

## MINUTES

Regular Meeting  
Cleveland County Water Board Room

January 12, 2021  
Tuesday, 7: 00 P.M.

Present: Chairman Donald Melton; presiding, Vice Chairman Dewey Cook, Secretary Bill Cameron, Commissioners Amy Bridges, Tony Brooks, Bruce Martin and John Taylor and General Manager Brad Cornwell, and Attorney Tim Moore.

Chairman Donald Melton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, welcomed all who were in attendance and recognized Commissioner Dewey Cook who gave the invocation and Commissioner Bruce Martin led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

### A. Approval of agenda:

Chairman Melton asked Commissioners if anyone had any questions related to the adoption of the agenda. Chairman Melton requested a motion to adopt the agenda.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Upon a motion by Mr. Cook and second by Mr. Taylor, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

### B. Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

### C. Consent Agenda:

**Action Taken:** Chairman Melton presented the Consent Agenda Items. Upon a motion by Mr. Cameron, second by Mrs. Bridges, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

- 1) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 8, 2020
- 2) Approval of the Minutes of the Closed Session of December 8, 2020
- 3) Approval of the Minutes of the Closed Session of November 10, 2020
- 4) Consideration of Resolution Number 1-2021 A Resolution Ratifying the Purchase of Real Property from Toby L. Thrift and wife, Linda C. Thrift, Bryan H. Thrift and wife, Rebecca Hardin-Thrift and Todd Allen Thrift, and wife, Sharon Thrift

- 5) Consideration of Resolution Number 2-2021 A Resolution Ratifying the Purchase of Real Property from Grady Dallas Ward by his Attorney-In-Fact, Barbara Grove Ward and Barbara Grove Ward, wife of Grady Dallas Ward
- 6) Consideration of Resolution Number 3-2021 A Resolution Ratifying the Purchase of Real Property from Gregory Howard Grayson and wife, Kristine Z. Grayson

D. Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business was discussed.

E. New Business:

- 1) Consideration of Ordinance 1-2021 A FY 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 1 for Cleveland County Water

Mr. Cornwell explained the mid-year adjustments for the revenues and expenditures for the middle of the fiscal year. The detailed explanation is available in the meeting packet.

Action Taken: Upon a motion by Mr. Brooks, second by Mr. Martin, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance Number 1-2021 A *FY 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 1 for Cleveland County Water*

F. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Cornwell began with the financial report, explaining that there were five payrolls in the month of December. The Grayson property on Delight Road was funded through the operating budget. The funds were expensed to the Greenway project line items. These line items were created for this fiscal year specifically for items pertaining to the Greenway project. The final Lattimore Water Tank reimbursement was received in December. This is the last of the funding revenue to be received for this project. The maintenance, water plant and billing reports are available for review and reference in the packet. Mr. Cornwell explained that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians still have not responded to USDA for the environmental assessment

pertaining to the Centrally Located Operations Center. The USDA has agreed to fund the project and agreed to allow the designing of the project. The Centrally Located Operations Center can not begin construction until a response is received from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Mr. Cornwell shared the form that he signed acknowledging these terms while waiting for the response to the environmental assessment. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are not responding because of the pandemic. The next meeting will contain resolutions from the USDA for the loan funding of the Centrally Located Operations Center and the Weir Improvements project. The Weir project is currently being reviewed at the federal level in Washington D.C. These loans will be for an interest rate of 1.75% and will be for a forty-year term. Mr. Cornwell explained to the members about a notice of violation received by the District from NCDEQ. The violation was concerning samples that were sent to the laboratory for testing. The lab currently being used for sample processing uses a sub-laboratory to assist in the processing of the required tests. The sub-laboratory neglected to perform one test on the samples. When the error was discovered, it was too late to submit more samples and process the testing again. The sub-laboratory admitted that the results were not shared with NCDEQ. The same occurrence happened five years ago with the same tests and the same sub-laboratory. The process of researching a new laboratory has begun and changes will be made to assure that this doesn't happen again. The Consumer Confidence Report will reflect the notice of violation when it is published. The Clearwell pre-bid meeting is scheduled for this month. The project currently has ten plan holders. Mr. Cornwell updated on the status of COVID-19 vaccinations on the quickest route to get vaccinations. The COVID-19 vaccinations will not be mandatory to employees. The Marion Street pump station property has a tenant residing in the residence on the property. Mr. Cornwell has contacted this resident and discussed the timing requirements of vacating the property. The Hillside Poultry Farm has shared the water supply dilemma with an engineer. Mr. Cornwell reminded the members about the situation with the poultry barns in Rutherford County, located in the Hopewell community, that required water supply. The farm is outside the county and in a location that will not have adequate pressure. The plans were upgraded by the engineer to assure that adequate water would be supplied to the poultry farm. The engineer contacted the District to inquire about funding the project. Mr. Cornwell referred the engineer back to the letter explaining the District rules and guidelines.

## G. Board Members Announcement and Remarks

Mr. Cameron inquired about the recent passing of retired employee, Cynthia Hannon. Mr. Cornwell verified that the information true. The members noted their appreciation for the work being done.

## H. Adjournment

Action Taken: Chairman Melton called for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion by Mr. Brooks, second by Mr. Taylor the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bill Cameron*

Bill Cameron, Secretary

