MINUTES HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 71

February 23, 2015

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 23rd day of February, 2015, 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 except Director DuBois thus constituting a quorum.

Also present were Steve Woodring, Scott Barr, and Ginny Woodring of Regional Water Corporation ("RWC"); Kendall Purgatorio and Sherrie Knoepfel of Mike Stone Associates, Inc. ("MSA"); Alene M. Efaw of Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc.; Andrew DebarBieris of Spark Lighting LLC ("SL"); and Katie Carner and Nikole Cales of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP ("ABHR").

Director Thornhill called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, GAZEBO, AND RESTROOM AT BUNDY LAKE, INCLUDING PROPOSALS FOR REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

Ms. Purgatorio discussed the status of repairs at the District's Administration Building performed per previously approved proposals and stated that the repairs were substantially complete.

Ms. Purgatorio then presented a proposal to seal the existing expansion joints in the administration building parking lot in the amount of \$2,162.00. Ms. Knoepfel stated the project will take two to three days to complete and there will not be access to the parking lot during that time. After review and discussion, Director Freeze moved to approve the proposal referenced above. Director Thornhill seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Board directed MSA to notify RWC prior to the start of the project, place signs outside of the parking lot informing residents of the closure and place a notice on the District's website regarding the same.

LIGHTING AT BUNDY LAKE PARK MONUMENT

Mr. DebarBieris presented and reviewed a proposal for the installation of monument lighting at Bundy Lake Park, a copy of which is attached. He reviewed two options for the Board's consideration. He stated the Philips eW Graze option includes more light fixtures, has more programming options and costs \$15,500.00. The Philips eW Blast option offers fewer light fixtures, basic programming options and costs \$7,500.00. Mr. DebarBieris stated both options include new lights, a controller and wiring as well as a 90-day warranty period. He stated the District may purchase an additional one-year warranty after the expiration of the initial warranty period for approximately 15% of the total project cost. The Board inquired if the wiring from the edge of the pond to the controllers is encased in conduit. Ms. Knoepfel confirmed the wiring discussed is fully encased in conduit. After review and discussion, Director Kerr moved to approve the proposal for the Philips eW Graze lighting option in the amount of \$15,500.00 for the installation of monument lighting at Bundy Lake Park. Director Thornhill seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

REPORT ON PARK, LANDSCAPE, AND LAKE MAINTENANCE

Ms. Purgatorio and Ms. Knoepfel reported on park and landscape management matters. A copy of MSA's Park and Landscape Management Report, including charts listing proposals for consideration, is attached.

Ms. Purgatorio presented and reviewed a draft letter regarding general information about and the impact of the duck and waterfowl population within the District, a copy of which is attached. Discussion ensued, and the Board requested MSA reduce the length of the letter and emphasize the financial impact to the District caused by the overpopulation of ducks and waterfowl in the District.

Ms. Purgatorio discussed a proposal from Wildlife X Team to remove 100 ducks within 48 hours, including waste removal and disinfection in the amount of \$6,000.00. Discussion ensued, and the Board requested MSA present information regarding the chemicals and process used during the disinfection process. The Board concurred to table the matter pending receipt of the requested information.

Ms. Purgatorio discussed a proposal to repair two damaged light fixtures at Lone Star Lake in the amount of \$281.04. After review and discussion, Director Smith moved to approve the proposal as presented. Director Kerr seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRICT LAKES, PARKS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Ms. Purgatorio presented and reviewed a proposal from Native Land Design for the design of walking trails, landscape beds, reforestation, irrigation and site furnishings for Lone Star Lake, a copy of which is attached. She then discussed and reviewed the draft Capital Improvement Projects budget ("CIP"), a copy of which is attached. Discussion ensued regarding the surface of the walking trail. The Board requested MSA present proposals for the use of asphalt, concrete and decomposed granite, including the continued anticipated maintenance costs for each option. After review and discussion, the Board authorized MSA to proceed with the preparation of plans, as discussed. Ms. Purgatorio stated MSA should have three bids for the project at the March meeting.

