

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF
TRINITY BAY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Wednesday, August 14, 2024
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 Tuesday, July 9, 2024, with the following Directors present:

Victor Caraway	President
Gregg Turner	Vice-President
Lester Hankamer	Secretary
Rick Nicely	Director
Annette Rayburn	Director

Also present were Jerry Shadden, Crystal Threadgill, David Hoyt, Mike Will, and Amos Roy, District Employees; Kate Leverett of Germer PLLC, District Counsel, Brad Moon, of the Chambers County Sheriff Department, Susan LeBlanc from Representative Terri Leo-Wilson's office, Gloria Way and Sharisa Nelson of the Seabreeze Beacon, Kalari Clark from The Progress, Sam and Jo Wallace.

Agenda Item 1:

President Caraway called the Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda Item 2:

The meeting was opened with a prayer by General Manager Shadden, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

Agenda Item 3:

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sam Wallace – My wife and I live in Indian Trails. I would like y'all to look at this and pass it around, this is the water coming out of our faucets. The water has dirt or rust or something in it all the time. We have ruined towels; we have a water heater that is making noise because of the crap that is going in it and we need to figure out what to do to make that stop. Would y'all like to look. (Brought 2 jars of water). You can take a drink if you like. This one was a few weeks ago and the guys that came out and flushed the lines, I showed him and he said, "that's not to bad, you can drink that." I am not going to drink it. This is ruining our stuff and I have no doubt that it is degrading the inside of our copper pipes inside our house. We are buying water to drink because we cannot drink this out of the faucet. I am not going to drink it. It is nasty water and it happens all the time. I don't know if there is trash in the water tower or if every time, they break into a line they get dirty. There has to be some way of taking care of that so that we do not get dirt and trash in our water. That is all I have to say.

President Caraway – Thank you. Susan did you have something to say.

Susan LeBlanc – We are a few miles away and ours is the same.

Mike Will – Is it still like that today?

Susan LeBlanc – Yes. I told them Monday, in the morning it is clearer and, in the evening, it gets more and more rusty looking when you turn the bath water on. It is not as bad as it was. If it was a 10, it is probably a 9.4 now. But it is not like.... I am headed to my mom's to wash my clothes.

Mike Will – Is it okay if I comment a little bit.

President Caraway – Absolutely.

Mike Will – So it is on my report about this, about the multitude of calls we have had. We have had several events. The last event was, the fire that they had at Eagle Ferry and Eagle Rd., the fire department used about a ¼ of a million gallons and I know that is not around Indian Trails or where you live as well, but what happens is that water will start rushing that way when you start pulling that amount of water in a short period of time. Our pumps are putting out about 1200 – 1300 gallons a minute and could not keep up. Anytime, in these lines there is a little bit of sediment in there. David can confirm this, but any line that we have cut into in our 40 years combined, you are going to find some sediment in them. I am not saying how it got there or when it got there. It is in those lines with 50 years of water rushing through them. When you disturb those lines, if you push the water backwards or increase that flow, you will pick it up. We are flushing, but the problem that we are having with flushing is that people are coming behind us and shutting the flush valves off, our hydrants off, so if you could put something out there, if people do see something open, to please leave it open. If they suspect that it is due to children playing pranks, to call our office. We are having to go back and open them up, probably about half of them, because people are shutting them off. Are you folks still having the same problems?

Jo Wallace – Absolutely.

Mike Will – Did you say y'all are in Indian Trails?

Jo Wallace – Yes.

Mike Will – And today you are still having problems?

Jo Wallace – Yes.

Mike Will – And what is your address?

Jo Wallace – We called it in. I called it in on Sunday and I called it on Monday.

Mike Will – What is it today?

Jo Wallace – It is 632. Again, that is part of the issue. We call after hours because that is when we notice it and the calls are not getting routed to y'all. By y'all's word, the calls from your call service are never making it to you the next day.

Mike Will – Our after-hours company said that, or our service guys?

Jo Wallace – I am saying when we call, the first time this happened in July, when we came here, y'all had no notification that we had had an issue and had called the after-hours number. This was on a Friday and we came here on Tuesday and y'all did not know anything about it. We were promised a phone call the next week because the person was on vacation and neither one of us got a phone call.

Mike Will – That is on me, that is my fault and I apologize.

Jo Wallace – But that seems to be the modus operandi around here, we called this time on Sunday about it and when I called on Monday, there is no record of us calling on Sunday.

