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Subject: Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting on September 25, 2024, are in summary only and, not a transcript of the recorded Meeting.

Attendees: Board - Dennis Kliza, Stella Clements, Kara Bathurst, and Paul Williams. Billy Malady attended via telephone conference. John Daugherty, Sam Kier and Dan Christy were absent. Staff - Bruce Sorenson, Stacy Ellis, Chris Mick, Michael Lentz, and JoAnne Welden. Guests - Linda & Warrey Townsend, Chip Howell, Leah & Octavio Gaitan-Diaz, Toni Andrews and Matt Jarecek.

- 1. Called to Order and Establish Quorum – 6:20 pm**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Honor to the Texas Flag.**
- 3. Open Session:**

Octavio Gaitan-Diaz: I wish half the people that showed up at the other meetings would continue to show up at the meetings not just to focus on the problems, to also discuss solutions and possibilities. I had the fortunate opportunity to actually make a new friend with Bruce and my curiosities and questions have been answered in the last three months directly from Bruce. I've seen resolve through all of that, not necessarily in the water, in all cases but resolve for educating myself and what we're dealing with as a community as well as you guys as a business. I came today to propose, and I've talked to Bruce in somewhat detail, but I also want to maintain some level of transparency with the board because I know that Bruce is just one spokesperson among everyone. My background is news media, I worked for KCBS news in L.A. for a little bit and then went on to television/film after that for almost 30 years. One thing that I know would benefit KWSC is regular PSA's because there's a lot of uneducated people out there such as myself dealing with issues that if they have better understanding what we're up against can find solutions personally and publicly. One of the things that Bruce and I have discussed was possibly doing a video about boil notices. Why do we have them? What is the importance of them? Just simple things like that. And moving on from there in regard to other issues and positive and negative to educate the general public. I've also recommended, as you see, every time I come to the meeting I record the meetings for my own private use, I don't publish them even though this is a public meeting. I would highly recommend for those people that can't make these meetings, forget, or just don't want to come out that living in these times we have resources and access to put these videos, these meetings out. So that if anyone has questions, they can go sit in their living rooms and watch and they can listen and they can take notes and educate themselves. So, it would be very simple, it wouldn't cost anything but time. You create a Gmail account if you don't have one already and automatically you have a YouTube channel. I don't know what the monetary issues would be if you monetize it because you're a business. I don't know if that channel would have to follow the monetize rules. I don't believe it would be because these meetings aren't being developed for profit. They're to put information out and transparency for the general public. So, these are some of the things Bruce and I have been talking about. I have not charged for any of this, yet, as my wife says "if you're going to be pulled away from me, boy you better bring home the bacon" so, I talked about that too. Even if it's a bag of coffee, I'm willing to work for that but it will take time to travel, expenses for equipment, things of that nature so I think it would only be fair. But before all that is developed, I

would like to propose the first project to the board, which Bruce and I have discussed, which is a Boil Notice video, 30 seconds, I'm not a big Spielberg kind of guy just straight to the point. Images and information, basically what you see on the news but with better information. So, that's all I wanted to bring to the board today and thanks for your time.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Discussion and possible action to approve August 28, 2024, Monthly Board of Director's Meeting Minutes.

Paul Williams made a motion to approve August 28, 2024, Monthly Board of Director's Meeting Minutes. Kara Bathurst seconded the motion. 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

5. Discussion and possible action to approve August 28, 2024, Special Call Board of Director's Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes.

Paul Williams made a motion to approve August 28, 2024, Special Call Board of Director's Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes. Stella Clements seconded the motion. 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve August 2024 Financial Statements.

Paul Williams made a motion to approve the August 2024 Financial Statements. Kara Bathurst seconded the motion. 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve Old Business.

No updates, no action taken.

8. Manager's Report:

We have had several double payments since moving to the new portal. Paystar did not cut off auto payments for members that did not cancel them, which resulted in 17 people who had overpaid. These have all been rectified. Lake level is still above conservation pool. Rack Three Filters are set to be installed on October 15th. The burn will continue until October 24th. The Generator is on the slab, and we are slowly getting it ready to use. It is a slow process. TCEQ required us to install an Emergency Chlorine Site, which cost KWSC \$25,000 that was not budgeted. The water coming in from the lake is much better than before. The turbidity and manganese are both down. CTWSC will likely have to shut their plant down several times during the coming months for some major repairs. The Ivy Mountain Injection Site is completely approved by TCEQ. Natures Cove has some expected costs involved as well. We are going to have to install 200 feet of 8-inch pipe because our maps were not accurate. The Cla-Val on 190 is scheduled to be installed on November 6th. We have had numerous meetings with the City and CTWSC. All of our system has been flushed at least once and we are going through it again. We have great chlorine residuals throughout the entire system. The chlorine is 2.0 nearly everywhere in the system. Bell County WCID1 is working on forming an alliance between the water purveyors from Buckholts to Lampasas. We have identified some long-range goals and are working on a \$750,000 grant with the City of Kempner.

9. Board of Directors' Announcements:

Kara Bathurst – I would like to see us renew things with our members. Maybe we could get a list of people who have not signed up for alerts. We need to come up with ideas to move forward with getting information out to the members.

Stella Clements – I agree with Kara. We also need to do something to help get information to the elderly, especially those without internet access.

Paul Williams – Nothing.

Billy Malady – Nothing.

10. President's Comments:

Thank you all for being here and I apologize for the late start. We had to wait on the fifth director to be present so we would have a quorum, or we could not have the meeting. We have a couple Directors out sick and one overseas. There have been many decisions made in the past by people who are long gone. We have to work with what we have and make decisions based on trying to improve. We try to be an open book.

11. Adjourn:

Kara Bathurst made the motion to adjourn at 7:14 pm. Paul Williams seconded the motion. 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

**Stella Clements, Acting Secretary on behalf of
Daniel Christy, Secretary/Treasurer**