

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

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

**Board of Directors Absent:** Joe Hatcher

**Employees Attending:** Ginny Rivers-King, Cindy Moore & Clayton Dickerson

**Attorney Present:** Via Zoom

**Engineer Present:** None

**Visitors:** Brandon Downs, Joshua Lathem

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

**#2 Open Discussion:**

N/A

**#3 Approve the minutes of the June 21st, 2022, meeting:**

*Motion to accept the June 21st, 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. She and the Board went over some of the highlights. June was a large month both in income and water distribution. There were some repairs that had to be taken care of in June. Operating costs are leveling out for predictability in future planning but there are no red flags affecting the current budget. The breaks on CR 4095 cost the District \$12,000.00. Still working on accessing view of gain on assets in the investment account.

*No Motion/ No Action*

**B. Field Report**

Clayton Dickerson updated the Board on field activity and data. Report on leaks, water loss new meter sets and construction meter usage was provided. 30 millions gallons of water were pumped in the month of June. James Mabry project is 95% complete. Hwy 34 widening project continuing to the Trinity River. GSSUD has a 6" line in the right of way. Line locates will determine whether or not this will cause a conflict.

*No Motion/ No Action*

## C. Committee Report(s)

### 1. Election Committee

Three (3) positions available on the Board of Directors in the upcoming election. Applications to run for the Board will be accepted between 7/23/22 – 8/22/22. Information is on the GSSUD website.

### 2. Freedom Fest Committee

GSSUD's booth was well received with much interaction and positive feedback from the community. Great interest, creating public awareness was achieved with the North Texas interactive trailer.

*No Action/ No Motion*

## D. General Manager's Report

**1. ACR (variance for water and storage capacity):** GSSUD should have an answer by mid September.

**2. Developer Discussions:** \$50 billion dollar Bill for Infrastructure assistance to water utilities was signed in November 2021. GSSUD qualifies because we are a rural community. The application process is long and tedious but obviously worth applying for. Ginny is in the process of the application process. Ginny will continue to attend weekly meetings at Commissioner's Court to stay apprised of any projects that will affect the water District's lines.

*No Action/ No Motion*

### #5. Unfinished Business

N/A

### #6. New Business

**A. Discuss and possible action on selection of new board member to replace Ginny Rivers-King:** Brandon Downs and Joshua Lathem gave a short description of their personal connection to the area and career background. They both had great interest in serving on the GSSUD Board for the community. A vote was held. Brandon Downs – 2, Joshua Lathem – 3. Joshua Lathem was appointed to the Board with majority vote. He will take up Ginny Rivers-King's term.

*No Action/ No Motion*

**B. Discuss and possible action on obtaining additional water for growth in housing projects:** Tyler spoke via zoom. One possibility is to expand the 4/1 which would require a new contract. Helms Trail should be investigated as well. The District could gain around 5000 connections costing roughly \$19 million. Another option is the gravel pits in Rosser but this would not be a good source for longevity. Wholesaling water from Mesquite through Crandall is no longer an option. WCCMUD is not interesting in selling water to GSSUD.

**C. Discuss and possible action on Cottonwood real property disposal:**

*Motion to sell the property. Motion carries, property will be sold.*

*By Ernest Martzen  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Deoanna Autenrieth*

*Vote: 5 for,  
Jeremy Rhoades 1 opposed*

*Motion carries*

**D. Discuss and take action on the revision of water rates**

Update - NTMWD rates will increase by 13%. TRWA representative Mr. White and Ginny worked on the calculation method used by NTMWD.

*Motion to establish the new rates as presented effective August 1, 2022*

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

*Vote: Unanimous*

**E. Discuss and possible action on appointing Denise Dempsey as GSSUD Investment Officer:**

*Motion to appoint Denise Dempsey as GSSUD Investment Officer*

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

*Vote: Unanimous*

**F. Discuss and possible action on conservation mandates due to weather conditions**

Kaufman is 100% in severe drought zone. We are currently in the position of strongly suggesting to our customers to conserve water and to reduce usage VOLUNTARILY. No mandates at the present time. NTMWD is needs to see a 2% reduction in our consumption. If reduction is not met, North Texas can increase our rates by 50%. We will ask our customers to NOT water on Saturdays and to use their address to follow the following schedule: Even address numbers water twice a week on Monday and Thursday, Odd address numbers water twice a week on Tuesday and Friday.

*Motion to present a resolution of a Voluntary Conservation Plan at the next BOD meeting*

*By Ernest Martzen  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Deonna Autenrieth*

*Vote: Unanimous*

**G. Discuss and possible action on change of the meter set fees:** Meter cost has increased By 30%. This will affect five line items in our Rates and Service Fees.

*Motion to increase meter set fees and line items affected by \$100.00*

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

*Vote: Unanimous*

**#7. Executive Session**

N/A

**#8. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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**Presiding Officer's Signature**

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**Secretary/Treasurer Signature**