Mike Will – Okay, I will look into that. On not getting called back, that is on me and I apologize for that. A lot was going on and that is on me.

Jo Wallace – And we understand all of that, it is just a little frustrating. We have guest coming this week, and I can't even do laundry, because I do not know what my laundry is going to look like when it comes out. I can tell you that we washed his coveralls, they were gray, thank God, but all his tags that were white before they went into it are now brown. How do we deal with that, everyone keeps saying put it on an all house water filter, well then now I am paying twice for my water, I am already paying for clean water and not getting it and now I am going to have to pay for filters and all the other things that go along with it.

Mike Will – Are y'all going to be home after this meeting?

Jo Wallace – What time are you talking about, we are going to have to leave by 11:00 a.m.

Mike Will – I do not know when the meeting will be over. If you will leave your phone number with me, I will give you a call and see if y'all are home and will come by.

Jo Wallace - Perfect.

Sam Wallace – Something else I forgot to show you, if y'all are willing to indulge me, this is a white towel (on his phone) that got ruined by going through our washing machine. I do not know what can be done. It is like my wife said, it is frustrating because this is costing us extra money outside of having to get bottled water to drink.

Mike Will- I understand.

Susan LeBlanc – Mike, something that I truly appreciate is when we got the message that went out about the brown water due to. So, if you know that there is an issue out there, giving us the heads up not to do the laundry. Because you get up in the morning and you throw your stuff in there thinking life is good, it is a normal day and then all of a sudden you have brown towels. I have learned in the morning the water is clearer than it is in the evening time. I am going to take those precautions as I know you are working through this process. We did get an alert, which was like yay. That was very helpful. Thank you for sending that out.

Jo Wallace – I agree with that, except it would be nice....that was a week ago on Sunday. Literally like a week later in Indian trails we are having the issues. So, I don't know how much it would cost y'all or anything, but I would have thought, after a week the lines would be clear. Literally it was a week later that we had the issue.

Agenda Item 4:

APPROVE MINTUES

Secretary Hankamer, made a Motion to approve Minutes of a Regular Meeting held July 9, 2024. The motion was seconded by Director Rayburn and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 5:
FINANCIAL REPORTS

Director Nicely, made a Motion to approve the Financial Reports for July 31, 2024. The motion was seconded by Secretary Hankamer and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 6:
TAX REPORTS

Secretary Hankamer, made a Motion to approve the Tax Reports for July 31, 2024. The motion was seconded by Director Nicely and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 7:
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Secretary Hankamer, made a Motion to approve Accounts Payable. The motion was seconded by Director Nicely and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 8:
ORDER CALLING DIRECTORS' ELECTION

Kate Leverett – We will have our Directors election on November 5, 2024 for District 2, 4 and 5 are up this time. There is an election order in your packet and that is just going through early voting, location, and dates. We coordinated with Chambers County on it and I want to thank Crystal for helping get all that information for us. There are some dates, we have to call our election by August 19, which we are doing, Another important thing is anyone wanting to run or wanting to run again, you have to submit your paperwork for a place on the ballot by August 19, on Monday. The deadline for a write in is August 23rd. So, if want to run or want to run again, make sure to get with Crystal so that the paperwork is provided and August 19th is your deadline. This is just calling your election and if is not contested then right before early voting starts, most likely at the September meeting we can cancel the election. But we do have to call the election. Another item is entering into an agreement with Chambers County and we coordinate with them and they are the ones who will assist on all our polling locations, etc.

Secretary Hankamer, made a Motion to Adopt an Order Calling Directors' Election for November 5, 2024 for District 2, District 4 and District 5 and appointing an Elections Administrator. The motion was seconded by Director Nicely and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 9:
JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT

Kate Leverett – Basically we are entering into a Joint Election Agreement with Chambers County and what that means is that they really handle the election for us and we just provide them our Ballot language and we will provide the election order. So, we want to approve entering into the election agreement with Chambers County to make sure all of that is in place for the November election. Again, if we do not have any contested races, we do not have to pay Chambers County anything and we just alert them that we will not be having an election.

Director Nicely, made a Motion to approve entering into a Joint election Agreement with Chambers County for the November 5, 2024 Election for District 2, District 4 and District 5. The motion was seconded by Secretary Hankamer and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 10:
TAC (2024-2025 HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS)

General Manager Shadden – This is our health insurance for all employees here. We actually received \$17,500.00 because we did not have very many accidents last year, so we actually received some of our premiums back. Most people's insurance went up 9% and ours is only going up 3.5%. These guys have done a good job for us.

