

**BRUNSWICK REGIONAL WATER & SEWER H2GO
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022**

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, Barry Laub, Vice Chairman, Rodney McCoy, Secretary, Bill Beer and Steve Hosmer, present from H2GO was Bob Walker, Executive Director, Russ Lane, Assistant Executive Director, Scott Hook, Finance Officer, Brenda Thurman, Customer Service Manager, Tyler Wittkofsky, Public Information Officer, and Deana Greiner, Clerk to the Board. Also present was attorney Steve Coble.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA:

Chairman Jenkins opened the floor for any adjustments to the agenda. No adjustments were made. **Commissioner Hosmer made the motion to approve the agenda as presented; a vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Beer made the motion to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the December 6, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. A vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

Chairman Jenkins mentioned that he attended the opening of the River Walk Park in Belville.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Jenkins opened the floor for public comments.

No comments were given.

OLD BUSINESS:

Deed of Dedication: Southwood Developers, Windsor Park Section 16: Mr. Walker explained that this was the deed of dedication that was tabled in October for not having the plat maps recorded. Mr. Walker explained that everything was in order now and ready for the Board's approval.

Commissioner McCoy made the motion to approve the deed of dedication for Windsor Park Section 16 as presented; a vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution R011822A-Annexation of Mill Branch at Spring Hill: Mr. Walker presented to the board a petition for annexation of the Mill Branch subdivision; he explained that this was located at the corner of Goodman Road and Woodridge. **Commissioner Hosmer made the motion to approve Resolution R011822A-Annexation of Mill Branch at Spring Hill as presented; a vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.**

Resolution R0110822B-Annexation of H2GO Well Site #3: Mr. Walker presented to the board a petition for annexation of H2GO's Well Site #3; he said with the Mill Branch annexation it would make this parcel contiguous to our district. **Commissioner Beer made the motion to approve Resolution R0110822B-Annexation of H2GO Well Site #3 as presented; a vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.**

Purchase of WWTP Dewatering Container Buck's Fabricating \$52,200.75: Mr. Walker presented to the board an invoice from Buck's Fabricating to purchase a new dewatering container for the waste water treatment plant; he said this will allow them to repair one of the other containers without interrupting operations. **Commissioner Laub made the motion to approve the purchase of the dewatering container from Buck's Fabricating in the amount of \$52,200.75 as presented; a vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.**

Purchase of RO WTP Hyster Forklift Gregory Poole Equipment \$42,127.70: Mr. Walker presented to the board an invoice from Gregory Poole Equipment to purchase a forklift for the RO WTP; he explained that after the agenda packets went out that we received a lower quote from Atlantic Coast for a Toyota brand forklift in the amount of \$36,976.00. **Commissioner Beer made the motion to approve the purchase of the forklift from Atlantic Coast in the amount of \$36,976.00; a vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.**

Purchase of RO WTP Genie Scissor Manlift Gregory Poole Equipment \$12,897.00: Mr. Walker presented to the board an invoice to purchase a Genie Scissor Manlift from Gregory Poole Equipment in the amount of \$12,897.00. **Commissioner Hosmer made the motion to approve the purchase of the Genie Scissor Manlift from Gregory Poole Equipment in the amount of \$12,897.00 as presented; a vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

RO WTP Update: Mr. Walker reported to the board that there was an issue with the recent bid for the 2018 CIP Area 3 project that connects Compass Point to our distribution system for the RO Plant; he explained that the ductile pipe bid won the bid but the pipe would not be available until May or June. Mr. Walker explained the PVC pipe was not currently available and the price is expected to go up when it does become available. Mr. Walker said they were currently doing a study to see what other options we had; he mentioned that this could delay Compass Point from receiving RO Water. Mr. Walker reported that the well pumps were available, however the motors attached to the well pumps were 20 weeks out. Mr. Walker said he has a meeting scheduled with the pump representatives on Wednesday to see if and what other options we have. Mr. Walker assured the board that he is trying to find other alternatives as fast as possible to keep the RO Plant on track. There was a brief

discussion on whether or not a press release should go out. Mr. Walker mentioned that he has a couple of progress meetings scheduled this week and next week. It was determined that we needed to wait until we had more information before sending out any press releases.

Proposed H2GO Office Building Expansion: Mr. Walker presented to the board three options for expanding our office space. The first one was to expand the outer hallway even with the board room; it was said this option is already not big enough. The second option was to expand the same but have an upstairs added above the new edition. The third option was to expand the hallway and extend the upstairs over the whole back section of the current building. Mr. Walker said the third option was the best choice for the money and it would carry us through the next 10 to 15 years. It was said this option would take roughly a year and cost about \$1.5 million. After a brief discussion the board decided to entertain a proposal from the architect/engineer at the next board meeting.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Water Usage Report 2021: Mr. Lane gave a report of the water usage; he said in 2020 the district used around 7 million gallons of water. Mr. Lane reported to the board that in 2021 we reported a little of 1 billion gallons of water for the year.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Mr. Hook stated he had nothing to report. Mr. Hook explained that we had just switched to a new accounting software and this was the reason we didn't have a check register available.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER'S REPORT:

RO Plant Communication Update: Mr. Wittkofsky reported to the board that the current ads running on the billboard and across the internet was now showing "Spring 2022." Mr. Wittkofsky said he had received a little resistance from this change on social media; however, he was surprised with the number of people that came in our defense. Mr. Wittkofsky explained that the trends for our website traffic was still increasing. Mr. Wittkofsky reported to the board that next news break segment would be recorded on Friday; he said he will talk about the RO Plant and Irrigation.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

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

INFORMAL DISCUSSION:

The Waste Water Treatment Plant was mentioned; it was said that we should not need pump and haul again. It was said that the County's expansion of their waster water treatment plant is supposed to be done in March.

Commissioner Hosmer mentioned opening up discussions on changing our district to multiple voting districts rather than one large voting district. It was said this was looked at previously and the information found previously could be brought back up for discussion in a later meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Hosmer made the motion for the board to enter executive session to discuss Consultation with Legal Counsel, pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3); a vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosmer motioned for the board to return to open session; a vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.


It was said there was nothing to report out of Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:

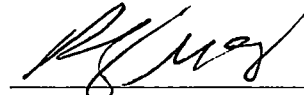
Chairman Jenkins announced that the next Regular Meeting would be held on February 15, 2022 at 6:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Beer made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm, the motion carried unanimously.



Ronnie Jenkins, Chairman



Rodney McCoy, Secretary



Deana Greiner, CMC Clerk to Board

2/15/22

Date of Approval