## RICARDO WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION Regular Meeting Minutes May 12, 2021

### **Board Members Present:**

**Board Members Absent:** 

Tim Robertson

Baldemar Garcia

Robert Zavala Oliver Hinojosa Frank Escobedo James Fischer Robert Garza

**Staff Present:** 

Guests Present:

Carola G. Serrato Frances De Leon Jo Ella Wagner Dony Cantu None

#### 1. Call to Order.

Board President Baldemar Garcia called the Regular Meeting of the Ricardo Water Supply Corporation Board of Directors to order at 5:32 p.m. A quorum was present.

## 2. Citizen comments.

Mr. Garcia opened the floor to citizen comments. No citizen comments were made.

#### Approval of Minutes.

Mr. Escobedo made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented. Mr. Garza seconded and the motion carried.

### 4. <u>Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills.</u>

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

Corrected Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2021

Account Activity for General Account for February 1, 2021 to February 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 Membership Deposit Account

TEXPOOL Participant Statement for 03/01/2021 - 03/31/2021 for USDA Reserve Account

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

Corrected Water Loss Report for January - February 2021

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The following bills were presented for payment:

STWA Invoice S21-057

\$31,064.36

March 2021 Water Usage, Water Cost and Handling Charge

STWA Invoice S21-058

\$22,948.26

March 2021 General and Administration

STWA Invoice S21-061

\$ 1.618.28

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

STWA Invoice S21-063

\$ 338,85

Payroll expense for Standby Pay for January 1, 2021 through March 24, 2021

STWA Invoice S21-065

\$ 1,330.42

Reimbursement for Fiber optic phone service (12/19/20 through 03/19/21) and High Touch Technology support (01/01/21 through 03/31/21)

STWA Invoice S21-069

\$ 9,198.23

March 2021 Taps and Repairs

A motion was made by Mr. Zavala and seconded by Mr. Escobedo to approve the Treasurer's Report and payment of the bills. The motion carried.

- 5. <u>All matters pertaining to TxDOT Upgrades on US 77/I69 at CR 2120/FM 772 and from CR 2130 south to CR 2230.</u>
  - Funding Options

Ms. Serrato reported that return of the Corporation's 10% withheld amount (\$28,108.50) is expected very soon. She also mentioned that she spoke with Mireya Loewe of TWDB regarding the application and one of the items discussed was the possibility of a waiver for the environmental study. Ms. Loewe also told her about the TWDB's rural assistance fund which although it runs at a higher interest rate, allows for a 40-year term. The Board consensus was to pursue a 30-year loan. Ms. Serrato also reported that she and Eric Villarreal of Ardurra discussed funding of additional improvement projects if bids on the TxDOT adjustments are lower than the engineer's estimate. Mr. Villarreal reported to her that the designs are complete and should be submitted to TxDOT shortly. Ms. Serrato stated that staff will continue working on the application.

6. <u>Proposed Tariff Amendment – Section E (13) – Due Dates, Delinquent Bills, and Service</u> Disconnection Date.

Ms. Serrato presented the proposed amendment to Section E (13) of the RWSC Tariff modifying the disconnection of service cycle as discussed at the previous meeting. The change will allow

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additional time to pay account balances before facing disconnection. Mr. Zavala made a motion to approve the recommended Tariff Amendment. Mr. Garza seconded and all voted in favor.

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

Ms. Serrato reported that the 10" valve at Pump Station #1 still needs to be replaced. In addition, the yard piping has been fixed at Pump Station #3, but the tanks need to be disinfected and bacteriological samples are needed prior to the pump station being placed back online. She stated that RWSC's total cost of damages is \$4,539.95. Insurance claims on the storm damage have been submitted. She stated that she would continue to provide updates to the Board.

# 8. Adjournment.

With no further business to conduct, Mr. Zavala made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Mr. Hinojosa seconded and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances De Leon Assistant Secretary