President Caraway – Is this workers' compensation or health?

General Manager Shadden – This is health.

President Caraway – Okay.

General Manager Shadden – It will stay the same as last year. We have \$1,000.00 deductible and \$3,000.00 max out of pocket.

Director Nicely, made a Motion to approve renewing Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Health & Employee Benefits Pool 2024-2025 Health Insurance Premium. The motion was seconded by Secretary Hankamer and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 11:

RESOLUTION 24-04 – CERTIFIED TAX VALUE FOR CHAMBERS COUNTY

General Manager Shadden – The Appraisal District goes out and they evaluate everyone’s property, the value, etc. and then they send us a certified copy of what they predict everybody’s is going to be.

If you look at it, what happened is that the property values went up some. Last year our tax rate was 0.314971 and since property value went up, we lowered our tax rate to 0.296163. So, we lowered our tax rate this year since property value went up. They base it on the prior year average house is \$150,000.00 and this year the average homestead is \$172,000.00. They went up a little over \$30,000.00 on property value.

Director Nicely, made a Motion to approve the Certified Tax Value for Chambers County. The motion was seconded by Director Rayburn and it passed by unanimous vote.

Gloria Way, Seabreeze Beacon – I apologize, we cannot see the screen can you read out loud what the Certified Tax Value in Chambers County is.

President Caraway - \$1,487,232,851.00

Gloria Way, Seabreeze Beacon – Could you say it again.

President Caraway - \$1,487,232,851.00

Gloria Way, Seabreeze Beacon – Okay. And for clarification that is what properties inside Trinity Bay Conservation District.

Secretary Hankamer – That is all of Chambers County.

Gloria Way, Seabreeze Beacon - Well the County has said that is observed by TXDot that they get \$7 billion dollars or something that is why I was asking if it was just Trinity Bay’s District.

General Manager Shadden – We pull off an average cost per homestead. These numbers come from the Appraisal District and the County.

Gloria Way, Seabreeze Beacon - I understand now, but we can’t see what is on the screen.

General Manager Shadden – You can have a copy of this. It is a worksheet that is Truth and Lending that we fill out and it tells us what our tax rate is.

Gloria Way, Seabreeze Beacon - Crystal did you email that to me because we did not get it. Do you have that to email it to me?

General Manager Shadden – I can email it to you.

Gloria Way, Seabreeze Beacon - Thank you sir, I appreciate that.

President Caraway – They have it broken down, if you come up after the meeting, I can show it to you.

Agenda Item 12:

RESOLUTION 24-05 CERTIFIED TAX VALUE FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY

Secretary Hankamer – Is it the same thing for Jefferson County?

General Manager Shadden – Yes sir, they work together.

Secretary Hankamer, made a Motion to approve the Certified Tax Value for Jefferson County. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Turner and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 13:

PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

General Manager Shadden – This will be at our next meeting.

Secretary Hankamer, made a Motion to approve setting a Public Hearing on the proposed 2024-2025 tax rate for September 11, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Director Rayburn and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 14:

GENERAL INSURANCE – ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER RISK MANAGEMENT

General Manager Shadden – This is our general insure with cars, trucks, building, etc. We are with Arthur J. Gallagher now. Last year if you recall, we tried 4 or 5 different places to get a second bid but our stuff is so specific as far as water plants, drainage ditches, etc., that Arthur J. Gallagher was the only place we could find. I think Victor even looked through some of his people. They have done us a good job on all our stuff so we are asking to go back with them again this year. We do not have an exact amount this year, so I put in a 3% increase from last year in the Budget. We are also right now taking

vehicles off, putting new ones on and they have to look at all of our plants and buildings, etc. because they cost of them go up so also as far as value. They are still returning all of it at this point. We should have all the numbers at our next meeting.

President Caraway – When do you expect to have the numbers back?

General Manager Shadden – I hope to have them by our next meeting but it has to be done by September 1st. We are not changing companies so we normally do it this way.

Vice-President Turner- What all are you insuring at the plants?

