

SPANISH FORT WATER SYSTEM

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BOARD MEETING OF SPANISH FORT WATER SYSTEM, INC. DATED JANUARY 10, 2023

Board Members Present: Hank Bauer, Jr., President; Robbins Flynn, Vice-President; Robert Robbins, Jimmy Ashcraft, Board Members. Doug Miles was not present.

Secretary-Treasurer Present: Boyd Pugh

Staff Present: Terry Evans, General Manager; Jason Evans, Superintendent; and Jonda Kiper, Office Manager

Guests Present: Derek Kelly with McCrory & Williams; Robert & Shirley Bouler, Lisa Strickler, April Willis, Billy Stroups, customers

Call to Order at 6:30

Invocation given by Jimmy Ashcraft Pledge of Allegiance

Robbins Flynn motioned to approve the December 13th minutes as written. Jimmy Ashcraft seconded this motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Boyd Pugh presented the financial statements.

Robert Robbins motioned to approve the December financials as written. Jimmy Ashcraft seconded this motion. Motion passed unanimously. A customer asked if the BOD had any intention of returning cash reserves from the MAWSS lawsuit. The President explained later in the meeting.

Billy Stroups was charged for a dual transmitter and labor fees. He asked the BOD to waive these fees. It was explained to him that the fees could not be waived.

There were no other comments or questions from any other guests attending.

Our engineering firm is working on a wash-out issue that occurred due to flooding at Plant 4.

Terry Evans gave updates on the system. He explained that there were leaks during the freeze.

Jason had no update on safety issues.

The health coverage for staff has been updated and the Employee Handbook has been updated.

The hotel billing issues have been worked out. They will pay their water bill and \$7,500 a month. They have agreed to pay the system attorney fees and five percent interest.

Robbins Flynn motioned to adopt the hotel agreement. Jimmy Ashcraft seconded this motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The President read from the by-laws in Article XII: The net earnings shall be accumulated in a surplus fund for the purpose of replacing, enlarging, extending, and repairing the system. The President also indicated that another route for crediting our customers/member could be a rate decrease, but any rate decrease would be temporary in duration, and investing back into our System is well advised. No motions were made by any Board Members on the subject.

Hank asked in the last meeting if money could be saved by closing the wells. Terry compared everything from purchasing the water to using the wells. It is cheaper to keep operating the wells.

We still do not have a contract with North Baldwin.

There were a few amendments to the proposed budget.

Robert Robbins motioned to approve the budget for 2023. Jimmy Ashcraft seconded this motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.