

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF  
TRINITY BAY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
Wednesday, December 14, 2022  
9:00 O'clock A.M.

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CHAMBERS

The Board of Directors of Trinity Bay Conservation District met at the offices of the District in Stowell, Texas on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, with the following Directors present:

Scott Kahla	President
Gregg Turner	Vice-President
Richard Nicely	Director
Victor Caraway	Director

Also present were Jerry Shadden, Crystal Threadgill, Mike Will, Diane Newsome and Danny Pringle, District Employees; Guy Goodson of Germer, District Counsel, Gloria Roemer and Sharisa Nelson of the Seabreeze Beacon, Wade Thibodeaux of the Hometown Press and Brad Moon, Chambers County Constable, Rachel Hisler, George Hisler and Bobby Way.

**Agenda Item 1:**

President Kahla called the Meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**Agenda Item 2:**

The meeting was opened with a prayer by General Manager Shadden.  
President Kahla led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

**Agenda Item 3:**

Public Hearing by Telephone on Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

Presentation put on by Kristen Thatcher of Jeffrey S. Ward and Associates.

**Agenda Item 4:**

Public Comment:

None.

**Agenda Item 5:**

Close public Hearing and Reconvene Regular Meeting:

Public Hearing was closed, and regular meeting resumed at 9:17 a.m.

**Agenda Item 6:**

Minutes:

Vice-President Turner, made a Motion to approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting held November 16, 2022. The motion was seconded by Director Caraway and it passed by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 7:**

Financial Reports:

General Manager Shadden presented the Financial Reports for November 30, 2022.

Vice-President Turner, made a Motion to approve the Financial Reports for November 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Director Nicely and it passed by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 8:**

Tax Reports:

General Manager Shadden presented the Tax Reports for November 30, 2022.

Director Nicely made a Motion to approve the Tax Reports for November 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Director Caraway and it passed by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 9:**

Accounts Payable:

Vice-President Turner, made a Motion to approve the Accounts Payable. The motion was seconded by Director Caraway and it passed by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 10:**

Resolution 22-16 -2022 Certified Tax Roll Summary for Chambers County:

General Manager Shadden – I am going to ask the Board to table this. We received the tax summary from Jefferson County but we still have not received one from Chambers County.

Vice-President Turner made a Motion to **table** the 2022 Certified Tax Roll Summary for Chambers County. The motion was seconded by Director Nicely and it passed by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 11:**

Resolution 22-17 – Annual Review of the District’s Investment Policy:

Guy Goodson, District Counsel – Your policy requires you to make an annual review and we occasionally have technical corrections that may come around as a result of the actions of the Legislative Sessions. There was no Legislative Acts in 87 in Legislative Session that would have affected, that was the session ending in 2021. You all renewed last year, there were no changes, but we ask that it be reviewed every year. The only reason other than Legislative changes, would significantly be your changing of a depository or the changing in any of your investment methods such as changing from a certificate of deposit to a direct governmental purchase. Since we are not aware that there are any changes in your depository relationship or your investment vehicles, we just simply ask that it be on the agenda for review so that you can all ratify the correct District Investment Policy.

Director Caraway, made a Motion to approve Resolution 22-17 completing the Annual review of the District’s Investment Policy in compliance with the Public Funds Investment Act. The motion was seconded by Director Nicely and it passed by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 12:**

Extending Gulf Coast Electric’s service Contract for 1 year:

General Manager Shadden – In 2020 we went out for bids for electrical services, it’s nice to have this service, especially in a Hurricane situation, You have already bid it, so all you have to do is call them up instead of trying to find this stuff during an emergency situation. In 2020 it was good for one year and it can be extended for another three years with the Board approval, so this will be the last year and then it will have to go out for bids again. Gulf Coast electric has agreed to the same terms that are in the contract for one more year for the final year on this contract.

Vice-President Turner – They agreed to the same prices?

General Manager Shadden - Yes sir, they sure did.

President Kahla – Retainer base, as needed?

General Manager Shadden - Yes, and there is a so much an hour for master electrician, so much an hour for a helper and so forth. It is all laid out in the contract of how they do it and then there is just as far as materials he has the ability to mark it up 15% or whatever that number is to were he goes and buys the parts and in the contract he is able to mark it up 10% or 15%.

