#### NUECES WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

## Minutes – Regular Meeting May 11, 2021

(This meeting was held remotely by phone and Zoom.)

#### **Board Members Present:**

Board Members Absent:

Mike Benton Donald Lundmark Sherry Zimmerman Alice J. Black Ruth Ann Smith

#### Staff Present:

**Guests Present:** 

Carola G. Serrato Frances De Leon Jo Ella Wagner None

## 1. Call to Order.

Mr. Mike Benton, Vice-President, called the Regular Meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. A quorum was present.

#### 2. Citizen comments.

Mr. Benton opened the floor for citizen comments. No comments from the public were made.

### 3. Election of officers.

Ms. Zimmerman made a motion to re-elect the current slate of officers by acclamation. Mr. Benton seconded. All voted in favor.

The slate of officers remains as follows:

President – Alice Black Vice-President – Mike Benton Secretary/Treasurer – Ruth Ann Smith

## 4. <u>Approval of Minutes.</u>

Ms. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented. Mr. Lundmark seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

# 5. Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills.

The following financial reports were presented for the Board's review and approval:

Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2021

Account Activity for General Account for January 1, 2021 to January 31, 2021

Account Activity for Operations Account for January 1, 2021 to January 31, 2021

TEXPOOL Participant Statement for 01/01/2021 – 01/31/2021 for General Account

TEXPOOL Participant Statement for 01/01/2021 – 01/31/2021 for Security Deposit Account

TexSTAR General Account Statement for 01/01/2021 – 01/31/2021

Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2021

Account Activity for General Account for February 1, 2021 to February 28, 2021

Account Activity for Operations Account for February 1, 2021 to February 28, 2021

TEXPOOL Participant Statement for 02/01/2021 - 02/28/2021 for General Account

TEXPOOL Participant Statement for 02/01/2021 – 02/28/2021 for Security Deposit Account

TexSTAR General Account Statement for 02/01/2021 – 02/28/2021

Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2021

Account Activity for General Account for March 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021

Account Activity for Operations Account for March 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021

TEXPOOL Participant Statement for 03/01/2021 – 03/31/2021 for General Account

TEXPOOL Participant Statement for 03/01/2021 – 03/31/2021 for Security Deposit Account

TexSTAR General Account Statement for 03/01/2021 - 03/31/2021

The following bills were presented for payment:

STWA Invoice S21-044

\$33,637.35

February 2021 Water Usage, Water Cost and Handling Charge

STWA Invoice S21-045

\$17,432.36

February 2021 General and Administration

STWA Invoice S21-033

\$ 6,228.75

February 2021 Taps and Repairs

STWA Invoice S21-051

\$ 556.23

February 2021 Reimbursements

STWA Invoice S21-059

\$42,757.87

March 2021 Water Usage, Water Cost and Handling Charge

STWA Invoice S21-060

\$22,511.59

March 2021 General and Administration

STWA Invoice S21-062

\$ 1,618.28

Payroll expense for Part-time Employee for January, February and March 2021

STWA Invoice S21-064

\$ 338.85

Payroll expense for Stand By for January 1, 2021 through March 24, 2021

STWA Invoice S21-066

\$ 1,318.42

Reimburse for Fiber optic phone service (12/19/20 through 03/19/21) and High Touch Technology support (12/31/20 through 03/31/21)

STWA Invoice S21-070 March 2021 Taps and Repairs \$12,104.75

Mr. Lundmark made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports and payment of the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zimmerman. All voted in favor.

6. <u>Appointment of Credentials Committee</u>.

Mr. Lundmark made a motion to appoint Mr. William Staff, Mr. Lundmark and Ms. Smith to the Credentials Committee and to also contact Ms. Melinda Vest as an alternate in case Mr. Staff Is unavailable. Ms. Zimmerman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- 7. Nucces County project for construction of Banquete Pump Station to serve the Nucces Water Control and Improvement District #5 (Banquete) and Nucces Water Supply Corporation.
  - Resolution 21-03. Resolution authorizing Board President and General Manager to Take Any and All Actions Necessary or Convenient to Satisfy the Obligations and Responsibilities of Nueces Water Supply Corporation in Connection with the Construction of the Banquete Pump Station in Banquete, Texas.
  - Ratification of payment to Nueces County for Banquete Pump Station, Cyndie Park II Invoice #2

Ms. Serrato stated that last month the Board approved payment of Nueces County Invoice #2 in the amount of \$9,920.84. She presented a new invoice in the amount of \$61,546.36. She asked that the Board ratify payment of the first invoice and approve payment of the second invoice. She also presented Resolution 21-03 authorizing the Board President and General Manager to take necessary action on the Banquete Pump Station project. Mr. Lundmark made a motion to ratify payment of the \$9,920.84 invoice, approve payment of the \$61,546.36 invoice and adopt Resolution 21-03. Mr. Benton seconded. All voted in favor.

