

**Gastonia-Scurry Special Utility District
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of May 17th, 2022**

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

Board of Directors Absent: Deonna Autenrieth

Employees Attending: Denise Dempsey, Cindy Moore & Clayton Dickerson

Attorney Present: None

Engineer Present: None

Visitors: Alton Hatcher, Jeremy Hatcher, Kyle Caperton

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

#2 Open Discussion:

N/A

#3 Approve the minutes of the April 19th, 2022 meeting:

Motion to accept the April 19, 2022 minutes as written

*By Jeremy Rhoades
2nd by Ernest Martzen*

Vote: Unanimous

#4 Reports:

A. Financial Report

Denise Dempsey, Controller, provided an April 2022 financial report for the Board to review. No significant changes. Made an adjustment to move the investments to Long Term investments. Under Profit/Loss, the income increased for the month of April. No major questions presented by the Board in regards to the financial report.

No Motion/ No Action

B. Field Report

Clayton Dickerson updated the Board on field activity and data. He reported the Hydrant maintenance is underway. Jeremy Rhoades suggested providing the fire department with color codes for the rings used on the hydrants. These colored rings represent water main size and pressure equivalency. Rick suggested updates regarding the hydrant maintenance be placed on the website and to send out alerts.

No Motion/ No Action

C. Committee Report(s)

Thursday, June 2nd, 2022, 9:00 a.m. has been scheduled as the date for the GSSUD Facilities Tour

No Action/ No Motion

D. General Manager’s Report

Ginny reported recruitment letters for employment have been sent out to class “C” licensed operators. She went over CCR status. Her presentation included that the GSSUD website facebook page, and My Google are the district’s social media sites. Encouraged everyone to use the pages for positive comments and promotion of the District to the community.

No Action/ No Motion

#5. Unfinished Business

N/A

#6. New Business

A. Review and Approval of Financial Account Access Authorization of Wells Fargo Checking Acct, Wells Fargo Investment Acct and The American National Bank of Texas Checking Acct.

The Board discussed and agreed on the need for the update.

Motion to update the accounts for Account Access Authorization as outlined on the agenda

*By Ernest Martzen
2nd by Joe Hatcher*

Vote: Unanimous

B. Review and Approval of Election process for GSSUD Board of Directors, Nov 2022

The Board discussed pro’s and con’s of holding election at the County vs at GSSUD office

Motion to move forward with the County holding the GSSUD Board of Directors Election

*By Ernest Martzen
2nd by Joe Hatcher*

Vote: Unanimous

C. Review and Discuss Water Rates

A rate increase is needed to keep up with the cost of operating the District. Costs such as repairs, software and hardware upgrades, rate increase by NTMWD. More information will be presented next month on the subject matter.

No Motion/No Action

D. Review and Discuss Ginny Rivers-King's position on the Board of Directors

Through research, it has been confirmed that legally, a Board member may also be employed by the District. Ginny currently is employed as the District's General Manager and serves as Vice-President of the GSSUD Board of Directors. Ginny resigned her position as Vice-President of the Gastonia-Scurry SUD Board of Directors.

No Motion/No Action

E. Review and Discuss Drew Sloan's position on the Board of Directors

The question in discussion was as to whether or not a Board of Director for Gastonia-Scurry SUD can serve on both the Water District Board and the School Board. It has been confirmed that a board member can serve on both Boards as long as he is not compensated for more than one of the positions. The School District does not compensate their Board members. There is no conflict for Drew Sloan to serve on both Boards.

No Motion/No Action

F. Review and Discuss GSSUD financially sponsoring Scurry Freedom Fest at \$500-\$3,000.

The Board discussed whether or not to sponsor the festival for the first time this year and at what level. The District is very much interested in community involvement. The Festival is a community function. After much discussion, the Board agreed on Title Sponsorship. The Board will donate their GSSUD Board of Directors compensations for two months each. The District will redirect some of the budget funds to cover \$900.00 of the Title Sponsorship cost.

Motion to sponsor the Scurry Freedom Fest by redirecting budget funds at \$900.00 and the rest through donation of Board of Directors Compensation for two months.

*By Joe Hatcher
2nd by Ernest Marten*

Vote: Unanimous

G. Review and Approval of GSSUD Financial Audit

Kyle Caperton, GSSUD Auditor provided and reviewed the GSSUD 2021 Financial Audit.

Motion to accept and approve the 2021 Financial Audit as presented

*By Ernest Martzen
2nd by Joe Hatcher*

Vote: Unanimous

H. Community member Mike Reese requested to address the Board

Mr. Reese was not present. Request to address the Board moved to June meeting

#7. Executive Session

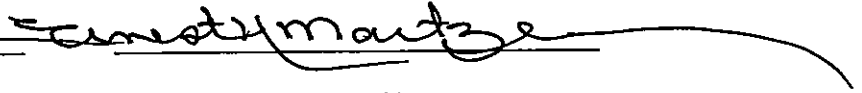
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#8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.



Presiding Officer's Signature



Secretary/Treasurer Signature