# **RIVER ACRES WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION**

# MINUTES OF

## **REGULAR MEETING**

# **MARCH 8, 2022**

# THE STATE OF TEXAS

## COUNTY OF NUECES

On the 8th day of March, 2022, the Board of Directors of the River Acres Water Supply Corporation convened at 5:30 P.M. in a Regular Meeting at the Corporation's Office, 15602 Northwest Blvd., Suite H, Robstown, Texas, there being present and in attendance the following, to wit:

	President	David Wishard
	Vice-President	John Fernan
	Secretary/Treasurer	Janine Pruski
	Director	Jeff Holley
	Director	Michael Olszewski
	Director	Ron Hellberg
	Director	Debbie Reiter
Staff:	Office Manager	Kaylee Reed
	Legal Counsel	Charlie Zahn (Via teleconference)

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Board of Directors Members Absent: None

Number of Members Present: Four (4) Via Teleconference

# CALL TO ORDER

1. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the presiding officer, Mr. Wishard, pursuant to posted notice.

## **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

2. The presiding officer, Mr. Wishard introduced the following guests: Mr. Hector Benavidez with Nueces County Control and Improvement District #3 (the "District"), Mr. Marcos Alaniz with the District and Mr. Paul Pilarczyk, engineer for the Corporation.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

3. There was no public comment.

#### MINUTES

- 4.
- a. Upon motion by Ron Hellberg and a second by Jeff Holley, the Minutes of February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors were unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

#### **UPDATE FROM NUECES COUNTY WATER AND CONTROL IMPROVEMENT #3**

5. Mr. Marcos Alaniz with The District, provided the following updates:

- a. The meter tie in was completed on February 24, 2022 and a total of 6 caps were installed to isolate the old line.
- b. The chlorine residuals have been improved since isolating the old water line due to the project being completed.
- c. The district will purchase an electric valve exercise machine as well as a generator to begin the preventative maintenance valve exercise program in the system. It will take approx. one month (depending on weather) to exercise all valves in the system, and this will be done every six months (twice per year).

#### UPDATE FROM RAWS ENGINEER

- 6. Mr. Paul Pilarczyk, RAWS engineer provided the following updates:
  - a. Contractors are working on hauling off old supplies and regrading ditches/returning the system to preconstruction condition.
  - b. Meter tie ins are complete within the system.
  - c. GIS is up and running
  - d. Upon motion by Mike Olszewski and a second by Jeff Holley, the board unanimously approved the Dunham Engineering task order to develop plans and specifications to bid for repairs to the corporations existing elevated storage tank.
  - e. Upon motion by Ron Hellberg and a second by Mike Olszewski, the board unanimously approved the Hanson Professional Services task order to develop plans and specifications to bid for repairs to the corporations existing elevated storage tank.
  - f. A final walkthrough was done with the Texas Water Development Board as well as 5125 Co and Persons Services and a final punch list was created. Persons Services will be complete with the punch list by the end of this week.

## UPDATE FROM RAWS ATTORNEY CHARLIE ZAHN

- 7. Charlie Zahn, the Corporation's legal counsel provided the following updates to the Board of Directors:
  - a. Mr. Zahn informed the Board of Directors that he spoke with the investigator on the case and the case has been closed and submitted to the District Attorney. The DA will then decide whether this gets presented to a grand jury for indictment.
  - b. A meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2022 with the county commissioner, Vice President of RAWS, John Fernan and Mr. Zahn to discuss obtaining the county land near the existing elevated storage tank. However, Mr. Zahn was unable to attend that meeting and the meeting will be rescheduled.

## UPDATE FROM RAWS SECRETARY/TREASURER, JANINE PRUSKI ON KEY DATES FOR ELECTION

 RAWS Secretary/Treasurer informed the board that the next important date of the election is Monday, March 14, 2022 which is the date the director applications are due. Members packets will be mailed out by Tuesday, March 29, 2022.

## OFFICE MANAGER UPDATE

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- 9. Kaylee Reed, Office Manager, provided an update to the Board of Directors as follows:
  - a. Kaylee reviewed the 2022 February bank reconciliation.
    - Kaylee Reed informed the Board of Directors of the following bank account balances:
      - i. Operating account \$511,365.01
      - ii. Construction account \$0
      - iii. Bond Reserve account I \$200,751.54
      - iv. Bond Reserve account II \$43,831.17
      - v. UMB Green \$111,096.78
      - vi. UMB Sweep \$260,154.49
  - c. Kaylee informed the board that all credit memo letters have been sent out and she will begin the escheatment process according to state law after one full year from the last contact made with the member.
  - d. The accomplishment/milestone list has been reviewed by Kaylee and Vice President, John Fernan and the updated list will be emailed to the board as well as presented in the 2022 annual members meeting.
  - e. Upon motion by Ron Hellberg and a second by Debbie Reiter, the board unanimously approved to table this item.
  - f. KRIS6 news reached out to the Texas Rural Water Association (TRWA) regarding unaccounted for water and "high water rates". TRWA reached out to RAWS regarding this inquiry and stated that the unaccounted water is not unusual and that RAWS **DOES NOT** in fact have the "highest water rates in Texas" according to TRWA's 2-year rate evaluations. (Letters are attached with minutes for posterity).
  - g. The 2021 financial audit is underway with no completion date currently.

h. TCEQ followed up with RAWS with an email regarding the unaccounted water complaint made by a member and informed RAWS that the investigation is closed and there are no violations.

## **REVIEW AND DISCUSS FEBRUARY 2022 DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

10. The Board of Directors reviewed and discussed the February 2022 Director's Report.

#### REVIEW AND DISCUSS ROUGH DRAFT OF 2022 ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING AGENDA

11. The Board of Directors reviewed and discussed the draft 2022 annual members' meeting agenda.

## DIRECTOR COMMENTS

16. Mr. Wishard asked for comments from the Board of Directors.

#### ADJOURN

17. As there was no further business to come before the Board of Directors, a motion was made by Ron Hellberg with a second by Janine Pruski, the Board of Directors unanimously approved to adjourn.

## RIVER ACRES WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

By

David Wishard, its President

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