General Manager Shadden – We used to insure the concrete and everything. But it has gotten so expensive that all we carry is the mechanical equipment, like the pumps, electrical systems and everything else that is mechanical that could break. I do not know that anything other than a tornado could mess up a metal building. Let's say that water plant was worth \$10,000,000.00 when it was built and 20 years later it is probably worth \$50,000,000.00 to replace it. So, it has gotten to where it was so expensive that we dropped the concrete tanks off and anything else that we could to try to lower the rates as low as possible. Everything else, the pumps, electrical and mechanical it takes to run it is covered. We have had some electrical problems with lightening and they paid it all. No complaints.

Vice-President Turner- We are just insuring the bare necessities.

General Manager Shadden – Yes sir, all of our trucks, track hoe's and all the other stuff is in there.

Vice-President Turner – The track hoe's are financed, you insured them through...

General Manager Shadden – Gallagher also?

Vice-President Turner – What I am asking is are they double insured?

General Manager Shadden – No. We could have gone with Capital or Caterpillar or something like that, but we did not, we sent them the paperwork that we had our own insurance.

Vice-President Turner – Okay, just making sure that we were not double insured.

General Manager – No Sir.

Vice-President Turner, made a Motion to approve renewing the General Insurance with Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management. The motion was seconded by Secretary Hankamer and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 15:

“COST OF SERVICE” INCREASE

General Manager Shadden – In your packet I did a projection on Water and Drainage as far as our Budget for next year. I brought it up to you in the last meeting that the cost of Chlorine, chemicals, raw water and everything has gone up. For us to stay exactly where we are with no increases or anything it costs and extra \$435,000.00 to operate just like we did this year. We have a new water tank that we are working on in Anahuac, we have a 16” water line we are working on over here that is required because we can not get enough water across the highway and several different projects like that. With all that added into your utilities, lines and plants it was \$2,000,000.00 and this is how we are paying for the projects we are doing. If you take the breakdown of everything with the costs going up on everything this year and our employees getting a \$2,500.00 raise, we will be \$435,000.00 lower than we were last year, so we are proposing to add just under a 3% increase to stay at the same level this year that we were last year.

Vice-President Turner – Just under 3.

General Manager – Yes Sir, I believe it is just under 3. Victor helped me put all this together, so on the sewer base rate it is \$2.00 and it adds \$82,000.00, and on the gallons, we went from \$5.00 to \$6.00 that adds, \$52,000.00, on the water it is \$3.00 and that is \$193,000.00, cost of the water is \$6.00 and we are going up to \$6.25. Overall, we are bringing it back up to \$114,000.00, so our budget stays at the same level as it was last year.

President Caraway – If you look at the new price, if you use about 4,000 gallons a month, if your water will only add \$4.00 to the bill it will add \$6.00 to the sewer, so with water and sewer it will be about \$10.00 give or take depending on how much water you use.

General Manager Shadden – As these facilities are getting older, we have to do these things. The gentleman and lady here, one of the ways to correct their problem is to do a chlorine burn once a year and that burns up some of it, but you need the directional flush you need to send crew out there and have them shut it off and flush that complete main line out and get all trash out of it, and then you move back to the next section and flush it and get all the sediment out. But all of this takes people and it takes money to be able to go out and do all these different programs, whether it is testing fire hydrants once a year, to test meters to make sure they are all functioning properly. In my opinion we need to keep up and at least keep it at the same level we are today.

Director Nicely – And by keeping it up to the same level we are today, Mike and his crew are still going to be able to accomplish everything we just talked about, about flushing the lines and everything, so this gentleman and this lady and Susan come to this meeting and telling us about issues they have at their house and we need to put a stop to that. We need to correct this issue. By doing this we will still be able to accomplish these things.

General Manager Shadden – Yes sir. Another thing, I think, Wallisville when I came here was having even more problems with the brown water in the past. We have an engineering company, Plummer, that we had them look at some stuff at the plant where we were having some corrosion problems and things like that. Mike and I have asked them to do the next step and look and there are some additives in there, this is manganese in the water. Manganese is in there all the time and what happens is when the temperature gets just right it will turn brown just like tea. But there are some other polymers and additives that you can add into the water and it ties this stuff up to where it takes the brown out of the water. These are some of the other things we are looking at. We have a scientist investigation to tell us if there are any other problems in our treatment process. We are looking at every angle to try to solve the problem.

Director Nicely – Supposedly Chambers County is the largest growing county in the State of Texas from what I understand. And we have to be ready for that.

General Manager Shadden – Yes sir. It is a large challenge. If the interest rates ever go back down we are going to have a boom that is going to be something else.

