

MADE A PUBLIC NOTICE EBARB WATERWORKS DISTRICT
MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD ON MAY 11, 2023 @ 5:30 PM

Ebarb Waterworks District held its regular monthly meeting on May 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the office on hwy 191. President PM Woods called the meeting to order. Members present were PM Woods, Danny Lopez, Donald Garcie, Robert Conyer and Pete Nugent. Operator/Manager Gilbert Limon was also present.

Everyone said the pledge of allegiance.

Robert made a motion to approve the minutes of the 4/28/2023 regular meeting and Pete seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The guests present were Walter Mains and Charles Pennington from Sabine Water. They came to discuss the results of their rate study and the rate increase due to those findings and the new water purchase contract we needed to draw up. After several minutes of discussion about their results, Walter stated our purchase cost would have to increase 70 cents, from \$3.60/1,000 to \$4.30/1,000, in our new contract with them and that it would be implemented 60 days after the approved contract goes into effect.

Pete made a motion to accept the 70-cent increase in cost to be implemented 60 days after the approved contract goes into effect. Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Walter stated that they would get with our attorney and get the contract drawn up and we would go from there.

Pete requested the agenda be amended to discuss the date of the annual meeting under new business A.

Robert requested the agenda be amended to discuss outstanding loans under new business B.

Pete made a motion to amend the agenda to include both items on the agenda under new business.

Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Pete made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The board reviewed and discussed the financial reports provided by the cpa and auditor.

Robert made a motion to approve the financial reports as discussed. Danny seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the draft of the yearly audit report and the paperwork that would need to be signed to finalize it. It was decided they would take them home for further in-depth review and bring them back at the next meeting to be signed.

Danny made a motion to pay all approved monthly bills. Pete seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There was no attorney's report at this time.

The president had nothing to report. The other board members requested he find out when the next management training class would be held so everyone could attend and meet the requirements of the new water system grade rules.

There was no old business to be discussed at this time.

New business A.) Pete asked to confirm the date of the annual meeting, which is July of every year, so the items he wished to discuss were too early to be discussed at this meeting and it was tabled until July.

New business B.) Robert discussed some old loans we were still paying on and stated if we continue to do well, he would like to see us pay off some of those loans early and not have to pay so many finance charges. For example, pay one off this month and if we are still in a good position to do so next month, pay off, or even half, of another one. This was discussed for several minutes.

Pete made a motion to pay off the total Toshiba loan balance of \$1,324.00 and half of the Kubota loan balance of \$17,298.00 (\$8,649.00) this month and review them again next month to see if we wish to pay any more at that time. Danny seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Pete made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Danny seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.