

**Gastonia-Scurry Special Utility District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes of August 16th, 2022**

**Board of Directors Present:** Rick Burginger, Jeremy Rhoades, Drew Sloan, Ernest Martzen, Joe Hatcher, Joshua Lathem

**Board of Directors Absent:** Deonna Autenrieth

**Employees Attending:** Ginny Rivers, Cindy Moore, Kristi Lowrance & Daniel Camehl

**Attorney Present:** None

**Engineer Present:** None

**Visitors:** Curtis Ruble, Brandon Downs, Alton Hatcher, Lisa Jones, Erika Mendez & Ricardo Mendez

**1) Meeting called to order at 6:47 p.m. by Rick Burginger**

**2) Open Discussion**

- a) Ricardo Mendez stated he was subjected to harassment by Gastonia-Scurry SUD's General Manager. He said the harassment was on a personal matter regarding his livestock and felt it was crossing over to District business decisions made in regard to his sub-division development already in process with the District. Rick Burginger, Board President, explained no motion or action could be made on the comments presented because it was not an item on the meeting agenda. The Board will contact Mr. Mendez if and when the subject is placed on a future agenda.

**3) Approve the minutes of the July 19th, 2022, meeting:**

*Motion to accept the July 19th, 2022 minutes as written*

*By Jeremy Rhoades  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Ernest Martzen*

*Vote: Unanimous*

**4) Reports**

**a) Financial Report**

Ginny provided a handout of financial reporting. July was a large month both in income and water distribution. The reduction in usage required by North Texas was not met by the District. There will likely be a penalty from North Texas. Chemicals cost increased this month. Operating costs and cash position are at a healthy level.

*No Motion/ No Action*

**b) Field Report**

Daniel Camehl was introduced as the new Field Supervisor for the District. Daniel updated the Board on field activity and data. Report on leaks, water loss new meter sets and construction meter usage was provided. James Mabry project is ready to begin pending one

easement still needed for the project. Ginny and Daniel will attempt to make personal contact to acquire the easement. Hwy 34 widening project continuing for another 3-3 ½ mile stretch to the Trinity River. This will probably create a high capital expenditure to fund moving the main.

*No Motion/ No Action*

**c) Committee Report(s)**

**Election Committee**

Three (3) positions available on the Board of Directors in the upcoming election. Four (4) applications are needed by 8/22/22 to hold the election. If sufficient applications are not submitted, the election will be cancelled. Information on the election is on the GSSUD website.

**Property Disposition Report**

Rick is working on process for sealed bids and how to get the property listed on the MLS site for a larger population to view the property is up for sale. Update will be provided at the next meeting.

*No Action/ No Motion*

**d) General Manager's Report**

Ginny Rivers provided a Mission Statement to the Board. We have four goals to complete for 2023 on a strategic plan for a maintenance plan, customer service reputation, stewardship, capital planning and team culture/performance driven culture. A five-year plan is also in the works. An updated rate sheet was given to the Board. No update on the cemetery plot at this time. Ginny attended a training at TCEQ. The UMS system is underway. It should be up and running in the next three (3) weeks. GSSUD will host the NTMWD trailer at some of the local elementary schools. Daniel will represent GSSUD at the high school career days to reach out to students potentially interested in a career in the water business.

*No Action/ No Motion*

**5) Unfinished Business**

N/A

**6) New Business**

**a) Discuss and possible action on acceptance of Deonna Autenrieth's resignation**

*Motion to accept Deonna Autenrieth's resignation*

*By Ernest Martzen  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Hatcher*

*Vote: Unanimous*

**b) Discuss and possible action on selection of new Board member to replace Deonna Autenrieth's position**

Brandon Downs and Lisa Jones introduced themselves and gave their career experiences and personal information regarding their interest in serving on Gastonia-Scurry SUD's

Board of Directors. The Board voted on the two interested parties. Per votes counted, three (3) for Lisa Jones, two (2) for Brandon Downs, Lisa Jones was appointed to the Board.

**c) Discuss and possible action on position of Treasurer**

Jeremy Rhoades nominated Drew Sloan. No other nominations were made

*Motion to appoint Drew Sloan as Board Treasurer*

*By Jeremy Rhoades  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Joshua Lathem*

*Vote: 5 for,  
i. Drew Sloan abstained*

*Motion carries*

**d) Discuss and take action on increasing the water availability to the District**

Update on ACR. The results should be back by next month's meeting. This item will remain on the agenda until a resolution is in place.

*No Motion/No Action*

**e) Discuss and possible action on revision of reconnect policy**

Kristi Lowrance expressed the hardship the current policy places on customer's who are already in a difficult position, to pay the current bill along with past due charges and fees when it is not due yet. The Board discussed the current requirements in place for reconnection according to policy.

*Motion to remove language regarding requirement to pay current bill for reconnection from the reconnect policy*

*By Jeremy Rhoades  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Drew Sloan*

*Vote: For -6  
Against -1 Joshua Lathem*

*Motion carries*

**7) Executive Session**

**Update on Personnel issues**

Begin Time: 7:58

End Time: 8:10

*No Action/No Motion*

**8) Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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**Presiding Officer's Signature**

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**Secretary/Treasurer Signature**