

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 53
OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

October 10, 2023

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The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 53 (the "District") of Harris County, Texas, met in regular session, open to the public, on the 10th day of October, 2023, at a designated meeting place outside the boundaries of the District, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board, to-wit:

Judy Grant	President
Andre Bradley	Vice President
Drew Fontenette	Secretary/Treasurer
Kristine Johnstone	Assistant Vice President
Peter Mitchell	Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

and all of the said persons were present, thus constituting a quorum.

Also attending the meeting were Pat Gray of Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No. 51 ("FWSD No. 51"); Jaime Salinas of Huitt-Zollars, Inc.; Darrell Hawthorne of Municipal Accounts & Consulting, L.P. ("Municipal Accounts"); Brenda McLaughlin of Bob Leared Interests; Perry Miller of Champions Hydro-Lawn; and P. John Kuhl, Jr., and Audrey Lyons of Sanford Kuhl Hagan Kugle Parker Kahn LLP ("SKLaw").

President Grant noted that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

APPROVE MINUTES

The Board first considered approving the minutes of the September 12, 2023, meeting. Upon motion by Director Fontenette, seconded by Director Bradley, and after full discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented, and to authorize execution by the Secretary/Treasurer, and if necessary, to authorize the use of facsimile, electronic, or other appropriate signatures.

RECEIVE COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The next item on the agenda was to receive comments or questions from the public. There were no comments or questions from the public.

BOOKKEEPING REPORT

Review Account and Fund Activity Statements, Budget Comparison, and Investment Transactions

Mr. Hawthorne reviewed with the Board the Bookkeeping Report and answered questions. Upon motion by Director Bradley, seconded by Director Fontenette, and after review and full discussion of the bills and corresponding checks, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Bookkeeping Report, and to pay the bills as presented.

TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR REPORT

Review Tax Receipt and Disbursement Statements

The Board then received the Tax Assessor/Collector's Report. Ms. McLaughlin reviewed with the Board the tax report, advising that approximately 97.997% of the 2022 taxes have been collected.

Upon motion by Director Bradley, seconded by Director Fontenette, and after full discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Tax Assessor/Collector Report, and to pay the tax bills as presented.

CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2023 TAX RATE

The next item on the agenda was to conduct a public hearing on the 2023 tax rate. Ms. McLaughlin advised the notice of the public hearing and the tax rate was published pursuant to Section 49.236, Texas Water Code, as required. President Grant announced that the public hearing was open. The Board noted that there were no members of the general public appearing to discuss the tax rate.

Adopt Order Levying Taxes for 2023

The Board reviewed the tax rate recommendations presented by the Financial Advisor at the last meeting. The Board then considered the adoption of an Order Levying Taxes for 2023 [GO 2023-8]. Upon motion by Director Fontenette, seconded by Director Bradley, and after full discussion, the Board voted unanimously to adopt an Order Levying Taxes for 2023 [GO 2023-8], establishing a 2023 tax rate of \$0.30 per \$100 of assessed valuation, consisting of \$0.05 per \$100 of assessed valuation for debt service, and \$0.25 per \$100 of assessed valuation for maintenance and operations, as recommended.

Approve Amendment Number Fifty to Information Form

The Board then considered the approval of Amendment Number Fifty to the Information Form. Mr. Kuhl advised that the District is required to file said Amendment with the Harris County Real Property Records and with the TCEQ to reflect the current tax rate. Upon motion by Director Fontenette, seconded by Director Bradley, and after full discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve and have filed Amendment Number Fifty to the Information Form.

ENGINEERING REPORT

The Board next reviewed the Engineering Report.

Review General Report

Mr. Salinas first advised that water accountability for the month of September was approximately 112%, putting the annual at 92%.

Sanitary sewer cleaning and televising [Sterling Green South, Phase 2]

Mr. Salinas then reviewed finalization matters for the Phase 2 sanitary sewer cleaning and televising in Sterling Green South. He noted that a final pay estimate and the findings report on related sanitary sewer lines and manholes will be provided soon.

Dell Dale Street sidewalk improvements

Mr. Salinas advised that the Harris County contractor is approximately 40% complete. He advised that he will continue to coordinate facilities adjustments as needed.

Review CIP

Mr. Salinas then discussed with the Board the current CIP budget and the status and development of projects. He noted that no changes to the CIP are needed at this time.

Upon motion by Director Fontenette, seconded by Director Bradley, and after full discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Project & Engineering report.

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE REPORT

The Board next received the Operations Report. Mr. Gray reported on operations within the District, including repairs to District facilities during the preceding month.

Mr. Gray discussed operations during the summer months, noting an increased amount of line breaks and leaks during the extreme heat, as expected. He advised that cooler weather conditions have been welcomed. Director Bradley queried on the overall severity of damage to District lines. Mr. Gray advised that the water system was resilient and overall did well. He noted helpful customer actions by reducing irrigation during certain periods. Mr. Gray and the Board then discussed other water system damage prevention techniques.

Delinquent Utility Bills

Mr. Gray advised that customers appearing on the termination list were given proper notice and the opportunity to be heard in order to explain, contest, or correct the utility service bill and show reason why utility service should not be terminated for reason of nonpayment, all as required by the District's Rate Order. After discussion, Director Fontenette moved that since the customers were neither present at the meeting nor presented any written statement on the matter, that service be terminated, except customers denoted with an asterisk as those customers contacted the Operator to schedule payment. Director Bradley seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

RECEIVE DETENTION AND DRAINAGE FACILITIES REPORT

The next item on the agenda was to receive the detention and drainage facilities report [Champions Hydro-Lawn]. Mr. Miller reviewed the written report with the Board and discussed actions pertaining to the facilities. He advised the ponds have greened-up nicely. He also advised that the October overseed commenced today.

Mr. Miller then advised that two of the trees at Water Plant No. 2 will need to be replaced under warranty. He advised that routine observation of the trees is ongoing.

The Board took the detention and drainage facilities report under advisement.

REPORT ON NORTH CHANNEL WATER AUTHORITY

The next item on the agenda was to receive a report on the NCWA. Mr. Salinas reviewed with the Board a memorandum summarizing the NCWA meeting of September 11, 2023. He reviewed recent City of Houston actions during the drought conditions which permitted a temporary increase in well water usage.

The Board took the NCWA report under advisement.

CONSIDER ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.




Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Directors