# MINUTES HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 71

# August 29, 2013

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 71 (the "District") met in special session, open to the public, on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013, at the District Administration Building, 21437 Clay Road, Katy, Texas, inside the boundaries of the District, and the roll was called of the members of the Board:

Katrina Thornhill

President

Pam Kerr

Vice President

Mary DuBois

Secretary

Garth Freeze

Assistant Vice President

Phillip Smith, Jr.

**Assistant Secretary** 

and all of the above were present.

Also present were Rodney Heisch of Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc. ("Brown & Gay"); Steve Woodring and Ginny Woodring of Regional Water Corporation ("RWC"); Sherrie Knoepful, Phil Martin and Kendall Purgatorio of Mike Stone & Associates ("MSA"); Richard Duncan, District resident; and Tim Austin and Jane Miller of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP ("ABHR").

Director Thornhill called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

# **ACTION LIST**

The Board reviewed and revised the Action List and discussed and amended the status of the items listed.

## **ENGINEERING MATTERS**

Mr. Heisch discussed his review of plans for a Donut Shack.

# REPORT ON PARK, LANDSCAPE AND LAKE MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRICT DETENTION PONDS, LAKES, PARKS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Ms. Knoepful reported on park, landscape and lake maintenance, including an update on previously projects.

With regard to Bundy Lake Park, Ms. Knoepful discussed placing a cage over the main breaker that feeds the fountain breaker boxes to limit access. Ms. Knoepful reported that the power has been turned off by someone other than MSA personnel on different occasions. She also discussed proposals to install cable for LED monument lights, to make repairs to the irrigation system and to replace a missing dome lid for a trash receptacle. With regard to the cable installation, Mr. Martin said after installation, MSA will reprogram the lighting to soften it up a little.

Ms. Knoepful next discussed maintenance of District detention ponds and presented a proposal to install a new 3-HP Otterbine fountain with a 5 year warranty in Bluejay Pond. She confirmed that the spray pattern should be similar to the spray pattern of the previous fountain.

Ms. Knoepful distributed and reviewed a presentation on future capital improvements. The Board provided input and concurred that MSA revise the plan as discussed and bring the revised scope to the September regular meeting.

Ms. Knoepful then reviewed a proposal to install landscape screening at the wastewater treatment plant, including monthly maintenance. Mr. Woodring discussed pricing for a 1-inch meter sufficient to cover four reclaimed water irrigation zones.

Following review and discussion, Director Thornhill moved to approve all MSA proposals discussed, copies of which are attached to these minutes. The motion, which was seconded by Director Kerr, passed unanimously.

The Board also concurred that the splash pad close daily after Labor Day, except for weekends through September, and then close for the winter.

Mr. Browne discussed painting of the bollards and monument at Bundy Lake Park and discussed securing the work area during construction and manner of application of paint.

# ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, GAZEBO AND RESTROOM AT BUNDY LAKE

Mr. Woodring reviewed proposals for janitorial services at the administration building. Following review and discussion, Director Kerr moved to hire Coverall. Director Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Woodring next presented an estimate of \$1,969 from Astro Fence Company to repair the electric gate at Directors Park. Following review and discussion, upon a motion by Director Kerr and a second by Director Smith, the Board voted unanimously

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to authorize repair of the electric gate at Directors Park for an amount not to exceed \$1,969.

Mr. Woodring next reviewed an estimate from Astro Fence Company to install a masonry fence at lift station no. 5. Mr. Heisch said the original developer removed the District's fence and replaced it with the current masonry fence which now requires repair. Discussion ensued regarding whether the original developer received consent to remove the District's fencing. Mr. Heisch said B&G will obtain a survey of the property and solicit additional bids.

The Board next reviewed photographs of sidewalk settlement in Vineyard Meadows, Section 2. Following review and discussion, Director Thornhill moved to authorize the District engineer to televise the sanitary sewer line in Vineyard Meadows, Section 2 to determine if damaged pipes are causing the settlement. The motion, which was seconded by Director Kerr, passed unanimously.

## OPERATION OF DISTRICT FACILITIES

The Board discussed notice received from the West Harris County Regional Water Authority regarding drought contingency and water conservation and concurred to place an item on the September 9, 2013 regular meeting agenda for discussion.

# AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER REGULAR MEETING

The Board discussed items for the September regular meeting.

## DIRECTORS AND DISTRICT CONSULTANT'S REPORTS

Director Smith reported resident complaints regarding co-mingling of garbage and recycling material on garbage collection routes.

#### HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

The Board discussed the annual Holiday in the Park and concurred to hold the annual event on December 14, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and to establish a working budget of \$2,500.

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There being no additional business to consider, Director Thornhill moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.



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