

## **HARRIS COUNTY FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 61**

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors

May 12, 2021

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No. 61 (“District”) met on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 in accordance with the duly posted notice of the meeting, with a quorum of Directors present, as follows:

Darrell A. Barroso, President  
Lary J. Cangelose, Vice President  
Mike Kelley, Secretary  
Jon Morgan, Assistant Secretary  
Ben A. Solis, Treasurer

and the following were absent:

None.

Also present were Mr. Jerry Homan, general manager for the District; Mr. Brian Breeding, assistant general manager for the District; Ms. Pam Magee, office manager for the District; Mr. Bill Rosenbaum, engineer for the District; and Ms. Jennifer B. Seipel, attorney for the District.

The President called the meeting to order and declared it open for such business as might regularly come before it.

1. There were no customer input or inquiries for the Board’s consideration.
2. Ms. Magee, Mr. Homan, and Mr. Breeding presented the management report. Ms. Magee presented the Board with the District’s February SPA check in the amount of \$74,988.63 from the City of Houston.

Mr. Breeding stated that he continues to work on consumer confidence reports and other regulatory compliance matters.

Mr. Homan stated that the District’s annual newsletter is being drafted and should be mailed to the District’s customers in early June.

Lastly, Mr. Homan and Ms. Seipel presented a draft of a letter to State Senator Bettencourt regarding the District’s opposition to House Bill 2525 and its companion, Senate Bill 1892 as related to the creation of a management district devoted to dredging Lake Houston. The letter set forth the reasons why the District opposes the legislation, noting that it would (i) unnecessarily expand government by creating an additional governmental body, (ii) constitute taxation without representation, (iii) result in all of Harris County being forced to shoulder the burden and problems of Kingwood and Atascocita, among other reasons. After some discussion, the Board expressed its satisfaction with the letter.

Upon motion made by Director Solis, seconded by Director Morgan, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the sending of the letter to Senator Bettencourt and approved the management report as presented.

3. The Board then discussed the latest meeting of the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (the “Authority”), noting that it seemed to be business as usual.

4. Lastly, Mr. Homan noted that the Water Users Coalition remains very active in advancing and attempting to quash certain bills currently being considered by the Texas Legislature.

5. The Board considered the minutes for the meeting held on April 28, 2021. Two changes to the minutes were requested, upon motion made by Director Solis, seconded by Director Cangelose, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes as amended.

6. As for the engineer’s report, Mr. Rosenbaum and Ms. Seipel provided a brief update on the status of the District’s acquisitions of easements needed to relocate their water and sanitary sewer lines that the Texas Department of Transportation is condemning in order to expand the intersection of N. Eldridge Parkway and F.M. 1960 W. Mr. Rosenbaum stated that the piping for the project has been delivered to the District. The Board also briefly discussed the status of negotiations with the Texas Department of Transportation regarding its extinguishment of the District’s private easements at that intersection.

Mr. Rosenbaum also read a letter received from the Authority related to their connection of surface water lines to the District’s water plant facilities. The Board discussed the timeline for the District’s conversion to surface water, as well as the communication efforts that should be undertaken to alert the District’s customers as to the change in water source when the time comes.

After discussion, upon motion made by Director Kelley, seconded by Director Morgan, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the engineer’s report as presented.

7. The Board considered payment of the general fund bills. After review, upon motion made by Director Morgan, seconded by Director Kelley, and unanimously carried, the Board approved payment of the general fund bills as presented.

8. The Board considered items for the next Board meeting, including the litigation against Magellan Pipeline Company, L.P. and the Texas Department of Transportation.

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

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Secretary

Short Term Action Items

1. Executive Session to Discuss Litigation against Magellan Pipeline Company, L.P. and the Texas Department of Transportation

Long Term Action Items

1. 222 Rate Analysis for Wastewater Usage
2. Trunk Line Repair - Complete; Discussion of Costs with MUD 222 and MUD 248