Secretary Hankamer – At the end of the day cost and increases is what is hitting us.

General Manager Shadden – Yes and it is broken down in your packet, \$50,000 extra for raw water, \$100,000.00 extra for chemicals.

President Caraway – Right now we are putting \$80,000.00 aside every month to take care of some of these projects that have been put off for years and years and if we do not adjust the price, then the increase in our price is going to come out of our \$80,000.00 and we are not going to be able to build those tanks and do the projects we need to do.

Secretary Hankamer, made a Motion to approve a “Cost of Service” adjustment for the 2024-2025 water and sewer rates. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Turner and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 16:
PRELIMINARY 2024-2025

General Manager Shadden – We cannot adopt it until we have the public hearing on the tax rate. You have the actual budget. Victor asked me to look at the raw water where they get it off our meters out here once again, which I will do for next meeting, but once we have the tax hearing, it has to be passed by September 30th.

Secretary Hankamer – We do not have to necessarily accept this preliminary budget; this is just for informational purposes?

General Manager Shadden – Yes sir. This is the budget except for the tax rate.

President Caraway – Does this budget include the price increase that we just passed?

General Manager Shadden – Yes sir. You have one in your packet with and one without.

President Caraway – Okay.

Director Nicely – Mike, some of your red and blue items on your list made it on this budget?

Mike Will – Yes sir I believe they have.

NO ACTION

Agenda Item 17:
2024-2025 TCDRS RENEWAL

General Manager Shadden – This is the retirement system for the district. Nothing has changed. Right now we are at 88.88% funded. Any savings or anything we get; we leave it in the plan. I want to say 2 years ago we were at 75%. We are 88.88% now and that is very well for retirement.

Director Nicely, made a Motion to approve renewing rates for the 2024 2025 Texas County and District Retirement System Plan (TCDRS). The motion was seconded by Director Rayburn and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 18:

RENEWAL OF WATHEN DESHONG & JUNCKER CONTRACT

General Manager Shadden – This is our auditor from Beaumont. They do our auditing every year for us, for at least the last 6 years. Our previous auditor, I went back to her and asked her if she was possibly interested in coming back and she said she is so busy that she does not have time. They did a good job for us last year so we are asking for them to audit our books again starting October 1st.

Vice-President Turner – Leann Porter retired and she has all she can handle.

General Manager Shadden – Yes, she is out of Liberty and just too busy.

Vice-President Turner, made a Motion to approve renewing the contract with Wathen, DeShong and Juncker, LLP for audit services. The motion was seconded by Director Nicely and it passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 19:

RESOLUTION 24-06 CONTRACT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

General Manager Shadden – There is not much grant money out there right now. Pretty much all the hurricanes and money from Harvey is all gone. They are having one more round for Ike. There are few million dollars out there that were awarded to people and they never spent it so they are going to have one more round. It used to be that the grand administrator and engineering company were all picked and did all this for us. They changed the rules about three years ago to where we have to put it in the paper and go out and get a grant administrator and an engineering company and apply for these permits. We are going to throw our hat in the ring and see if maybe we can get some of this grant money. There is not a specific project put together for the grant money but we will do that after you approve this, we will get with a grant administrator and look at some type of drainage work that can be done.

Vice-President Turner – Will it include my project?

General Manager Shadden – Your project is included in several of them, like I said it has been slow, slow, slow. Not many people getting grants at all. There are probably 50 of them that we put in for in the last year. Through Covid, Build Back Better, Hurricane Ike, Harvey and everything else that we submitted. So, we have projects sitting out there that we have asked for grant money for and nothing has come through. The only thing that we have gotten money back on was the freeze for some of the damages that we had.

Secretary Hankamer, made a Motion to approve the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award by Resolution 24-06 a contract for administrative services pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, of the District's 2024 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) grant through the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and authorizing the execution of a contract. The motion was seconded by Director Nicely and it passed by unanimous vote.

II. DRAINAGE REPORT:

Amos Roy reported on Drainage.

SPINDLETOP BAYOU EAST OF SH124:

Komatsu Fecon – We just have this one machine on here currently cutting the right of way.
**NOTE – We will be bringing a long reach behind it to reach the other vegetation.

CARTER ROAD DITCH:

Cat Fecon – This machine is now cutting the vegetation remaining on Carter rd.

Cat 329 – This machine is dipping out the debris left from the Fecon.

