

HARRIS COUNTY FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 61

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors

October 9, 2024

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No. 61 (“District”) met on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 in accordance with the duly posted notice of the meeting, with a quorum of Directors present, as follows:

Jon Morgan, President
Ben Solis, Vice President
Darrell Barroso, Secretary
Lary Cangelose, Assistant Secretary
Mike Kelley, 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. 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 September 25, 2024. Two changes were suggested, and upon motion made by Director Cangelose, 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, and his office is finalizing 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 is nearing completion.

The engineer requested authorization to advertise for the recoating of water plant no. 2. upon motion made by Director Kelley, seconded by Director Solis, and unanimously carried, the Board approved advertisement of the project.

After discussion, upon motion made by Director Kelley, seconded by Director Barroso, 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. Ms. Magee confirmed publication of the required notice for the 2024 tax rate hearing.

Mr. Breeding stated the District received several checks in the last two weeks, including (i) a check from the Texas Department of Transportation for a portion of the settlement of a condemnation case, and (ii) a check from Harris County MUD No. 69 for their portion of the generator.

Mr. Breeding also reported the District submitted its lead and copper service line inventory with the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality.

Mr. Breeding stated that the District's new vehicle arrives Friday.

Mr. Homan reported that the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (the "Authority") reduced their water rate to \$2.60 per 1,000 gallons effective October 1, 2024. He noted that the District's most recent billing cycle began on September 23 and thus does not align precisely with the effective date of the Authority's new rate. Upon motion made Director Kelley, seconded by Director Solis, and unanimously carried, the Board requested District personnel to bill its constituents at the lower rate of \$2.60 for the entire current billing cycle, with the District bearing the difference in cost between the prior rate and the new rate for the period of time from September 23, 2024 through September 30, 2024.

Mr. Homan provided an update on the status of the District's dispute with Harris County MUD 69 ("MUD 69"). Ms. Seipel read a memorandum from the attorney for MUD 69 detailing the status of the agreement between the parties, including MUD 69's withdrawal of its application for emergency relief with the TCEQ.

Upon motion made by Director Solis, seconded by Director Barroso, 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 there were several interesting conversations at the meeting.

7. With regard to the Water Users Coalition, Mr. Homan reminded the Board of the upcoming town hall to meet the candidates running for the Board of the Authority.

8. Lastly, the Board considered items for the next agenda, including a public hearing on its 2024 tax rate.

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

Secretary

Short Term Action Items

1. Public Hearing on 2024 Tax Rate

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