

**BRUNSWICK REGIONAL WATER & SEWER H2GO
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ronnie Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.; a quorum was present. The assembly cited the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Present from the Board of Commissioners were members Ronnie Jenkins, Chairman, Steve Hosmer, Vice Chairman, Rodney McCoy, Secretary, Bill Beer and Barry Laub, present from H2GO was Bob Walker, Executive Director, Scott Hook, Finance Officer, Tyler Wittkofsky, Public Information Officer, and Teresa Long, Clerk to the Board. Also present was attorney Steve Coble.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Hosmer motioned to approve the agenda as presented, the motion was approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Beer made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; a vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

Commissioner Beer said that one of our staff came to his home for a service visit. Commissioner Beer said the employee was extremely efficient, friendly, cordial and very professional.

Commissioner Hosmer said that one of his neighbors in Compass Pointe received a service call by one of our staff members, he said our employee showed up within 20 minutes at 7:00pm and determined that the leak was from the sprinkler system of Compass Pointe, he said our employee figured it out right away, he said he was sharp and gave good service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Jenkins opened the floor for public comments, none were given.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Hosmer requested to table the discussion of Commissioner Compensation until after executive session.

RO Water Treatment Plant, Considerations of Facility Name: Commissioner McCoy said that he would like to start this conversation and then everyone can think about it. Chairman Jenkins said we should start thinking about the name, however he wanted to get the plant under construction first. Commissioner Hosmer said that maybe we could get the public involved in naming the plant maybe in the form of a contest, this way we would be promoting H2GO. Chairman Jenkins said he thought it would be a good idea to take the contest to the schools and let the students get involved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

RO Water Treatment Project Update; Mr. Walker said they are bringing up the building pads, he said the wet weather has slowed that down a little but they are still on schedule, he said the RO concentrate discharge pipe has been installed, he said they have dredged and set the diffuser in the river, he said they are working on that now, he said that should be in within the next 30 days. Mr. Walker said two crews are working on the line going from the plant out to the river. Mr. Walker said the lines that go from the wells to the plant, the contractor will be underway with that in February. Mr. Walker said he believes we are through with the pump and haul for this month, and if it stays dry we won't have to do anymore this month, he said we have re-applied for a permit extension from DEQ.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Lane said he didn't have anything to report.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Check Register, December 10, 2020 through January 14, 2021; There were no comments.

Delinquent Customer Update; Mr. Hook said he had done a summary of the customers that were delinquent on their bills, he said right now we are not doing any turn-offs or applying any penalties. *See Exhibit A, which has been attached and made a part of these minutes.*

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER'S REPORT:

Public Communication re: RO Project Updates; Mr. Wittkofsky said that Precision Flyte Imaging does drone fly by once a month over the RO plant site, he said these videos are put on YouTube, our social media pages, Facebook and Twitter and it is also posted on our website under the RO Progress Page, he said he updates this at least once a month. Mr. Wittkofsky said we will do press releases on the bigger milestones.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Mr. Coble said he had nothing to report in open session.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION:

Chairman Jenkins asked the board what they thought was our greatest accomplishment. Commissioner Laub said he thought it was the unity of the board. Commissioner Hosmer said getting out of the lawsuit, the staff getting us through the permitting process and getting us to where we could start building the plant. Chairman Jenkins said he thinks the biggest accomplishment is what the H2GO staff has done this year, he said they are knowledgeable and have done good work and made the work of the board easier.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner McCoy made the motion for the board to enter executive session at 6:27 pm to discuss Consultation with Legal Counsel, pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) and Contract Negotiations, pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(5), the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Beer motioned for the board to return to open session at 7:50 pm, the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Jenkins stated that there was nothing to report out of executive session.

Commissioner Hosmer said that he would like to bring back the item that was tabled which was Commissioner Compensation, he said by statute this compensation would go into effect in December when the new board is established. Commissioner Hosmer said he did an analysis of town's salaries with between 100,000 and 20,000 citizens, he said there was no information on sanitary districts that were reported to League of Municipalities. Commissioner Hosmer said we are basically well under the average salary, he said we are paid half of the salary paid to Brunswick County Commissioners, he said we would have to increase 125% to be where Leland council members are. Commissioner Hosmer said H2GO's commissioner's current rate is \$500 per month, Brunswick County commissioners are paid \$1,000 per month. Commissioner Beer said we have not had a raise in four years, he suggested raising our commissioners salary from \$6,000 to \$7,500 per year. **Commissioner Laub motions to increase the commissioners salary to \$8,100 per year for future boards, the vote was all yeas and the motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Hosmer made the motion that the chairman's salary increase to \$8,500 per year, the vote was all yeas and the motion carried unanimously.**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:

Chairman Jenkins announced that the next Regular Meeting would be held on February 16th, 2020 at 6:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Laub made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm, the motion carried unanimously.

Ronnie Jenkins, Chairman

Rodney McCoy, Secretary

Teresa Long, CMC
Clerk to the Board

Date of Approval

Exhibit A

MONTHS	2	3	4	5	6+	PP NP	Business	TOTAL
Dollar	24,057.85	5,507.25	3,895.33	550.83	1,260.91	13,232.95	2,051.77	50,556.89
Accounts	141	26	14	2	5	36	4	228
Average	170.62	211.82	278.24	275.42	252.18	367.58	512.94	221.74