#### **MINUTES**

FORT BEND SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 22, 2020
3:00 P.M.

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT**: Jay Anderson, Karl Baumgartner, Bob DeForest, Mark Gehringer, Quart Graves, Linda Harnist, Marvin Marcell, Jon Strange, Donna Tucker, Lawrence Vaccaro, William Wallace, B. T. Williams and Benny Wleczyk.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: Morris Mitchell and Greg Wine.

**STAFF PRESENT**: Michael Turco, Robert Thompson, Kevin Ebrom, Dylan Jones, Greg Ellis, Ronda Trow, and Wanda Sebesta.

PRESIDING: Marvin Marcell, Chairman.

Chairman Marcell called the meeting to order in the sixth floor meeting room of the Wm. B. Travis Building, in Richmond, Texas, and announced the presence of a quorum.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. Ms. Harnist led the pledges of allegiance.

#### COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- 3. There were no comments from members of the public. Members of the public present were Christina Miller and Lindsay Kovar, with the North Ft. Bend Water Authority, Katy Clayton, with the City of Sugar Land, Andrew LaFranda, with ProEnergy Services, LLC, and Joel Patterson.
  - 3.1 Mr. Gehringer and Mr. Anderson now present.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

4. Mr. Strange moved that the minutes of the regular meeting, December 11, 2019, be approved; it was seconded by Mr. Williams. Chairman Marcell put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

# RECEIVE HEARING EXAMINER'S REPORT AND CONSIDER GRANTING, DENYING OR AMENDING APPLICATIONS FOR WATER WELL PERMITS HEARD AT THE DECEMBER 5, 2019, AND JANUARY 2, 2020, HEARINGS

- 5. Robert Thompson presented the Hearing Examiner's Report from the December 5, 2019, and January 2, 2020 Hearings. (Exhibit #1).
  - Ms. Harnist moved to approve the Hearing Examiner's Report from the December 5, 2019, and January 2, 2020 Hearings, it was seconded by Mr. Strange. Chairman Marcell put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

#### **EMERGENCY APPROVALS**

- 6. Robert Thompson stated that Emergency Approval had been granted by the General Manager for Weisinger, Inc.
  - Mr. DeForest moved to ratify the action taken by the General Manager granting Emergency Approval to Weisinger, Inc.; it was seconded by Mr. Wleczyk. Chairman Marcell put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

# CONSIDER A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH GM ELLIS LAW FIRM PC TO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT IN MATTERS BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE

7. Mr. Turco presented the resolution to the Board and discussion followed.

#### **CAPTION**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH GM ELLIS LAW FIRM PC TO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT IN MATTERS BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE

(This Resolution is of record in Resolution Book V of the Fort Bend Subsidence District being Resolution 20-421.)

- 7.1 Mr. Wine was present via cell phone as a non-voting Board member.
- 7.2 Ms. Harnist moved to approve Resolution 20-421 approving an engagement letter with GM Ellis Law Firm PC to represent the District in matters before the legislature; it was seconded by Mr. Strange. Chairman Marcell put the question and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR AUDIT SERVICES

8. Mr. Turco presented the resolution to the Board and discussion followed.

**CAPTION** 

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR AUDIT SERVICES

(This Resolution is of record in Resolution Book V of the Fort Bend Subsidence District being Resolution 20-422.)

8.1 Mr. Strange moved to approve Resolution 20-422 authorizing a Professional Services Agreement for audit services; it was seconded by Mr. Wallace. WhitleyPenn will perform the 2019 Financial Audit. Chairman Marcell put the questions and, after the vote, announce the motion carried unanimously.

### RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE INVESTMENT POLICY AND INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

9. Mr. Turco presented the resolution to the Board and discussion followed.

**CAPTION** 

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE INVESTMENT POLICY AND INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

(This Resolution is of record in Resolution Book V of the Fort Bend Subsidence District being Resolution 20-423.)

9.1 Mr. Wleczyk moved to approve Resolution 20-423 certifying the Investment Policy and Investment Strategies; it was seconded by Ms. Harnist. Chairman Marcell put the questions and, after the vote, announced the motion carried unanimously.

## BRIEFING FROM STAFF ON THE STATUS OF THE JOINT REGULATORY PLAN REVIEW

10. Mr. Turco updated the Board on the status of the Joint Regulatory Plan Review.

#### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

11. Mr. Turco updated the Board on pertinent operational and management issues that the District, its employees, or consultants have encountered since the last regular Board meeting.

## CONSULTATION WITH THE GENERAL COUNSEL ON RECENT LITIGATION AND GROUNDWATER ISSUES

12. Greg Ellis updated the Board on recent litigation and groundwater issues.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

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Chairman

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Secretary