

The Board of Directors of New Caney Municipal Utility District of Montgomery County, held a Regular Meeting, open to the public, <u>July 18, 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 ANNE VICKERY-ASST. SECRETARY/ASST. TREASURER MATT PETERSON-TREASURER/ASST. SECRETARY

Thus, constituting a quorum.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Jerry Vernon and seconded by Tony Martinez to approve the minutes for <u>June 20, 2024</u> regular meeting. All voted for. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S PRESENTATIONS

No citizen's present

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVE UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS

A motion was made by Anne Vickery and seconded Tony Martinez by to approve uncollectible accounts in the amount of \$1170.47 for June 2024. All voted for. Motion carried.

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.

Jay Norris with LJA engineering updated the board on the status of the properties that he is working on.

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NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSS AMENDMENTS TO THE DISTRICT'S RATE ORDER AND COMMERCIAL PROCEDURES, INCLUDING ESTABLISHING A CONNECTION FEE, AND AUTHORIZE ANY NECESSARY ACTION.

Ricky McDonald presented to the board what could have been collected for the past commercial projects with the changes to the rate order for commercial projects. Bill Smith stated per the discussion the new rate order would include 3 times the tap fees for commercial customers and

 $1 \frac{1}{2}$ times for residential customers and not pursue an impact fee. We will also continue to negotiate with large-scale developers regarding any new facilities that would need to be installed to service their new developments. Upon further discussion the board decided to hold off on the residential rate order changes and only approve the commercial changes at this time.

A motion was made by Anne Vickery and seconded by Matt Peterson to accept the changes to the commercial rate order as presented. All voted for. Motion carried.

<u>Discuss and approve sanitary sewer line replacement on Marks Ln and approve any necessary action to be taken.</u>

Ricky McDonald presented to the board a map showing where the sanitary sewer lines stop. There is a small lift station that is on a property that we have no record of New Caney MUD owning. A customer has bought multiple lots on Mark St and has paid for his grinder taps but New Caney MUD does not want to maintain the grinders. Ricky McDonald suggested that we put in a sanitary sewer line. Ricky McDonald said that he reached out to a few Construction companies to get some quotes to put in the sanitary sewer line. Ricky McDonald will come back before the board once he receives the quotes from the contractors.

A motion was made by Jerry Vernon and seconded by Matt Peterson to pursue gravity flow on Marks Ln as opposed to the lift station. All voted for. Motion carried.

<u>Discuss and approve estimate #8 Final & Final Documents for (E208-0560) Waterline Extensions Phase "C" for Reddico Construction Company in the amount of \$106,281.00.</u>

A motion was made by Jerry Vernon and seconded by Matt Peterson to approve estimate #8 Final and Final Documents for (E208-0560) Waterline Extension Phase "C" for Reddico Construction Company in the amount of \$106,281.00 including change order #2. All voted for. Motion carried.

<u>Discuss and Approve Estimate #6 for (E208-0520) Renovations to Water Plant No. 2 for Schier Construction Company in the amount of \$491,862.50.</u>

A motion was made by Anne Vickery and seconded by Tony Martinez to approve estimate #6 for (E208-0520) Renovations to Water Plant No. 2 for Schier Construction Company in the amount of \$491,862.50 and 6 days of contract time. All voted for. Motion carried.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jimmy Flowers updated the board on the new projects. He stated that Elevated Storage tank #2 is waiting on the electrical sheet so they can be submitted for review. Waterplant #4 is waiting for a survey so that the site can be finalized. Waterline extension Phase E project is currently advertising.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Zach mentioned to the board that the bond sale closed on July 9, 2024.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR'S REPORT

Bill Blitch also mentioned about the close of the bond sale and mentioned that the first two weeks of August that we should receive the 2024 Values and he will come with a tax rate recommendation at the next meeting.

TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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

BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT

Ricky McDonald went over the 6/30/2024 budget with the board.

SAFETY REPORT

No accidents or close calls.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Ricky McDonald mentioned to the board that the SJRA is going to reduce our fees from \$2.99 to \$2.67. He stated that Brookshire Bros. Lift Station has always been maintained by New Caney MUD but there is no record that New Caney MUD owns the property. The MUD would like to ask the owner of the property to donate the property to the MUD. Ricky also mentioned that he was grateful to Jaguar Fuel and Buster Brown Propane for the services during the hurricane to keep our operations running smoothly.

APPROVE MONTHLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Jerry Vernon and seconded by Tony Martinez to Approve the **General Fund** accounts payable in the amount of **\$433,588.19**. All voted for. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jerry Vernon and seconded by Tony Martinez to Approve the **Capitol Project** accounts payable in the amount of **\$722,602.74.** All voted for. Motion carried.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORTS AND/OR PROPOSALS

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

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CLOSED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:52 PM REOPEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:01 PM

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Respectfully,

Tony Martinez, Secretary