DOUBLE BAYOU TRIBUTARY:

Komatsu Mower Long Reach - This machine is being used to remove the vegetation from the drainage ditch.

CAT D3 Dozer – This machine is assisting in moving and backfilling materials

RUSH DITCH SOUTH OF IH-10:

Dragline – Using the Dragline to clean out the sand bars on Rush ditch.

Komatsu Dozer – This machine is cutting and reestablishing the shelf and will tidy up the spoils to help speed up the dragline.

SPINDLETOP NORTH OF FM1663:

Komatsu Grinder: This machine is cutting the vegetation along the drainage ditch heading North.

SPINDLETOP & RUSH @ IH-10:

Cat Long Reach 324 – Digging out materials that the smaller equipment brings them and loading it into the TXDot supplied dump trucks.

Cat Skid Steer Loader: - This machine is being used to gather materials that has built up inside the boxes under the freeway.

**NOTE – Started on Rush 7-15-24. TXDot pulled the trucks to do a sealcoat job 7-30-24.

SPINDLETOP @ DEVILLIER ROAD BRIDGE:

Cat 308 – Used this machine to remove the debris built up under the bridge crossing at Spindletop and Devillier rd.

**NOTE – This job was done with help from Chambers County Road and Bridge Department. They provided a Gradall excavator as well as two dump trucks to haul materials from the location.

SPRAY CREWS:

1. The ground crews are averaging about 800 gallons a day.
2. If the ground crews cannot spray, they will go mow with the tractors or other equipment.

FERGUSON REQUEST:

I. UTILITIES REPORT:

Mike Will reported on Water and Wastewater.

1. Crews have been working on the lead service line inventory. The lead service line inventory is an inventory of every service line in our distribution system, including both the utility owned and customer owned service lines.
2. The new CT study for the Winnie WTP has been completed and approved by TCEQ.
3. West WTP ground storage tank replacement update:
 - a. The geophysical test that was performed at the West Water Treatment Plant last month indicated utility lines in the area. These lines came from the old WTP. We will have two more surveys done next week. Once these tests are completed, we will be able to select the best area to build the new tank.
4. We replaced 3 broken fire hydrants.
 - a. Yak Mat in Winnie
 - b. JJ's Chevron in Wallisville
 - c. Airport Road in Anahuac.
5. We received numerous calls due to brown water on the West Side of the district. This issue was caused by the fire department fighting an oil tank fire in Oak Island. The Fire Department used approximately 250,000 gallons or more to contain the fire.
6. The following was done this month at the Oak Island WWTP lift station:
 - a. Replace on VFD
 - b. Replaced one pump
 - c. Replaced the ultra-sonic level controller
 - d. Replaced the phase monitor
 - e. Replaces one breaker
7. The following was done at the Jack in the Box Lift Station
 - a. Replaced both pumps
 - b. Replaced the control panel
8. The following was done at the 1406 lift station:
 - a. Replaced on pump
 - b. Weld guiderails inside wet well
9. The following was done at the County Barn left station:
 - a. Replaced one pump

10. The following was done at the Winnie WWTP lift station:
 - a. Replaced one pump
 - b. Replaced one starter
11. We raised and grouted two manholes in Oak Island due to unauthorized discharges.
12. This week we have a meter testing company coming out to test meters in Winnie to help identify our water loss.
13. Plummer Engineering is renewing the permit for the Winnie WWTP. The existing one expires July 2025.
14. We repaired 17 water leaks and repaired 11 sewer leaks.
15. In the past 43 days we have responded to 201 grinder station callouts.

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.

None taken.

VI. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

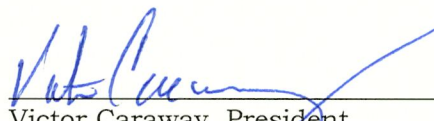
President Caraway – I just want to say that I appreciate both sides. The drainage guys work hard as well, they are doing their work today. But the water guys have done an exceptional job of keeping the water going. I know some of them stayed all night through the hurricane to keep the water plants going and I really appreciate it.

VII. ADJOURN.

Secretary Hankamer made a Motion to Adjourn. The motion was seconded by Director Nicely and it passed by unanimous vote.



Meeting Adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

READ AND APPROVED:



 Victor Caraway, President

Attest


 Les Hankamer, Secretary

 Gregg Turner, Vice-President

Date: 9-11-24