- 8. <u>City of Bishop Easement for Bishop East Pump Station.</u>
  - Authorization to make offer to the City of Bishop
  - Appointment of negotiating committee

Ms. Serrato reported that the draft easement was offered to the City of Bishop but the city wants compensation for the easement. Ms. Serrato recommends appointing a committee to negotiate the easement and making the city an offer of \$9,616 based on a square-foot cost of \$1.20. Mr. Lundmark suggested making the offer and waiting on the City's response before appointing a committee. Ms. Zimmerman made a motion to authorize staff to send a letter offering \$9,616 to the City of Bishop. Mr. Lundmark seconded. All voted in favor.

# 9. <u>Proposed Tariff Amendment – Section E (12) – Due Dates, Delinquent Bills, and Service</u> Disconnection Date.

Ms. Serrato presented the proposed amendment to Section E (12) of the NRWSC Tariff modifying the disconnection of service cycle as discussed at the previous meeting. The change will allow additional time to pay account balances before facing disconnection. Mr. Lundmark made a motion to amend the Tariff as recommended. Ms. Zimmerman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### 10. Cyndie Park Unit 1 Public Utility Commission Application.

Attorney Bill Flickinger's office continues working on filing an amendment to the NWSC's CCN to include the CPI area as well as a portion of the service area of The Ranch Subdivision. LNV is preparing the maps that are to be included. No action was taken by the Board.

## 11. February 2021 Winter Storm/Freeze Event.

Ms. Serrato reported that field crews have been working on resolving issues caused by Winter Storm URI and the only item that remains is leaking seals on a pump at Central Pump Station. Partial payment on some of the damages has been received and staff continues to work on gathering and submitting additional information to the insurance provider. She stated that she will keep the Board informed on progress of the repairs.

# 12. <u>Proposed Project and Revised Water Supply Contract with AquaTexas to provide service</u> to Golden Acres.

Ms. Serrato stated that Aaron Archer, Walker Partners, reported that easement acquisition has been moving slowly. She added that there has been a change in the equipment specified which will change the size of the meter/valve/restrictor configuration resulting in use of a round box 36 inches in diameter. A letter describing the project status will be sent to the Mokry family. She had nothing further to report.

- 13. Request for Service Nextera Energy/NetMexico Pipeline Partners.
  - Approval of private waterline and setting of meter at FM 666 & CR 38
  - Acquisition of easement
  - Assessment for capacity charge

Ms. Serrato informed the Board that a representative for Nextera Energy/NetMexico Pipeline Partners has submitted a request for service. The company has requested a 2" meter and a 4" line. Ms. Serrato believes a 1" or ½" compound meter would be better suited for this connection. She suggests installing a meter for the company at the intersection of FM 666 and CR38 in order to avoid potential capacity and liability issues. She has discussed the matter with legal counsel Bill Flickinger and Aaron Archer of Walker Partners. Under this scenario, the approximately 10,500 lf of private line to the Agua Dulce compressor station would be Nextera's responsibility to maintain, including leak repairs, relocations due to TxDOT and residual maintenance. This

will also require an easement for the tap and meter connection at CR 38 and additional analysis on the capacity that the new connection would use off of the Corporation's lines up to CR 38 as well as the new Banquete Pump Station. Ms. Serrato recommended that the Board approve allowing Nextera to set the private line, approve setting the meter and CR 38 and FM 666, allowing staff to work with legal counsel and the engineer to determine whether the meter will be located on the north or south side of CR 38 and what type of charges will be assessed. Mr. Lundmark made a motion to authorize staff to proceed as recommended. Mr. Benton seconded and all voted in favor.

## 14. Adjournment.

With no further business to conduct, Ms. Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:13 p.m. Mr. Lundmark seconded and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances De Leon Assistant Secretary