BRUNSWICK REGIONAL WATER & SEWER H2GO REGULAR BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18, 2024

OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ronnie Jenkins called the meeting to order at 5:00 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, and Commissioners Steve Hosmer. Present from H2GO were Bob Walker, Executive Director, Russ Lane, Assistant Executive Director-Operations, Scott Hook, Assistant Executive Director-Administration, Ken Brown, Finance Director, Jennifer Philips, Deputy Finance Director, Sara Meyer, Human Resource Director, Brenda Thurman, Customer Service Manager, Adrianna Weber, Engineering Director, Lloyd Brown, IT Manager, and Deana Greiner, Clerk to the Board. Also present was Mr. Steve Coble with Coble Law Firm.

Commissioner Beer was absent due to a family emergency.

PUBLIC HEARING: ESTABLISHING VOTING DISTRICTS:

Commissioner Hosmer made the motion to open the public hearing to hear comments on establishing voting districts; a vote was called, and the motion was carried unanimously.

<u>John Crowder</u>, 133 Lee <u>Drive</u> Mr. Crowder stated that he was in total support of this; he said it had been something that was a long time coming. Mr. Crowder said that he wished the Town of Leland would consider doing something similar.

Commissioner McCoy made the motion to close the public hearing on establishing voting districts; a vote was called, and the motion was carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA:

Chairman Jenkins asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda. Ms. Adrianna Weber stated that there needed to be a correction made on the Consent Agenda; she said the Deed of Dedication listed is for Westgate Townes not Westgate Townhomes. Commissioner Hosmer made the motion to accept the agenda as amended.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner McCoy made the motion to approve the consent agenda which consisted of November 13, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, November 1-30, 2024, Check Register, the Financial Statements for October and November, Westgate Townes Deed of

Dedication, and Indigo Preserve Phase 1A-1, 1B, and 1C-1 Deed of Dedication. A vote was called, and the motion was carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

Each Commissioner wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Commissioner Hosmer informed the commissioners that their annual Christmas Dinner will be January 16, 2025, at 5:30pm. Commissioner McCoy mentioned a H2GO truck in his neighborhood; he said he was thankful to see them driving responsibly. Commissioner McCoy gave kudos to Mrs. Joy Lewis for her willingness to step up in working from home while she was out on maternity leave.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Jenkins opened the floor for public comments.

Tony Fascenda of 3017 Eno Lane: Mr. Fascenda gave his comments in response to the board's decision not to refund money and not considering changing the billing method for his HOA. Mr. Fascenda referenced comments from an email he received from Mr. Walker regarding the billing system; he said that he felt that the HOA was being punished for fault with how the billing system operates. Mr. Fascenda explained that they wanted to be proactive in resolving any excessive irrigation practices but did not understand how they were excessively irrigating. Mr. Fascenda asked that H2GO take the time to meet with them so that they can come to a resolution of any issues.

David Chianese of 3037 Eno Lane: Mr. Chianese spoke on the response to the board's decision no to refund money; he referred to the minutes of the meeting. Mr. Chianese said their request was asked because they felt they were wrongfully charged and felt their bill should be corrected; accordingly, he disagreed that the request should be taken for all H2GO customers but only for his HOA. Mr. Chianese asked again that the board consider refunding their money.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution 2024-12-01 To Establish Voting Districts Mr. Walker presented to the board Resolution 2024-12-01 To Establish Voting Districts; he explained that the resolution in November was to select the Alternate 1 Map, and this resolution was to establish the voting districts. Commissioner Hosmer made the motion to approve Resolution 2024-12-01 as presented; a vote was called, and the motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

2025 Regular Board Meeting Schedule The board took a moment to review the 2025 Regular Board Meeting Schedule. Commissioner Laub made the motion to approve the 2025 Regular Board Meeting Schedule as presented; a vote was called, and the motion was carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Walker stated that he had nothing to report.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT-ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Hook stated that he had nothing to report.

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Monthly Report: Mrs. Meyer stated that her monthly report was included in the agenda packet; no comments were made regarding her report.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT:

FY2025 Fund 16 Budget Ordinance Amendment Commissioner McCoy made the motion to approve the FY2025 Fund 16 Budget Ordinance as presented; a vote was called, and the motion was carried unanimously.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT-OPERATIONS:

Mr. Lane Reported that he had nothing to report.

ENGINEERING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Wooten Company Administration/Construction Observation Task Order—Well Sites 6, 7, and 8: Commissioner Laub made the motion to approve the Wooten Company Task Order for the Well Sites 6, 7, and 8 as presented; a vote was called, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Pumps Purchase/Service Contract—Well Sites 6,7, and 8: Commissioner Hosmer made the motion to approve the pump purchase contract for the Well Sites 6, 7, and 8 as presented; a vote was called, and the motion was carried unanimously.

VFD Cabinets Purchase/Service Contract—Well Sites 6, 7, and 8 Commissioner Laub made the motion to approve the VFD Cabinet purchase for the Well Sites 6, 7, and 8 as presented; a vote was called, and the motion was carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Mr. Coble stated he had nothing to report.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION:

Commissioner McCoy asked about the new facility. It was said that we were expecting final design details at the first of the year; it was said that we will plan for a workshop when they come in.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Hosmer made the motion for the board to enter executive session for the purpose of Consultation with Legal Counsel, pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3); to discuss Contract Negotiations, pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(5); a vote was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

There was nothing to report out of the executive session.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:

Chairman Jenkins announced the next Regular Board Meeting to be January 15, 2025, to be located at the Training Room of the Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant, at 5 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Hosmer made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m., a vote was called, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Ronnie Jenkins, Chairman

Deana Greiner, CMC Clerk to Board

Rodney McCoy, Secretary

Date of Approval