaybird land to veal station.

Raising the Partagas Tank 58' making it viable

Emergency roof repair on the Clearwell at the water treatment plant.

2 MG ground storage tank has passed bactis.

The following projects are waiting to go out for bids.

.5 MG elevated landmark tank on FM 51 south. This tank will be located on the Woody property. It is funded half by the bond and half by a grant from Parker County.