

The Board of Directors of New Caney Municipal Utility District of Montgomery County, held a Regular Meeting, open to the public, <u>November 21, 2024</u>, at 6:00 P.M., and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers to wit:

# BILL SMITH-PRESIDENT JERRY VERNON-VICE PRESIDENT TONY MARTINEZ JR.-SECRETARY MATT PETERSON-TREASURER/ASST. SECRETARY ANNE VICKERY-ASST. SECRETARY/ASST. TREASURER

Thus, constituting a quorum.

Also, present: Ricky McDonald-General Manager, Lisa Latham-Office Manager, Cory DeSpain-Asst. General Manager, Kassidy Permenter-Office Assistant, Alan Petrov with Johnson Petrov LLP, Jimmy Flowers with LJA Engineering, Bill Blitch-Financial Advisor, Kelly Landry with LJA Engineering.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Anne Vickery and seconded by Matt Peterson to approve the minutes for October 17, 2024 regular meeting. All voted for. Motion carried.

## CITIZEN'S PRESENTATIONS

No presentation

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

## APPROVE UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS

A motion was made by Matt Peterson and seconded by Jerry Vernon to approve uncollectible accounts in the amount of \$1194.45 for October 2024. All voted for. Motion carried.

<u>DISCUSS POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AND APPROVE ANY NECESSARY ACTION TO BE TAKEN, INCLUDING APPROVAL OF ORDERS DECLARING A PUBLIC NECESSITY AND AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS.</u>

Kelly Landry mentioned to the board that the Strickland Dr property will have the first commissioners hearing on December 11, 2024 and then 4 weeks later they will have the second one and then we will be able to get possession. The Park Dr property has an engagement letter to give to the attorney. The property owner by the sewer plant feels that they are under the threat of condemnation, and they do not want to sell. The Guniganti property has an offer on the table for part of the property and the other piece of the property is not negotiable until the other part is resolved first.

Ricky mentioned that the board had mentioned previously that the board was wanting to hold off on the property by the sewer plant. He also asked if we could possibly engage with them with a right of first refusal. Kelly Landry mentioned that he would speak with the owner and see if that is a possibility.

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#### **NEW BUSINESS**

DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CITIZENS STATE BANK AS A DEPOSITORY FOR FUNDS OF THE DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER, PRESIDENT AND OFFICE MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR THE TRANSFER OF DISTRICT FUNDS TO SAID BANK, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AGREEMENTS FOR COLLATERAL AS PERMITTED BY THE DISTRICT INVESTMENT POLICY AND PUBLIC FUNDS COLLATERAL ACT.

Ricky McDonald shared with the board that he feels changing bank accounts at this time would be difficult due to staff changes and training. Bill Smith asked that we revisit this in about 6 months.

# DISCUSS AND APPROVE AMENDED BOND POST ISSUANCE TAX-COMPLIANCE POLICY AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION.

Alan Petrov discussed with the board that with the changes in interest rates some of the large bonds are starting to earn positive arbitrage and you are required to pay that to the IRS. The IRS requires you to do an audit of your bonds every 5 years and pay an arbitrage to them. He is recommending that we use an arbitrage compliance specialist to take a look at our accounts and see if we are in compliance. He said that they will bring some proposals to the next regular scheduled board meeting.

# <u>DISCUSS AND APPROVE ESTIMATE #10 FOR (E208-0520) RENOVATIONS TO WATER PLANT NO. 2 FOR SCHIER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$342,095.00.</u>

A motion was made by Jerry Vernon and seconded by Anne Vickery to approve Estimate #10 for Renovations to Water Plant No.2 for Schier Construction Company in the amount of \$342,095.00. All voted for. Motion carried.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Jimmy Flowers updated the board that the architect for the Administration building has addressed the Fire Marshalls comments revolving around the sprinkler system and is still waiting for development comments from the county.

## ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Nothing further to report

## FINANCIAL ADVISOR'S REPORT

Bill Blitch gave the board a handout from the Municipal Security's Rule Making Board that shows the obligations he has for his clients.

#### TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Bill Smith went over the J.R. Moore Tax Assessor's report for New Caney MUD.

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# **BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT**

Ricky McDonald went over the 10/31/2024 budget with the board.

# SAFETY REPORT

No accidents or close calls.

#### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Ricky McDonald asked the board if New Caney MUD can use our floating holiday for December 27, 2024. The board agreed to the office being closed that day.

## APPROVE MONTHLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Jerry Vernon and seconded by Matt Peterson to Approve the **General Fund** accounts payable in the amount of **\$514,470.85**. All voted for. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jerry Vernon and seconded by Matt Peterson to Approve the <u>Capitol</u> <u>Project</u> accounts payable in the amount of <u>\$444,106.28</u>. All voted for. Motion carried.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORTS AND/OR PROPOSALS

Bill Smith went over the water loss and the bank balances.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Anne Vickery and seconded by Matt Peterson to adjourn. All voted for. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully,

Tony Martinez, Secretary