Vice-President Turner, made a Motion to approve extending Gulf Coast Electric’s contract for 1 year. The motion was seconded by Director Nicely and it passed by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 13:**

Renewal of Dental Insurance with Standard:

General Manager Shadden - Standard Insurance, we have had them for the last 10-12 years. Really and truly, dental insurance is all about the same as far as what they pay and what they do not pay. So, we are asking to renew it again this year. It went up a little bit but it wasn’t but a few dollars.

Vice-President Turner – And this is a year by year?

General Manager Shadden – Yes, it is a year by year just like our Health Insurance is and this part of the Health Insurance package.

Vice-President Turner, made a Motion to approve the renewal of the Dental Insurance with Standard. The motion was seconded by Director Caraway and it passed by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 14:**

Declaring 4 empty chemical totes as surplus property and transfer to Lumberton Municipal Utilities District:

General Manger Shadden – As we get chemicals, they come in the big plastic totes, and they needed some for, they clean their marsh streams and they want use them as big trash cans and we pretty much throw them away because we have no use for them and the companies will not take them back since they had chemicals in them. So, we would like to declare them as surplus property and give them to another municipality.

Director Nicely – Do we have to clean these totes?

General Manager Shadden - No, I do not believe. They are going to take them and cut the tops off and use them with a forklift and go up there and put their trash in it that they get off their marsh streams and dump it in a dump truck or something like that.

Director Nicely – This is another utilities district and they are used to working with this type of material, so they know what chemical it is that they are dealing with?

General Manager Shadden – Yes, correct. It was alum, or what did you use?

Mike Will – Sodium bisulfite was in these at a wastewater plant. Actually, the operator that requested these at Lumberton Mud used to be our operator here, so he is familiar with the residue that would remain in those totes.

Vice-President Turner – Do you send an MSD sheet along with these things?

Mike Will – I have not. We haven't sent it yet, so I can.

Vice-President Turner – I believe I will request that you do that.

Mike Will – Okay, I will take care of it.

Director Caraway, made a Motion to approve declaring 4 empty chemical totes as surplus property and transferring them to Lumberton Municipal Utilities District. The motion was seconded by Director Nicely and it passed by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 15:**

Resolution 22-18 – Accepting the Sewer System, Lift Station, and all easements pertaining to Lakeway Subdivision

General Manager Shadden – This is on Highway 563 in Anahuac, the subdivision is completely built out. There are 50 houses in there and there is a sewer lift station, everything has been tested and is up and running. I believe they have even sold all the houses as of now. So, this is pretty much standard that after everything is done and passed our inspection, that we take it over for maintenance.

Vice-President Turner – That sewer goes to Hankamer plant or the Oak Island?

General Manager Shadden – Actually, it goes to the Hankamer plant. Pretty much everything down 563 comes back to Anahuac and dumps in the Anahuac system there.

Vice-President Turner – Are they almost finished with that plant?

General Manager Shadden – I looked at it on Google the other day and I see where they have the basins built and so they are getting there.

Vice-President Turner – My property adjoins to it. I went down there the other day and there is a lot of rebar still there and they are building a new office building. There has been quite a bit of work done, I just didn't know how far along they were.

Mike Will – They have had a lot of delays like everyone has with getting materials in. They are pushed back quite a bit, but they are moving as things come in.

Vice-President Turner – That was remodeled on a Grant too wasn't it?

General Manager Shadden – No, I don't believe we did anything with Anahuac, it was Oak Island that we were trying to ....

Vice-President Turner – No I am talking about the City of Anahuac did that.

General Manager Shadden – Yes, or they borrowed the money from a water development board, so that is why their rates are so high. They borrowed several million dollars on 900 and something connections. So that is why their rates are so high. But yes, they are upping their capacity because they are going to have to the capacity for the new jail.

