**Gastonia-Scurry Special Utility District**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

# **Minutes of July 20, 2021**

**Board of Directors Present:** Ginny Rivers, Rick Burginger, Jimmy Weaver, Deonna Autenrieth, Ernest Martzen (Via conference speaker call), Jeremy Rhoades & Joe Hatcher

**Board of Directors Absent:** NONE

**Employees Attending:** Cindy Moore, Jonathan Davis, Clayton Dickerson & Kristi Lowrance

**Attorney Present:** NONE

**Engineer Present:** NONE

**Visitors:** Gary Bennett, Danny Oliphant, Ann Trombley, Allen Hiller & Keith Higginbotham

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

**#2 Open Discussion:** Mr. Higginbotham requested to update alert on the website for the day of

board meeting. Ann Trombley asked when fees would be added to the bill.

**#3 Approve the minutes of June 15th, 2021 meeting:**

***Motion to: Accept the June 15th, 2021 minutes as written by Ginny Rivers, 2nd by Deonna Autenrieth***

***Vote: Unanimous***

**#4 New Business:**

1. **Treasurer’s Report:** Ginny & Deonna worked on accounts & sub accounts. The format of the expense account is much easier to read. The payroll was high in May due to paying out resigning employee wages & benefits due. Need budget in QuickBooks. Billing needs software updated for compatibility with quickbooks.Revenue’s are good.

**Investment Advisory – 2nd Quarter Summary**: Deonna Autenrieth stated there was a loss in market due to low interest rates. Couple of investments have come up but good ones are going quickly. Trying to re-invest but limitations hinder amount to purchase**.**

No Action/ No Motion

1. **Committee Reports:**

**Attorney select Committee**: Jimmy Weaver introduced representatives from the Attorney Firm Bennett Oliphant McCracken & Gaines PLLC

**-GSSUD Voter Registration Examination Committee**:

Rick spoke about working with the county. They are working on the boundaries making sure that our CCN and voter registration list are accurate.

No Action/ No Motion

1. **Field Manager’s Report:**

Jonathan Davis introduced himself and discussed the work that’s been going on in the field, including the amazing clean up around the office. Also 3 of his assistants will be attending a basic water training class starting 7/16/21. Jonathan also attended a water utility course last week in Galveston and had a chance to speak with vendors and previous vendors as well as TRWA. They are interested in coming to speak to us to see how everything is going.

No Action/ No Motion

1. **Office Manager’s Report**

Cindy Moore introduced herself and gave update on office operations of what has been going on inside the office including new phones, website, etc. Confirmed CCR was distributed on time.

No Action/ No Motion.

**#5. Unfinished Business**

1. **Reminder of Careflite starting Aug 10th, 2021**

A $1.00 will be added to all customers bills starting in August. Everyone in the household will be covered. There is a form on our website to give the customers the option to opt out.

1. **Reminder of Director Candidate Registration – July 17 – Aug 16, 2021**

There will be 2 BOD positions coming up at the end of this year. Those interested can fill out the candidate form, get it notarized and bring it into the office then next month we will turn it into the county and they will make sure it gets put on the ballot.

**#6. New Business**

1. **John Olphant / Gary Bennett – Attorney introduction/ question /answer period**

Gary Bennett introduced himself and spoke about his 30 plus years in law dealing with & lobbing boards/city council/city commissions//school boards/state governments/legislatives committees, etc.…

Danny Oliphant introduced himself and spoke about his experience and many years of working with Gary Bennett.

1. **Discuss and take possible action on appointing 2 GSSUD representatives to the Kaufman 4 – 1 Joint Adventure.**

***Motion to appoint Rick Burginger as primary representative & Johnathan Davis secondary as alternate representative for Kaufman 4 – 1 by Joe Hatcher, 2nd by Ginnie Rivers***

***Vote : Unanimous***

1. **Discuss and take possible action on reinstatement of standby pay which was removed until further notice by BOD on JAN 21, 2021**

***Motion to reinstate7 hours per bi-weekly pay period by Earnest Martzen, 2nd by Jeremy Rhoades***

***Vote: Unanimous***

1. **Discuss and take possible action on request to change personnel standby rotation from 2 weeks to 1 week.**

***Motion to change personnel standby rotation from 2 weeks to 1 week by Joe Hatcher, 2nd Ginny Rivers***

***Vote: Unanimous***

1. **Discuss and take possible action on request to change field staff standby pay from 7 hours for 2 weeks to 7 hours per week*.***

***Motion to change field staff standby pay from 7 hours for 2 weeks to 7 hours per week by: Joe Hatcher, 2nd Jimmie Weaver***

***Vote: Unanimous***

1. **Discuss and take possible action on request to increase gallons included with base rate from 1,500 to 3,000.**

**The BOD discussed the need for a rate study vs income with possibility of reducing rate to customer.**

***Motion to perform a rate study and re-evaluate water rates by: Earnest Martzen, 2nd Jimmy Weaver***

***Vote: Unanimous***

**#7. Executive Session**

**a.Attorney interview**

Begin Time: 7:50pm

Ending Time: 8.00pm

***Motion to retain Gary Bennett & Danny Oliphant with the Law Firm Bennett Oliphant McCracken & Gains by: Joe Hatcher, 2nd Deonna Autenrieth***

***Vote: Unanimous***

**#8. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

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