

**Gastonia-Scurry Special Utility District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes of March 15th, 2022**

**Board of Directors Present:** Ginny Rivers, Jeremy Rhoades, Drew Sloan, Rick Burginger, Ernest Martzen, Deonna Autenrieth & Joe Hatcher

**Board of Directors Absent:** None

**Employees Attending:** Cindy Moore & Clayton Dickerson

**Attorney Present:** None

**Engineer Present:** None

**Visitors:** Cindy Lopez

**#1 Meeting called to order at 6:48 p.m. by Rick Burginger**

**#2 Open Discussion: N/A**

**#3 Approve the minutes of the February 15, 2022 meeting:**

*Motion to accept the February 15, 2022 minutes as written by Jeremy Rhoades, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drew Sloan*

*Vote: Unanimous*

**#4 Reports:**

**A. Financial Report**

Ginny Rivers provided a February financial report for the Board to review. February water sales are down which is normal for colder months of the year. Utilities are slightly higher for the month of February due to wintry weather conditions as well. \$53K Advisory Fee for Wells Fargo Investments also affected the February numbers. Wells Fargo “banking fees” may need to be re-classified as Professional Services rather than fees. Joe pointed out that the phone bill was higher than usual. Ginny will research MCI and any other phone costs. Joe also asked what the total profit in water sales was last year (2021). Ginny will get that number for the next meeting. Nothing else is out of the ordinary in operating expenses. Costs are staying under control.

*No Motion/ No Action*

**B. Field Report**

Clayton Dickerson updated the Board on field data. An improved CCN map was handed to the Directors. Clayton pointed out there is also a new system map on display in the Board Room. Building repair bids were provided to the Board. The District will proceed with the repairs at \$9869.00 by RichCo Preferred Services. Clayton provided hard copies of the Field Report to the Board as requested.

*No Motion/ No Action*

### **C. Committee Report(s)**

#### **1. GSSUD Facilities Tour**

- a. Weekday preferred by 5 Directors
- b. Weekend preferred by Jeremy R and Deonna A.  
April 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday is a date that was suggested. Rick is looking at scheduling in April.

#### **2. Todd Weber Scholarship**

Kaufman and Scurry High Schools have uploaded the scholarship requirements on their website. We are just waiting to hear from any students that may apply. Applications will come in directly to gssud@gssud.com

*No Action/ No Motion*

### **D. General Manager's Report**

Ginny stated office efficiency has improved and continues to do so. There is now a Job Cost system in place. The District Information Guide will be going digital. The Employee Personnel Policy is under review and needs updating. Inventory is in need of balancing. The last three items are a work in progress. The Annual Audit is in its final stage of completion for the Auditor.

*No Action/ No Motion*

#### **#5. Unfinished Business**

No topic to discuss at this time

#### **#6. New Business**

##### **A. Discuss and take possible action on the District's Non-Smoking policy**

A formal written policy was provided to the Board for review. It was noted the policy should state smoking is allowed in any outside area including the breezeway. There is also an incentive offered to help the employee with the cost of products or services up to \$500.00 in their campaign to stop smoking. (Receipts must be submitted for reimbursement.)

*Motion to accept the GSSUD Non-Smoking Policy with changes stated by Ernest Martzen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drew Sloan*

*Vote: 6 for / 1 against, Motion Carries.*

##### **B. Discuss and take possible action on Inclement Weather policy**

The board discussed the current policy regarding inclement weather days. After some discussion in adjusting or removing the inclement weather days, it was determined no changes are necessary and the policy will remain as written.

*No Action/No Motion*

### **C. Discuss and take possible action on approval of the LaVega Development Project**

*Motion to approve and move forward with LaVega as per Engineer's analysis by Ernest Martzen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ginny Rivers*

*Vote: Unanimous*

**D. Discuss and consider approval of term limits for Board Members**

Rick mentioned the idea of imposing term limits. After some discussion it was stated that there was no need for change in the current Board of Directors by laws or policies.

*No Action/No Motion*

**E. Discuss water availability for Developers**

The District has no update on a significantly increased availability at this time. The District does have an application submitted for increased capacity. Waiting for TCEQ's approval/response.

**#7. Executive Session**

**A. Discussion of personnel matter regarding ex-employee**

Cindy Lopez requested to address the Board of Directors in executive session

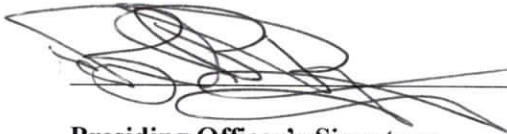
**Begin Time: 8:38 p.m.**

**End Time: 9:30 p.m.**

*No Action/No Motion*

**#8. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.



**Presiding Officer's Signature**



**Secretary/Treasurer Signature**