PEARLINGTON WATER & SEWER DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2019

The Board of Commissioners of the Pearlington Water and Sewer District met in official session on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 in the Pearlington Recovery Center.

In Attendance:

Absent:

James Lamy, Chairman Cabrina Bell, Commissioner James Bennett, Commissioner Rosa Jackson, Commissioner John Pavlovich, Commissioner Ty Necaise, CPA Michael Haas, Attorney Zoe Bowers, Operator Scott Burge, P.E.

Chairman Lamy called the official meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, followed by a moment of silent reflection (Attachment 1A).

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

- Two (2) items to be added to agenda:
 - Election of officers for 2019 (Attachment 4G)
 - Approval for check to Policy Center in the amount of \$2,963.32 (Attachment 4H)

AGENDA

• **Motion** was made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Bell, to accept amended agenda as presented (Attachment 1D). **Motion passed.**

REQUEST TO SPEAK (Guest Presentation)

• None (2A)

OLD BUSINESS

- Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Bell, to accept the January 2019 regular Board Meeting Minutes (Attachment 3A). Motion passed.
- **Discussion**-Update on appointment of Ms. Cabrina Bell to Board of Supervisors: Attorney Haas stated the Board was contacted concerning this matter but there no response has been received (Attachment 3B).
- **Discussion**-Update on lawsuit against customer who damaged District equipment: Attorney Haas stated customer dropped off paper work stating he denies all charges. Now awaiting court date (Attachment 3C).

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NEW BUSINESS

- Date of the next regular monthly meeting was announced as February 20, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at the Pearlington Recovery Center.
- Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Bell, to approve docket of claims for December 2018 (Attachment 4B). Motion passed.
- Motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Bell, to approve the December 2018 Treasurer's Report (Attachment 4C). Motion passed.
- Motion for an adjustment to account #154 for \$70.22 due to customer leak. Documentation has been received for the one (1) time adjustment. Motion made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Bennett (Attachment 4D). Motion passed.
- **Discussion**-Customers affected by government shutdown: CPA Necaise stated there were a couple calls from customers concerning their bills because they are furloughed until the government shutdown ends. No decision was made. We will wait a month to continue the discussion and could possibly waive the late fee (Attachment 4E).
- Motion to authorize forgiveness of Hancock County Annex water bill. Attorney Haas stated we
 need something in writing from the Board of Supervisors and he will send a letter to the Board
 to see if they will provide one. Balance of Annex bill is \$471.25. Motion made by Commissioner
 Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, to adjust the \$471.25 Annex bill and do not charge
 a monthly fee going forward (Attachment 4F).
- **Motion** made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Bell, to turn the meeting over to Attorney Haas for election of officers. Officers nominated for 2019 are as follows:
 - James Lamy Chairman
 - Cabrina Bell Vice Chairman
 - Rosa Jackson Secretary/Treasurer

All nominees accepted the positions (Attachment 4G). Motion passed.

• Motion made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Bell, to pay the Policy Center a check in the amount of \$2,963.32 for pollution insurance (Attachment 4H). Motion passed.

OPERATOR REPORT

• Operator Zoe stated the blue test-site boxes have arrived and are ready for installation (Attachment 5A).

ENGINEER REPORT

• Engineer Burge stated he and CPA Necaise will get a game plan together to proceed with a purchase plan for the Oak Harbor project. Engineer Burge will contact the owner to let them know that PWSD is interested in purchasing the system and see where it goes (Attachment 6A).

CPA REPORT

• CPA Necaise stated he spoke with HUCA concerning the task-force and they are getting it organized. CPA Necaise stated he requested information and they are going to comply. Budget is still not available for HCUA (Attachment 7A).

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ATTORNEY REPORT

• Attorney Haas gave his report during old business 3B and 3C (Attachment 8A).

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- **Chairman Report** Mr. Lamy stated we are going to get about \$400 back from our over/under fund.
- Other Board Member Report None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, to go into executive session at approximately 6:15 p.m. to discuss employee evaluations. All Board Members voted affirmatively. Motion passed.
- Motion made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, to come out of execution session at approximately 6:45 p.m. No action was taken in executive session; pending information of pay rates in the county, the Board will revisit during the next meeting. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

• **Motion** was made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Pavlovich, to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Rosa Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer

James Lamy, Chairman