Vice-President Turner, made a Motion to approve accepting Resolution 22-18 the sewer system, lift station, and all easements pertaining to Lakeway Subdivision for maintenance. The motion was seconded by Director's Nicely and Caraway and it passed by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 16:**

Approving rebuilding Link-belt 108 Dragline:

General Manager Shadden – Our link belt, we got Bogo to come over and look at it to give us a bid, and they would never bid on it. So, we took it over to Houston to Inman and they have totally disassembled it, I have a bunch of pictures of the crane itself, the bearings and the lines. So anyway, they have it

totally disassembled, and they are ready to put it back together, but it is going to be somewhere about \$70,000.00 to put it all back together with new bearings and everything else to bring it back to operating condition. It had 2 counterweights on it, and we were only going to put one counterweight back on it for a dragline because it was too much weight in the back and that is part of what was going on with it, they were using the dragline and you had too much weight on the back so it messed up the swing.

Vice-President Turner – Danny, correct me, that extra counterweight was put on there for driving piling wasn't it?

Danny Pringle – Yes.

Vice-President Turner – Set of leads?

General Manager Shadden – Yes, 100-foot boom and we are going to go back with a 60-foot boom and set it up for dragline.

Vice-President Turner – Will a 60-foot clean Spindletop?

General Manger Shadden – Yes. That is what we are setting it up for and getting it repaired for. We will bring it back and take the hump out of Spindletop with it. This is what it is gong to take, Victor and I drove over there and looked at it and the old machine is in pretty good shape, except for the swing. So, we need to put it back together and get it back on the job.

Director Nicely – Just taking that hump out of Spindletop?

General Manager Shadden – Yes sir, that is what it is going to be used for and we use this to build bridges and so on and so forth.

Director Nicely – That is the first job it is going to have after it comes back after it is tested and it is 100%, we are going to put it back in on Spindletop?

General Manager Shadden – Yes.

Director Nicely – To my understanding, if we take that hump out of Spindletop, it will drop the water level in Winnie by 4 or 6 feet?

General Manager Shadden – That is my understanding.

Director Nicely – And we have this money in the budget?

General Manger Shadden – That is my next slide, I have about \$150,00.00 in heavy equipment maintenance, but I ma going to ask to take it out of our General Fund CD and move \$80,000.00 in there so it doesn't hurt the operating budget.

Director Nicely, made a Motion to approve rebuilding Link-belt 108 Dragline in the amount no to exceed \$80,000.00. The motion was seconded by Director Caraway and it passed by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 17:**

Approve transferring \$80,000.00 from certificate of deposit #7080281 to General Fund:

General Manager Shadden – Yes sir, this is what I was explaining. We have where we keep all our extra money for drainage, there is money in that CD and I am asking to move \$80,000.00 from that CD into our operating budget to pay to have the crane rebuilt. We have done this in the past, when we have had track jobs and big equipment costs on other pieces of equipment, this is how we handle it.

Director Caraway, made a Motion to approve transferring \$80,000.00 from certificate of deposit #7080281 to General Fund heavy equipment maintenance #77-62040-00-01. The motion was seconded by Director Nicely and it passed by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 18:**

Approve Governmental Lease for a D65 Dozer and PC290 W/ power pack/Fecon BHP270 & BH080:

General Manager Shadden – In your packet you have the equipment in there, we went to Caterpillar and we went to Komatsu and Komatsu was quite a bit cheaper. Actually, one of them is coming off of Buyboard and one of them is coming off of HGAC, it is just the way it worked out. So, it is through a cooperative deal and it is in the budget. We had put \$350,000.00 in drainage to pay lease for the equipment. We received the 299 Caterpillar Skid Steer in drainage and then we have 2 304 Mini Excavators in Water and they should be here after the first of the year, we are working on putting all of the leases together. So, these are the other two pieces of equipment that we had budgeted for to replace this year.

Vice-President Turner – What are you replacing?

General Manager Shadden – We have a Caterpillar with a Fecon on it and the Fecon motor part of it, from my understanding from George, the engine part of it is bad, but the track hoe part of it is good.

When you are doing the cutting, you are not really digging with it, you are just moving the Fecon. So, their suggestion was to take that off there, the one that we have for the vibratory hammer that we use to build all the bridges with is in bad shape. So, we are going to get rid of that one and put the vibratory hammer on George's machine and remove the power pack off of it. This is the operator's suggestion.

Vice-President Turner – Your going to buy a power pack here. Is that power pack going to fit on this Komastu?

