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**Subject:** Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting on November 15, 2023, are in summary only and, not a transcript of the recorded Meeting.

**Attendees:** Board - Dennis Kliza, George McClintock, Wende Hammond, Richard (Ric) Dominowski, Sam Kier, Paul Williams, John Daugherty, and Dan Christy. Billy Malady was absent.  
Staff - Bruce Sorenson, TJ Amstead, Chris Mick, Michael Lentz, Jeremy Tucker, JoAnne Welden and Susan Isenburg.  
Guests - Phil Durgin, Eddie & Alfredo Gilbert, Morris & Diane Anderson, Rikki Harper, Angie Amstead and Marisa Gomez from Lampasas Radio.

**1. Called to Order and Establish Quorum – 6:00 pm**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Honor to the Texas Flag.**

**3. Open Session:**

Marisa Gomez would like clarity on the water rates. The rates went from \$5.25 to \$7.05 but she couldn't find it on the website.

Rikki Harper asked when the calendar of events was posted on the website for this month. What notice are you required to provide when the meeting is on a different day than what it states in the Bylaws?

**NEW BUSINESS**

**4. Discussion and possible action to approve the October 25, 2023, Monthly Board of Director's Meeting Minutes.**

Dan Christy stated that there was a numbering mistake Item 5 should be item 4.

Sam Kier stated that on Item 10a, he was the chair and Ric made the motion and Billy seconded the motion.

Dan Christy made the motion to approve the October 25, 2023, monthly Board of Directors Meeting Minutes with corrections. Sam Kier seconded the motion. 8 in favor, 0 opposed.

**5. Discussion and possible action to approve Committee Meeting Minutes.**

**a) Member/Customer Relations Committee Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2023**

The Member/Customer Relations Committee met with Mr. Fabio Terezinho who owns an 8-unit mobile home park. He thinks the tiered rate is excessive for tenants, and it is cost prohibitive to install a meter at each home.

The Committee recommends no action to be taken regarding the billing of Mr. Terezinho's account, as it is being billed in accordance with our Tariff.

Sam Kier made the motion. Dan Christy seconded the motion. 8 in favor, 0 opposed.

**b) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2023**

The Executive Committee authorized Bruce to implement Stage 3 Drought Restrictions retroactively with an effective date of November 1, 2023. The notifications were to include an alert, posting on the website and inform the Lampasas Dispatch.

Ric Dominowski made the motion to approve the Executive Committee Meeting recommendations to go from Stage 4 to Stage 3. Sam Kier seconded the motion. 8 in favor, 0 opposed.

**c) Policy Committee Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2023**

The Policy Committee met to discuss the BOD Guidelines on Social Media use. There was not a consensus among the Committee members, so the recommendation made is to open the discussion up to participation of the entire Board and vote at the upcoming Board meeting.

Sam Kier spoke to Hamilton Electric about their Facebook page, and they are pleased with the results. They use it as a communication tool, and they have a rule that they do not comment on anything and use it to put out information only. The City of Lampasas does the same thing, puts info out. The biggest issue we have is transparency. People believe we are hiding things because they can't get the information quickly. Facebook is another avenue of communication to help us be transparent.

Ric Dominowski stated if we go forward, no comments can be posted.

Sam Kier stated we need to do research to make sure it's done properly.

Joh Daugherty stated if we were not certain we can turn the comments off, we don't need to move forward. Why Facebook? Facebook is on the way out. What other platforms are out there that we can investigate? We have texts and emails already; it will just be another place to add complaints. He stated that he recommends no.

Paul Williams agrees everyone would use Facebook and it is easy to copy and paste notices or whatever we want to send out.

Wende Hammond stated that members have asked for it because most are on Facebook. Facebook is probably the most used platform in our area.

Paul Williams left at 6:44 pm.

Dan Christy made the motion that we table this until more information is available. Let the staff do the research and decide what they want. Sam Kier seconded the motion.

7 in favor 0 opposed.

George McClintock made the motion to accept the Policy Committee Minutes. Sam Kier seconded the motion. 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

**OLD BUSINESS**  
**“Discussion and Possible Action”**

- a) **Rack Installation @ WTP** – Pall Corporation paid to date \$1,456,600.42 including Change Order #1 and SD Kallman Engineering paid to date \$174,145.00 of \$189,500.00. Lan Engineering initial Invoice \$225.00. Trew Contracting Solutions/ACSTAR paid to date \$218,684.70 of \$410,000.00. Johnson Lab & Supply (Flange Gasket/Valve) \$23,025.27. Project 65% Complete.
- b) **New Strainers @ WTP** – MRB Engineering Group paid to date \$17,362.50. Forsta Filters paid to date \$374,124.00 of \$403,752.00. Trew Contracting Solutions \$57,000.00. 85% Complete.
- c) **WCID1 Water Line Interconnect** – SD Kallman Engineering paid to date \$103,500.00. LAN Engineering \$185.00. Instruments Direct Invoice (Meter) \$6,352.00. Trew Contracting Solutions \$674,500.00. Texas ICO (Flow Mtr) \$11,250.00. T Morales \$210.00 and Miscellaneous supplies \$514.60. Project is 95% Complete.

**6. Manager’s Report:**

Office Managers Report - Master meter letters are going out again. We’ve had 10 new meters. The water loss may be higher due to the flushing we are having to do. We have been working on easements, may need updated easements with more detail.

Plant Report – Lake level was at 604.69 today. CTWSC lost 2 pumps when the river came up. One pump shorted out and the other one is clogged up. They are delivering 1000 gpm right now. We have delivered 17,000,000 gallons to Lampasas and CTWSC has delivered 3,000,000 so far this month. Trew has finished with the vault, racks 1 & 2 have been installed and are making plenty of water. The second set of strainers should be installed this week. The cla-valve has been installed and we have replaced several rack valves and actuators. The main transmission line repair was very efficient and cheaper than the last one. Identified quickly and repaired. The only delay was getting the pipe, which was about a 7-hour delay. We have learned that when we turn the water back on, Georgetown tank must be open. If not, we get water hammer. The rain has caused the soil to shift and move causing the lines to break. All chlorine residuals are good, lots of dead-end flushing. Still negotiating with Copperas Cove for interconnect. We will be renegotiating the WCID contract in December. Since we have gone back to Stage 3 as of November 1, this will give the customer some relief and it will save on flushing. Hopeful we can go to Stage 2 once the construction is complete.

**7. Board of Directors’ Announcements:**

George McClintock – Informed the Board that the Christmas Party is on December 8 and the next Board Meeting will be January 24, 2024.

Dan Christy – Asked about the long-range plan. Is there any way to say how we are going to pay for upgrades, as well as to what and why. Bruce informed him that we won’t be able to raise rates for a while and definitely need to prioritize projects based on need.

Sam Kier – Long range plans need to have a workshop with the entire Board. Blending water with well water. Looping lines, make section on things we can do to improve water loss.

**8. President's Comments:**

Dennis Kliza great job on the leak. Got local help, was efficient. Hands are tied with boil notice, mandated by TCEQ, have to wait on samples.

**9. Adjourn:**

Ric Dominowski made the motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Sam Kier seconded the motion. 7 in favor, 0 abstained.

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**George McClintock, Secretary/Treasurer**