

HARRIS COUNTY FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 61

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
September 11, 2024

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No. 61 (“District”) met on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 in accordance with the duly posted notice of the meeting, with a quorum of Directors present, as follows:

Jon Morgan, President
Darrell Barroso, Secretary
Lary Cangelose, Assistant Secretary
Mike Kelley, Treasurer

and the following were absent:

Ben Solis, Vice President

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. Adam Anderson, 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 inquiries or input for consideration.
2. The Board considered the minutes for the meeting held on August 28, 2024. One change was suggested, and upon motion made by Director Kelley, seconded by Director Barroso, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes as amended.
3. Mr. Anderson presented the engineer’s report, a copy of which is attached hereto. He reported that work on the N. Eldridge Parkway sanitary sewer and water line relocation project is complete. Mr. Anderson also stated that his office has circulated a draft of the fourth reimbursement project to the District’s team and attorney for review.

With regard to phase 11 of the District’s sanitary sewer rehabilitation project, the contractor has experienced some delays due to their failure to order materials in a timely manner. However, the substantial completion date should still be this month.

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

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

5. Ms. Magee, Mr. Breeding, and Mr. Homan presented the management report. Mr. Breeding stated that a District employee sustained a leg injury while attempting to perform work at a lift station. The employee is okay and will receive treatment.

Mr. Breeding presented a proposal for the purchase of a new District truck, which is needed to replace an older vehicle that has fallen into disrepair. The cost of the new truck is approximately \$55,000. The Board unanimously agreed to authorize Mr. Breeding to proceed with the purchase of the truck.

Mr. Breeding also reported that two other District vehicles sustained a small amount of body damage in recent weeks. Both vehicles have been or will be repaired.

Mr. Homan stated that the District's personnel made preparations for Hurricane Francine, though the storm turned and did not hit the area.

Mr. Homan reported that the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (the "Authority") continues to make progress towards providing surface water to the District.

Mr. Homan provided an update on the status of District personnel.

Mr. Homan stated that the District will discuss its proposed tax rate at the next meeting.

Upon motion made by Director Barroso, seconded by Director Cangelose, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the management report as presented.

6. The Board then discussed the most recent meeting of the Authority, which several directors and Mr. Homan attended. The Board discussed the events of the meeting, noting that it was rescheduled without sufficient notice and many people missed it. There are attempts to reschedule the meeting for September 16, 2024. The election of the board for the Authority is scheduled for November. Director Kelley also provided a summary of a recent online forum hosted by the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District, with the purpose of such forum being to inform the public and provide them with an opportunity to ask questions regarding their surface water conversion mission and the costs associated with same.

7. There was no update with regard to the Water Users Coalition.

8. At 6:43 p.m., the Board entered into executive session to discuss existing litigation. At 6:56 p.m., the Board exited executive session and directed its attorney to approve the proposed settlement with the State of Texas regarding condemnation of a small portion of a lift station site.

9. Lastly, the Board considered items for the next agenda, including discussion of its 2024 tax rate.

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

Secretary

Short Term Action Items

1. Tax Rate Discussion

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