Gastonia-Scurry Special Utility District Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of April 19th, 2022

Board of Directors Present: Ginny Rivers, Jeremy Rhoades, Drew Sloan, Rick Burginger, Ernest Martzen, Deonna Autenrieth

Board of Directors Absent: Joe Hatcher

Employees Attending: Cindy Moore & Clayton Dickerson

Attorney Present: None

Engineer Present: None

Visitors: Michael Reese

#1 Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Rick Burginger

#2 Open Discussion:

Mike Reese spoke on leaks he has had and repaired on his property. He asked for some kind of variance on the bill. He did not make his request to be placed on the agenda in time for the April meeting. Asked to be placed on the April meeting agenda.

#3 Approve the minutes of the March 15th, 2022 meeting:

Motion to accept the March 15th, 2022 minutes as written

By Jeremy Rhoades 2nd by Ernest Martzen

Vote: Unanimous

#4 Reports:

A. Financial Report

Ginny Rivers provided a March financial report for the Board to review. No significant change on the balance sheet. It was realized there is a \$4K monthly tank inspection not included in the budget. The expense was recorded as a Capitalized expense in the past rather than a consumable expense. \$46K for Tank Inspections should be in real property maintenance. This is a five-year agreement. Assets were recategorized for a clearer view. March water sales are down but usage will spike in summer months which will compensate for lower sales at the beginning of 2022. Utility bills such as electric have gone up due to TVEC rate increase. Expenses overall are continuing to decrease. Jeremy Rhoades requested to have GSSUD's water rates for review be on next month's agenda with comparable data to review.

No Motion/No Action

B. Field Report

Clayton Dickerson updated the Board on field data. He reported that a transmission line blew, contributing to the District's water loss number. 5% total water loss reported. No update as of the meeting date regarding the ACR. He is still in the process of looking for two C licensed operators to meet minimum requirements per TCEQ. A higher license of A or B will help cover TCEQ requirements, but we still need those C licensed operators on staff.

No Motion/No Action

C. Committee Report(s)

GSSUD Facilities Tour rescheduled to May or June due to weather conditions.

No Action/No Motion

D. General Manager's Report

Ginny reported the growth plan is to invest in our Teams. System conversion is on track for the first of May. Review of policies and procedures are taking place as well as creating and updating SOP's. She presented the idea of a Customer Appreciation Day and reported the District's 60th year anniversary is coming up. It was proposed to hold the Customer Appreciation Day in conjunction with the Scurry Freedom Fest. It was also proposed to bring in the Kaufman County Pet Adoption organization into our appreciation day, with the thought of having small animals to adopt would also draw customers to our booth and help the pet center and community at the same time.

No Action/ No Motion

#5. <u>Unfinished Business</u>

No topic to discuss currently

#6. New Business

Discuss and take possible action on authorizing Clayton Dickerson & Ginny Rivers-King as representatives for the 4/1.

Motion to authorize Clayton Dickerson & Ginny Rivers-King to legally act on behalf of the District with the 4/1

By Ernest Martzen 2nd by Jeremy Rhoades

Vote: Unanimous

#7. Executive Session

Discussion and consider approval of hiring permanent full time General Manager

Begin Time: 7:37 p.m. End Time: 7:57 p.m.

Motion to authorize Rick to enter into negotiations with Ginny Rivers-King on the General Manager position in conjunction with the guidelines discussed in executive session.

By Jeremy Rhoades

Vote: 5 for, 1 abstained – Ginny Rivers-King

#8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Presiding Officer's Signature

Secretary/Treasurer Signature