General Manager Shadden – Yes but has been since 2011 and they are telling me it is in bad shape and needs to be replaced. That means we would have to replace the engine on it and the hydraulics on it. This stuff is getting so old Gregg that we are getting to the point where it is big stuff. You are talking about the engine is going bad, the fuel pumps are going bad, the turbo chargers are going out, the hydraulic systems are going bad, so this is what the plan was. They said the machine was in pretty good shape as far as the trackhoe part of it, but that the grinder and the pony motor, they were having issues with it. I believe they had the caterpillar guy that you had come out and work on it one time. So anyway, everyone's head together that was the plan.

Director Caraway – And we do have the money in the budget to cover this?

General Manager Shadden – Yes. We have the money in there to pay these leases. It was budget for and I believe if you look at your budget down there, the equipment is listed.

Director Nicely – I like the idea that your employees are telling you what is going on.

General Manager Shadden – Well you know they actually run it out in the field, I don't, so I talked to them to see what their opinion was.

Director Nicely, made a Motion to approve entering into a Governmental Lease through the cooperative purchasing network (Buyboard or HGAC) for a D65 Dozer and a PC290 w/ Power Pack/ Fecon BH270 & BH080. The motion was seconded by Director Caraway and it passed by unanimous vote.

## **II. DRAINAGE REPORT:**

Danny Pringle presented the drainage report on various areas of the District:

Long Reach 60' – This machine has been working on the West side of Oyster Bayou in a Southern direction. This machine is cutting and dipping the trees and debris that could not be reached by the short reach Fecon that came through this section earlier. This machine typically covers and average of 600 feet per day depending on the type of vegetation. \*\*Note: After one of the heavier rains that we received we had to get the machine down to the main canal crossing to remove debris that has backed up. All is clear and we are back to where we left off.

D3 Dozer – Correcting the shelf on Oyster Bayou as well as assisting the Long Reach 60' machine.

Long Reach 50' – This machine is still on the West side of Oyster Bayou. This machine assisted in installing field drainpipes in three locations between Fairview and the main canal crossing. When cutting the remaining vegetation that the short reach Fecon could not reach it will cover approximately 600 feet per day.

D-6 Dozer – This machine is correcting the shelf and assisting the Long reach 50' excavator.

Vibratory Hammer Machine – This machine is currently being used to assist in setting the pipes for the three field drains on Oyster Bayou.

### **MCBRIDE/DEVILLIER ROAD:**

Slashbuster - This machine has cut and dipped this drainage ditch. This machine is typically on light vegetation and can cover about 700 feet per day.

### **OGDEN DITCH:**

Komastus Grinder – This machine started on the West side of Ogden ditch North of I-10. It is grinding and dipping debris heading in a Northern direction. This machine averages about 400 feet per day.

Newest Fecon – Brought this machine into our shop for its P.M. service as well as some minor repairs. On 12/5/2 we moved this machine to 9<sup>th</sup> street here in Winnie to take care of a short ditch that was grown up with larger trees. On 12/6/22 we moved this machine to Ogden Ditch to par up with the new Komatsu Grinder machine.

**ELM BAYOU:**

Komatsu Mower – This machine is mowing and dipping this section of the ditch starting West of Canal Road and heading in a Northern direction. It averages about 450’ per day depending on vegetation.

Cat 308 – Repaired a pipe that had floated up after a heavy rain on our ditch South of Crossover road at South Main Street. Removed debris from 9<sup>th</sup> street ditch caused by the Newer Fecon.

**MACHINES NEEDING REPAIRS:**

Fecon 30’ - On 12/6/22 a technician came out to inspect and diagnose the machine for the hydraulic surging issue. The technician has advised us to change two valves and a filter housing that also has a valve on it. These parts have been ordered.

**SPRAY CREWS:**

1. Post-thanksgiving holiday the herbicide applicators are no longer applying chemicals. However, we are officially into offseason and the applicators will help with the crew setting pipes, fixing fence, etc.
2. The tractors will continue to mow whenever the weather permits.

**\*\*NOTE:** On 12/5/22 We took delivery of the new skid steer. Also, on 12/5/22 we took delivery of the tank car for the Bill White crossing to be installed on the South Fork of Taylor’s Bayou.

