# MINUTES HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 71

#### September 29, 2014

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 September, 2014, 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 Steve Woodring and Ginny Woodring of Regional Water Corporation ("RWC"); Alene Efaw of Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc.; Kendall Purgatorio and Sherrie Knoepful of Mike Stone Associates, Inc. ("MSA"); and Brooks Hamilton and Jane Miller of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP.

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

#### LIGHTING AT BUNDY LAKE MONUMENT

Ms. Hamilton and Ms. Knoepful updated the Board regarding investigation regarding original installation of lighting at the Bundy Lake monument and associated invoicing for extension of electrical service and installation of monument lighting. Ms. Purgatorio discussed ongoing lighting and programming issues and reported multiple attempts to contact the manufacturer regarding same.

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

Ms. Purgatorio reviewed a park and landscape management report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, and discussed work completed during the month of September, 2014, including installation of "Do Not Feed the Ducks" signs, and work in progress, including a pending proposal for renovation of the Bundy Lake Plaza, repair of leaks identified during inspection and winterization of the splash pad at Directors Park and installation of fill dirt around site furnishings at Directors Park.

Additional discussion ensued regarding installation of retaining wall bricks at the gazebo located at Bundy Lake. Following discussion, Director Smith requested a proposal for power washing the retaining wall.

Next, discussion ensued regarding the status of installation of a concrete pad for the backflow assembly at Directors Park and the Board concurred to request MSA paint the back flow assembly and place construction fencing around the backflow assembly until installation is complete.

Ms. Purgatorio next discussed a response received from Harris County Flood Control District ("HCFCD") regarding drainage issues in Morton Ranch. She said HCFCD found beaver dams in the pilot channel and will be cleaning the pilot channel this week. The Board also discussed recent flooding of the Bundy Lake area during a recent heavy rain event.

#### ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, GAZEBO AND RESTROOM AT BUNDY LAKE

Ms. Purgatorio said MSA is working on proposals for repairs at and maintenance to the Administration building.

## **OPERATION OF DISTRICT FACILITIES**

Mr. Woodring reviewed and discussed with the Board correspondence from C. David Rhodes, attorney for VK Investments, LLC, disputing water and sewer charges and subsequent termination of services for service provided at 21635 Manitou Falls. Following review of information provided by the District operator and correspondence received from the attorney for the customer, Director Smith moved to deny the customer appeal in accordance with the District's Rate Order and authorize ABHR to provide notice to the customer's attorney of the Board's decision. Director Kerr seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding installing backflow assemblies at ponds. Mr. Woodring updated the Board regarding inspection of backflow preventers. Following review and discussion, Director Kerr moved to authorize RWC to pull the backflow preventers at Mirror Lake and Lone Star Lake. The motion, which was seconded by Director DuBois, passed unanimously.

Mr. Woodring next reviewed with the Board a marketing brochure for an electric pump management system designed to eliminate blockages and a 60 day trial offer. Following review and discussion, the Board concurred to authorize RWC to request a 6 month trial offer.

Mr. Woodring reviewed a request received from Election Specialists to use the Administration Building for a November 4, 2014 election at no cost. Following review and discussion, upon a motion by Director Smith and a second by Director Thornhill, the Board voted unanimously to authorize use the Administration Building on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, for election purposes.

#### **ENGINEERING MATTERS**

Ms. Efaw discussed marketing inquiries received regarding District sludge hauling and requested permission to respond. The Board concurred to authorize B&G to respond.

#### ACTION LIST

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

#### AGENDA FOR OCTOBER REGULAR MEETING

The Board confirmed its regular meetings on October 13, 2014, and a special meeting on October 27, 2014, and discussed agenda items.

## DIRECTORS AND DISTRICT CONSULTANTS' REPORTS ABOUT DISTRICT **OPERATIONS**

Director Smith updated the Board on the number of District residents/customers subscribing to the District's email notification program. The Board also concurred to authorize inclusion of the information regarding the email notification program and opt in instructions in District utility billing.

# WEST HARRIS COUNTY REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY PILOT PROGRAM

Director Thornhill requested discussion of a West Harris County Regional Water Authority request for participation in a pilot program for automated meter reading system at no cost to the District be placed on the October regular meeting agenda.

There being no additional business to consider, Director Thornhill moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Director Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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