

**Gastonia-Scurry Special Utility District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes of September 20, 2022**

**Board of Directors Present:** Rick Burginger, Jeremy Rhoades, Drew Sloan, Ernest Martzen, Joe Hatcher, Joshua Lathem, Lisa Jones

**Board of Directors Absent:** N/A

**Employees Attending:** Ginny Rivers, Cindy Moore, & Daniel Camehl

**Attorney Present:** None

**Engineer Present:** Tyler Hendrickson

**Visitors:** Alton Hatcher, Erika Mendez & Ricardo Mendez, RJ (via zoom)

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Rick Burginger
- 2) Open Discussion
- 3) Approve the minutes of the July 19th, 2022, meeting

*Motion to accept the July 19th, 2022 minutes as written*

*By Jeremy Rhoades  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Ernest Martzen*

*Vote: Unanimous*

4) Reports

a) **General Manager's Report**

Ginny provided a handout of financial reporting. August was a large month both in income and water distribution. The reduction in usage required by North Texas was not met by the District. The fine/penalty has not been issued to date. Electricity and chemical cost increased for August as expected. A draft of the 2023 Budget was provided for review and questions. In reviewing the system insurance renewal, it was discovered the District is under insured by Two (2) million dollars. The properties and books were audited to get a more accurate value for insuring the District. This resulted in a Three (3) thousand dollar increase but the District is completely covered now. A strategic plan for a healthier culture has been put into place for improvement in four (4) areas over the next eighteen (18) months. 1-Community involvement, 2-Collaboration with other water districts for an additional water source, 3-Improvement in both customer and field services, 4-Emergency preparedness

*No Motion/ No Action*

b) **Field Report**

Daniel updated the Board on field activity and data. Report on leaks, water loss new meter sets and construction meter usage was provided. More flushing than usual this month for water quality. Removed construction meter usage from water loss data since that usage is billed. 1.81% water loss reported for August. Repair costs will go up next month for vehicle maintenance and repairs to damaged vehicles. The reported violation to TCEQ has been

resolved. Daniel submitted information to TCEQ to verify the District was and is in compliance. No violation will be recorded. Hwy 34 expansion project is still in process.

***No Motion/ No Action***

**c) Committee Report(s)**

**1. Election Committee**

Only three applications were submitted for the three (3) available positions on the Board of Directors. The three (3) applicants win by default resulting in cancellation of the 2022 Gastonia-Scurry SUD Board Election.

**2. Property Disposition Report**

Rick is working on a process for property listing. The cemetery property will be kept and remain on the MLS site for a larger population to view the property is up for sale. Update will be provided at the next meeting.

***No Action/ No Motion***

5) **Unfinished Business** - N/A

6) **New Business**

**a) Discuss and possible action on meter request for Mendez-Bliss DFW Properties**

Ricardo Mendez presented photos, documents and a personal statement suggesting harassment by Gastonia-Scurry SUD's General Manager. He feels the suggested harassment regarding his personal business has crossed over to District business in regard to his sub-division development, Bliss Properties. He requested the Board of Directors stand behind their previous agreement of issuing the remaining meters approved in November of 2021. He stressed he had completed all of the requirements in the agreement in accordance with the deadline.

***Motion to release the remaining eight(8)meters to Bliss Properties as approved in November of 2021***

***By Ernest Martzen  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Drew Sloan***

***Vote: Unanimous***

**b) Discuss and possible action on third party creditor situation for account owners –  
Anne Trombley**

Anne Trombley was not in attendance. No discussion. The item will be removed from future agendas unless the customer requests to be placed on an agenda at a future date.

**c) Discuss and possible action on increasing the water availability to the District**

The ACR was raised rather than reduced. The District has discovered the data submitted to was not accurate. Through system maintenance cleanup and further research, the District has 3687 connections which are way more than what was submitted to TCEQ for the adjusted ACR. The better option is to rescind the ACR request at this time. RJ with NTMWD joined the meeting via zoom. He went over the current take points pointing out maximums and minimums already available to the District. He suggested participation from customers/developers to financially support the District. He also suggested joining in on a study already in progress by NTMWD to utilize the Wylie and or Tawakoni Plants. Ginny has already started talks with Rosehill and College Mound. There are other water districts interested in financially committing to support the study as well. This is a

common need for most of the districts in the area. Rick also suggested creating a committee of three (3) for regular sessions on ideas for additional water sources. Rick Burginger, Jeremy Rhoades, and Ernest Martzen volunteered to create and join the Water Source Committee for Gastonia-Scurry SUD.

*Motion to form a Committee of three (3) for additional water source research*

*By Ernest Martzen*

*2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Jones*

*Vote: Unanimous*

7) Executive Session - N/A

8) Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



**Presiding Officer's Signature**



**Secretary/Treasurer Signature**