# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 43 OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

### February 13, 2024

The Board of Directors of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 43 of Harris County, Texas, met for a regular session open to the public, on February 13, 2024, at 7:00 P.M., at the Birnamwood Clubhouse, 23803 Birnamwood Boulevard, Spring, Texas, a regular meeting place of the District. The roll was taken of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board to wit:

Matt Fagerburg President

Kathleen Harrison Vice President / Investment Officer

Connie Magee Secretary

Patti Yazell Assistant Secretary

Bob Frost Director

The regular meeting was brought to order at 7:02 p.m. by Director Fagerburg with all directors present to establish a quorum.

### CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Also, present were Benjamin Mellado with EHRA, Steve Reifel with TNG Utility, Rob Karl of Yellowstone Landscape, and Deputy Flores, Deputy Landeros, and Sergeant Esparza with the Precinct 4 Constables Office.

#### HEAR COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT RESIDENTS

None

### HEAR CONSTABLE'S SECURITY REPORT

Sergeant Esparza reviewed the security report for January.

## REVIEW REPORTS OF THE BOOKKEEPER, TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR, AND DELINQUENT TAX ATTORNEY, AND AUTHORIZE ANY NECESSARY ACTION.

Director Yazell made a motion to table the review of the bookkeeper's report and approve the payment of bills. Director Harrison seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

### REVIEW AND APPROVE SMART WATER APPLICATION

Director Yazell made a motion to approve the yearly renewal of the Smart Water partnership and signing and submission of the Smart Water Application. Director Harrison seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

## CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TRESHWIG JOINT POWERS BOARD ("TJPB") PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2025 AND APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACTION BY TJPB MEMBER

Director Fagerburg provided a copy of the budget to all MUD 43 board members and mentioned the two major projects to include pipe and equipment sanding and painting, and the I&I study to pin point any leaks.

Director Harrison made a motion to approve the proposed TJPB budget and resolution authorizing action by the TJPB members. Director Yazell seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

### **OPERATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Reifel presented the operator's report for both the wells and wastewater treatment plant for January 2024. Water pump #1 work is on-going, and Mr. Mellado will provide any additional updates. The WWTP treated approximately 3,055,000 gallons of water. The TECQ permit renewal has been drafted.

Director Fagerburg reminded Mr. Reifel the TJPB needs the number of residential homes as soon as possible each month for billing purposes. He also discussed possible I&I investigations in the future depending on TJPB's results. For now this is tabled, but TNG needs to be prepared and ready to obtain bids.

Director Magee questioned some delinquent balances on the arrears report with no payments since November that didn't appear to be on the cut-off list. Mr. Reifel will review the list with their accounting department, but it may be the delinquent amount for cut-off is different than the total amounts due on the arrears list.

Door hangers for past due bills will be placed February 16<sup>th</sup> with cut-offs on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Director Yazell made a motion to accept the Operator's Report. Director Harrison seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

## REVIEW ENGINEER'S REPORT AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION CONCERNING ONGOING CONSTRUCTION WITHIN THE DISTRCT

Mr. Mellado reviewed the January 2024 engineer's report. Advertising for the construction of the Operator's Building will start next Friday and proposals will be available at out of district meeting in March.

Mr. Mellado provided an update on Water Plant #1 advising that after sandblasting they found 4-5 holes in the tank due to rust that were about 1 inch in size. Repair of these areas will be approximately \$3,000

Director Yazell made a motion to accept the Engineer's Report and payment of \$3,000 in repairs to the Water Plant #1 ground storage tank holes. Director Harrison seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

## HEAR REPORT FROM TRESCHWIG JOINT POWERS BOARD ("TJPB") REPRESENTATIVE AND REVIEW THE MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2023

Director Fagerburg provided the Treschwig Joint Powers report. The rain events are affecting the peak flows and we need to get them under control to avoid violations. The board will be performing some I&I testing to identify leaks. Postwood has done well in documenting all their repairs over the years on a spreadsheet. They spent \$262,000 on a rehab project and continue to do repairs as needed to keep their portion of the lines running efficiently. The leaks / issues could be coming from either 136 or 43. After the TJPB performs their testing, MUD 43 needs to be prepared to do smoke testing of our lines.

Other repairs are on-going with the ogger and head works. The board approved the replacement of the front concrete fence.

## NORTH HARRIS COUNTY REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY ("NHCRWA") REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Director Harrison reported on the NHCRWA meeting. Director Fagerburg advised he attended in person with about 60-70 other directors. The board continues to discuss a possible rate reduction and do not seem to be concerned with how it may affect things down the road. The meeting lasted 4 ½ hours with several items on the agenda being tabled.

The next meeting is schedule for March 5<sup>th</sup> in person and via Zoom.

## HEAR REPORT FROM YELLOWSTONE REGARDING MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF DRAINAGE FACILITIES AND AUTHORIZE ANY NECESSARY REPAIRS OR IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Karl reported on erosion issues in and around the Cypresswood Landing detention ponds. He provided a map of the four areas some of which were severe. Mr. Karl advised it may cost around \$26,000 for the repairs. He will have more information at the next meeting.

### DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Magee advised the board that registration has opened for the next AWBD conference. Approval to attend should be added to the next meeting agenda.

Director Harrison reminded the board that Mr. Sage mentioned a Bond dinner, but nothing has been scheduled. A reminder will be made at the next meeting.

Director Harrison will not be as involved in National Night Out in October as she will be in Dallas for the delivery of her newest grandchild.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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