Ms. Knoepfel presented and reviewed a proposal for overflow event parking at Directors Park, a copy of which is attached. She stated the approximate cost for the project is \$587,208.33. The Board concurred to decline proceeding with the overflow parking project.

OPERATION OF DISTRICT FACILITIES

Mr. Woodring discussed a violation notice from the Harris County Pollution Control Services Department as the result of an inspector's notation of a deviation from procedures for cleaning sludge from the contact basin by the District's contractor, Source Point Solutions, LLC, a copy of which is attached. He stated the District needs to focus on joint facilities maintenance sooner than previously anticipated due to ongoing operating difficulties. Mr. Woodring recommended installation of an automated bar drum screen ("screen") to prevent the build-up of rags at the District's wastewater treatment plant. He stated the screen installation will cost approximately \$550,000.00. The Board requested the District's engineer prepare a proposal for installation of the screen for review and consideration at the next meeting.

Mr. Woodring requested authorization to pull the standby clarifier unit to evaluate the damage to the gear motor and determine necessary repairs to the unit. He stated the extraction and inspection will costs \$12,000.00 and does not include any repair costs. Mr. Woodring stated he will present a proposal for repair at the District's next meeting. He stated he will also contact the District's insurance company regarding coverage and possible reimbursement for the repairs.

Mr. Woodring presented and reviewed a Resolution Approving Submittal of the Water Smart Application ("Resolution").

Following discussion and review, Director Kerr moved to (1) authorize the District's operator to pull the standby clarifier gear motor unit in the amount of \$12,000.00 to evaluate the damage and determine necessary repairs to the unit; and (2)

approve the Resolution and authorize the District's operator to submit the Resolution and all necessary information for the District's Water Smart application. Director Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Woodring stated he evaluated the operator call center log information for the past year in response to inquiries received through the District's website. He stated 89.5% of all calls were answered, excluding dropped calls where the customer hung up prior to receiving an answer. He stated the average hold time for calls was one minute and four seconds. Mr. Woodring stated the most recent call center logs show that 93% of calls are being answered and the average hold time is 20 seconds. The Board requested Mr. Woodring request a traffic study to determine how many lines are being utilized at a given time and evaluate the number of customers that are receiving a busy signal.

ENGINEERING MATTERS

Ms. Efaw stated the District's engineer will update the CIP and present it for review at the next meeting.

Ms. Carner discussed with the Board the District's pending Third Amendment to the Joint Water Facilities and Cost Sharing Agreement with Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 287 ("No. 287"). She stated No. 287 requested Section 3 be revised to allow No. 287 to request the District to install a thin-wall brick fence around the entire water plant no. 3, with the additional costs to be paid for by No. 287's developer. After review and discussion, Director Freeze moved to decline to accept the proposed revisions requested by No. 287. Director Kerr seconded the motion, which passed by a 3-0 vote, with Director Smith abstaining. The Board requested Ms. Carner inform No. 287 of the Board's decision to maintain the previously negotiated provision of a partial chain link and partial thin-wall brick fence around water plant no. 3 with the costs to be shared according to each District's pro rata share.

ACTION LIST

The Board reviewed and discussed the Action List.

AGENDA FOR MARCH 2015 REGULAR MEETING

The Board confirmed its regular meetings on March 9, 2015 and April 13, 2015, and special meetings on March 23, 2015 and April 29, 2015, and discussed agenda items.

<u>DIRECTORS AND DISTRICT CONSULTANT'S REPORTS ABOUT DSITRICT OPERATIONS</u>

There was no discussion regarding this item.

SPRING COMMUNITY EVENT

The Board concurred to discuss the Spring Community Event in conjunction with holiday in the park.

There being no additional business to consider, Director Thronhill moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Director Kerr seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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Secretary, Board of Directors