III. UTILITIES REPORT:

Mike Will reported on Water and Wastewater.

1. Updated on the new Hankamer WWTP.

Entergy’s contractor has completed the electrical distribution upgrade from the sewer plant to Highway 61. We will need to contact Entergy to put in the service drop once the WWTP electrical service rack is in place.

The contractor has delivered the remaining digester and chlorine contact tanks. The tanks have been roughly put into place. They have also delivered piping, fittings, valves and the aeration blowers. Work over the next weeks will consist of final fit and placement of the tanks and the installation of the interconnecting piping. We are waiting on more equipment to arrive, however, we anticipate the equipment to be delivered while the tankage and piping is installed.

2. We are still having some significant water loss on the West side that we are unable to locate, so I have been looking into the cost of installing water distribution meters on this side of the District. Installing these meters will help us to identify areas where we may have leaks. The estimated cost of the meters and installation is \$150,000.00.

3. The TCEQ performed a wastewater inspection at the Oak Island WWTP on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Below are the alleged violations that were found:

- Electrical issue with the chlorine vent fan. Fan will be repaired or replaced this week.
- Corroded staff gauge in weir box. New staff gauges have arrived and will be installed this week.
- Hoe in the north chlorine weir box. Plate will be installed this week to cover the hole.
- Chlorine samples were being taken after the two chlorine basins were combined. We are now required to take samples from each basin individually. This issue was corrected on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Water and Sewer installations:

- 9 - Water meters
- 2 – Sewer Grinder stations
- 1,166’ – Sewer discharge line
- Relocated 60’ of 6” water main
- Relocated 2 water meters

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

GOVERNMENT CODE 551, SUBCHAPTER D

SECTION 551.071 - CONSULTATION WITH DISTRICT'S ATTORNEY REGARDING POSSIBLE LITIGATION

SECTION 551.072 - DELIBERATION ABOUT REAL PROPERTY

SECTION 551.074 - MATTERS OF PERSONNEL

SECTION 551.075 - CONFERENCE WITH EMPLOYEE

SECTION 551.076 - TO DELIBERATE THE DEPLOYMENT OR SPECIFIC OCCASIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY PERSONNEL OR DEVICES

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**V. ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**VI. Comments by the Members of the Board.**

Director Nicely – Well if nobody else does, I guess I am going to have to answer for the article that was in the paper that on November 22, paper of Seabreeze Beacon, I was accused of attacking and doing a tirade against the Seabreeze Beacon at our November 16, 2022 meeting. I don't consider that an attack, that was a coaching session to point out deficiencies, contradicting quotes, and the questioning of the qualifications and integrity of some of the employees at Trinity Bay. What is interesting is that the meeting started at 9:00 a.m., long meeting, ended at 11:00 a.m. Four hours later there was a commentary on the Seabreeze Beacon Facebook page. One thing that got me about that Seabreeze Beacon commentary is the commentariest, is there such a word?, read off of a piece of paper what I had said and stated that I had gone through and named names of individuals that were involved, I did not do that. I said positions, Directors, former employees, etc., but I did not name names and I will never do that. And that was brought up because of the work that was being done over in teacherville (slide put up), this is teacherville, I said well maybe I am wrong, maybe my experience as a homeowner board or on MUD District up in Beaumont, maybe I got it wrong. Well, I went, and did you know that Chambers County has a certified Flood Plain Manager for Chambers County? I did not know that, but I do now. I have his name and his number. So after discussion, we talked about this and this is Dugat Road on the left side (pointing at slide) and there is 4 streets in teacherville all have different names and there are houses on the streets and in between these streets on the property owners property is what I was told is an alley way or a utility easement. Well, that is what I thought it was, a utility easement. Well if you listen to the commentary, it's a drainage ditch behind teacherville. Well there is 4 or 5 of these easements or utility easements in teacherville. Well you look over here to the left and that is Dugat Road, and Trinity Bay is responsible for the drainage on the West of Dugat Road down to Frazen Road and south and then over towards the airport. The area that the Trinity Bay work crew was brought in to clean was in this alley way or utility easement. So that did not make any sense, so when we talked about it, one of the things that was brought up was Trinity Bay does have an easement in each one of these alley ways but it's a sewer, but so does the electric, so does the internet people. Anytime type of utility it runs down those poles to that utility easement, that is why we call it a utility easement. And trinity Bay is not responsible for cleaning those easements, even though it was appreciated and helped out 15 to 20 homes. Well is something like that going to set a precedence, that Trinity Bay crews will be cleaning these easements? I don't think so. Chambers County handles all the drainage in teacherville. And you go in there in teacherville and you ask the residents there and they will tell you that it is the County. The County just finished up changing out culverts in front of people's homes, I think he said in November and they are just now going in and fixing the cement driveways where they were tore up to replace the culverts. And I went and looked after that discussion, they put in 2 new culverts, 24" culverts at the North end of Dugat road and at the end of each one of these easements at the end of each one of these roads in teacherville there is a 24" drain that goes under the road and into Trinity Bay drainage on the west side of Dugat road. They are real proud of the fact that the 2 24" drains that they put in on the North end of Dugat Road has the flappers. Flappers/Checkvalves, same thing? They prevent backflow of water so if that ditch floods it will not get into these too. Well, when I looked at it, there are 7 others that do not have these flappers. So, it is not Trinity Bays responsibility to clean these easements, utility easements. They tried to get the MUD District up in Northwest Forest to pay for mowing the easement and as a present Homeowners Association I had the contract with the individual which maintained out entrance way and everything else and asked for a price of what it would cost to mow those easements throughout the neighborhood, and I took it to the people of Homeowners and said this is why I have to raise your costs, If you do not maintain the easement behind or alongside of your property. To this day, they still maintain that stuff themselves.

