MINUTES TO A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS STONEWALL WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

September 19, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Stonewall Water Control and Improvement District (the "District") held a regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Stonewall Volunteer Fire Department located at 14854 US Highway 290, Stonewall, Texas 78671, pursuant to notice of said meeting posted in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, whereupon the roll was called of the members of the Board, to-wit:

Nikolaus Hopkins President
Mark Nebgen Vice-President
Laurel Hoekstra Secretary
Henry Rohlfs Treasurer
Louis Eckert Director

All Board members were present. Also in attendance was Dirk Jordan ("General Counsel") and Timothy Young with Professional General Management Services, Inc. ("General Management").

1. Call to Order and Establish a Quorum.

President Hopkins, after finding the notice of the meeting was posted as required and that a quorum of the Board of Directors was present, called the meeting to order and declared it open for such business as may come before it at approximately 9:12 A.M.

2. Receive Comments from the Public.

No public comment was given.

3. Final Discussion and Vote on 2024 – 2025 Tax Rate

No action was taken on this item.

4. Corrected Minutes to Previous Meeting Held on July 18, 2024

Draft minutes to this meeting were presented and discussed. Public commenter, Emily Kirschner, of Fredericksburg City Council and VP of Economic Development with Texas Regional Bank, was not included and has been added. Treasurer Rohlfs moved to approve the minutes. Secretary Hoekstra seconded the motion. After full discussion and all voting in favor, the motion carried.

5. <u>Minutes to Previous Meeting Held on August 15, 2024.</u>

Draft minutes to this meeting were presented and discussed. With no corrections needed, Secretary Hoekstra moved to approve the minutes. Vice-President Nebgen seconded the motion. After full discussion and all voting in favor, the motion carried.

6. Payment of Current Bills and Invoices.

Treasurer Rohlfs presented the invoices to be approved for this period and discussed those invoices in some detail. Treasurer Rohlfs reported that a payment to TTE LLC., for payment toward the new GST, was made in duplicate. This amount will be credited to the remaining balance. With no extraordinary bills or invoices, Secretary Hoekstra moved to approve the

invoices as presented. Director Eckert seconded the motion. After full discussion and all voting in favor, the motion carried.

7. Financial Statements for the Period Ending August 31, 2024.

Treasurer Rohlfs presented the financial reports for the period ending August31, 2024, to include a Balance Sheet and a Profit and Loss Statement. It was reported that Happy State Bank had not posted Earned Interest Income at the time of reporting. This will be added as it is available.

Treasurer Rohlfs reported that in the next month, District auditors will post system depreciations. These will be updated as the auditors make them available. The auditors were very complimentary of the District's financial records.

The District shall continue to submit reimbursement requests to TXDOT for expenses relating to the Highway 290 Project. No update has been made from TXDOT.

Secretary Hoekstra moved to approve the financial statements as presented. Vice-President Nebgen seconded the motion. After full discussion, the motion carried.

8. Receive operations report relating to current system operational issues and take action deemed necessary thereon. (Presented by Professional General Management Services, Inc.)

Management presented the System Operations and Management Report to include (a) water accountability, (b) status of system accounts and (c) significant events. A copy of the Systems Total Report, Allocation of Receipts, Exceptional Usage Report and Adjustments Report were also presented and discussed as a matter of routine.

An update on the current drought conditions was reported. Ther District continues in a Stage 2 Drought Condition. Though the region did not get any significant rainfall in the last month, and as a result, the aquifer is slowly but steadily declining. It lost roughly 4 feet of water level since the last reporting. PGMS shall continue to monitor the aquifer and make recommendations as needed.

Management also reported on the TxDOT Highway 290 Project. Meetings with TxDOT officials have continued to discuss different topics including bedding material, pipe alignment, filling of new lines, and disinfection and flushing. Capital Excavation has completed and put into service 2,550 feet of new pipeline with another 1,200 feet scheduled to be completed in the next two weeks.

With the new Ground Storage Tank nearing completion, PGMS and Burgess & Niple worked to draft a punchout list and deliver that to TTE LLC. There are two spots on the GST that appear to be leaking and need to be addressed. TTE has said they are working with Superior Tank to have these repaired. All other items are minor and should be completed soon.

Treasurer Rohlfs moved to approve the management report as presented. Director Eckert seconded the motion. After full discussion and all voting in favor, the motion carried.

9. <u>New Business.</u> None

- 10. Old Business Operations Update, take action as needed.
 - <u>Update on meter located at 1623 Strip Center</u> A second letter will be sent to Mr. Scott, separate from his normal water bill.
 - <u>Update on ground storage tank / emergency fill valve</u>. The contractor has installed this valve. A requested 90-degree elbow has been added to allow hoses to be laid in a straight line to a pump truck in the event it is needed.
 - Update on TxDOT, Hwy 290 expansion. The Highway 290 project has continued with minimal delays. PGMS will continue to invoice separately for any time spent on this project.
 - <u>Update on Grant progress / Reimbursement of funds</u>. Treasurer Rohlfs has made the District's first request for reimbursement. No further update was available.
- 11. Secretary's Report.

Secretary Hoekstra reported that the web link on the customer bills is not a working address. This will be investigated and corrected to direct customers to the District's online payment portal.

- 12. <u>Treasurer's Report.</u> None
- 13. <u>President's Report.</u>
 None
- 14. Other matters as may come before the Board and take action necessary thereon.

 Fredericksburg ISD (Stonewall Elementary) wants to add an electric, Digital sign along their Highway 290 frontage. The ISD has asked if other entities within the District would like to share the cost and use of the sign. It would be used to transmit important local, school, WCID and Fire Dept. messages.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:35 A.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th Day of October 2024.

Nikolaus Hopkins, President

Stonewall Water Control and Improvement District

Attest, Laure Hoekstra, Secretary

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