So, then the other thing that came up after that episode. I want to point this out to the Board, 2 Board members were involved in this, a previous General Manager of Trinity Bay was involved in this and they all knew and the residents there in teacherville all know that the County maintains drainage concerns in teacherville.

So, then the other thing came up, exhibit #1 I think we called it. This is Trinity Bay's property. This is the old fireworks stand. In front was I believe the gentleman that had this property. And I got these two pictures because if you look back in the Seabreeze Beacon, she uses one of these pictures in her paper. Pay close attention to this tree line (pointing at slide), this profile of these trees. In this opening right here as that is a utility easement for a sewer line for a house located to the Northwest of the property line. So here we have the surveyors, now this is the surveyors, and I went and talked to these individuals and because of the fact was a year after the Board had moved into this new building, the question came up about where are my trees? There was a lot of discussion about it, it was turned into the insurance company because the trees that were missing from the property owner to the West, the insurance agent, and I have the letter, I got it through all the FIOA's that I did, and the insurance company said our investigation by a third party investigator did not find any evidence that the trees were taken down from the adjoining property. That is not verbatim because I do not have the letter in front of me. So, this is the surveyor and I went and talked to these people, they are out of Beaumont, and you will see that there was a property rod iron pin here, here and to the North. They marked where all the trees were located. This is a barbwire fence that runs down through there. The trees are located up there, you will see the electrical line is still there today. The overhead electrical line on the North side of the property, it is still there. So, nobody doubts in any way shape or form that (and I was told I needed to explain this) those trees did not exist, well they did exist. But they existed on Trinity Bay property. This is the finished property and here is the new building, remember that profile of the trees, remember this opening gap, this was the utility easement, so that is the way it stands today. And the surveyor up in Beaumont said if you want me to come down there, I can reposition and double check the four corners of the property to confirm that this is correct. I brought it to the Board at that time, if I remember it was less than \$1000.00, nothing was done on it. The trees are still up there but they are on the other persons property, they are not here. So the question also was, that the money was owed for the trees? It does not matter who got the check. Well, I don't know how that works but the taxpayers and the auditors about where that money went and for what it was used for. Other than that I can't answer any more questions about it and I hope and pray that this is the end of it.

**VII. ADJOURN.**

Director Nicely made a Motion to Adjourn. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Turner and it passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

READ AND APPROVED:

  
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Scott Kahla, President

Attest

  
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Les Hankamer, Secretary

Date: 1-11-23