**FLYING L PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**

**REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 11, 2019**

**M I N U T E S**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The March 11, 2019 regular meeting, of the Flying L Public Utility District; is called to order by Vice President Don Bateman at 6:40 PM. Additional Board Members in attendance are Guy Wolf and Austin Christensen. Patrick Raab and June Baker are absent. Also, in attendance are Recording Secretary Leslie Rector, Field & Office Administrator Janet Williams and Water and Wastewater Operator Jerry Hefley.

**A quorum was established.**

**Guest(s) in Attendance:** Bob Williams and Gwenda Tschirhart-Tax Assessor

**Public Comment:** Gwenda Tschirhart came to give the Board a briefing on Senate Bill 2, which in part deals with Elections and Taxation changes. This Bill is a work in progress and may be approved soon. Every tax entity that has a levy of 15 million or less a year will be classified as a Small Tax Entity. It will change how the PUD sets tax rates, elections and publication notices. For example a larger ¼ page ad will be required if passed. The term “Effective Tax Rate” will be changed to “No New Revenue”. If the No New Revenue rate is adopted only one hearing is required, if the roll back rate is adopted then two public hearings are required with two public notifications. If the Bill goes through then an election will be required in May, which will be an additional cost of approximately $6,500. This is where the property owners will vote on the tax rate. If the Bill is passed, the first year of additional costs will be at least $15,000 for the PUD to absorb. She offered a few suggestions such as reducing the Homestead Exemption to 15%. Even with all the suggestions it will take about 6 years to get back to the 2018 revenue.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** After a review of the March Regular Meeting minutes, **a** **motion** was made by Christensen, 2nd by Wolf to approve the minutes from the February 11th meeting. **Unanimous**

**REVIEW AND PAY BILLS:** After reviewing the monthly financial report, dated March 11, 2019 **a motion** was made by Wolf, 2nd by Christensen to accept the report and pay the bills totaling $27,183.45 with a transfer of $27,000 from M&O #266 to Bandera Bank #816. **Unanimous**

**Bandera Bank & Hondo Bank: $466,915.15**

**Savings & CDs at Randolph Brooks FCU: $213,199.40**

**FUND BALANCE: $680,114.55**

**REPORT OF MONTHLY WORK PROJECTS AND OPERATION:** Janet reported that the well levels were: Well #1 at 194.04’ and Well #2 at 200.10’

Jerry said on the water-side – Kerr Country Pump supplied an estimate for work at Well #1 and Odessa Pumps furnished pricing on new seals.

On the wastewater side – Johnny Curl from Curl Industrial Services LLC, gave us a price on replacing the panels and the service meters.

Jerry has been in touch with Relevant Solutions regarding the repair of the blower under warranty. The manufacturer, Tuthill; says the one year warranty expired, according to its manufactured date, also there was rust in the pump. The PUD purchased it in November 2018. This matter has not been settled. It was suggested that the payment on the recent invoice be withheld until there is a final decision on the warranty. The Board members agreed.

**OLD BUSINESS (Discuss and Consider)**

**Drought Restrictions:** No Change Needed. **Tabled**

**NEW BUSINESS** **(Consider for Action and Review)**

**Letter From Howard J Hughes:** The Board received a letter from Mr Hughes addressing Chapter 8177 regarding giving access to sewer services to all residents. The Board discussed how to respond to the letter. There seems to be a lot of variables within Chapter 8177. **A motion** was made by Christensen, 2nd by Wolf to contact Ty (representative from law firm) for his opinion on the letter from Mr Howard Hughes and once we have his opinion we will respond accordingly. **Unanimous**

**Kerr Country Pump Estimate:** An estimate was received from Kerr Country Pump for anticipated work on Well #1. Jerry believes the price is good and recommends the work be done to get Well #1 back in order. **A motion** was made by Wolf, 2nd by Christensen to approve the work on Well #1 by Kerr Country Pump at the cost of $2,973. **Unanimous** Jerry will call them to get the work scheduled.

**Kerr Country Pump Estimate on Aqua VX Scout w/4 x Enclosure:** This is the system that will send alerts on the water system, including low pressure, low volume in tanks, or if we have an electrical problem. Jerry is not real concerned about getting this system right away. **A motion** was made, by Wolf, 2nd by Christensen to Table this project until another time. **Unanimous – Tabled** Jerry will ask about a possible cost increase over the next 6 months.

**Quote From Odessa Pumps – Packing on Pumps #1 and 2:** This is an improved method of packing the pumps. The current packing seems to only last a few months, at a cost of $2,000 each time. This would be an injectable packing system. If/when needed this new process can be done by the Water Operator once installed. **A motion** was made by Wolf, 2nd by Christensen to approve the new system for the injectable packing on the American Marsh split case pumps #1 & 2. **Unanimous**. Because the lead time is 3 to 4 weeks after the order has been placed it was determined to order it now.

**Estimate from Curl Industrial Services LLC on Custom Pump Panel to Service 3 Lift Station Pumps and 2 Effluent Pumps:** The Board reviewed the estimate and decided they would like Patrick Raab to go over the project and give the Board his professional opinion before making any final decision. **A motion** was made by Christensen, 2nd by Wolf to Table this quote from Curl Industrial Services until Patrick Raab is available for comment. **Unanimous**

**Next Meeting:** The next month’s regular meeting date for the Flying LPUD is scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

**Adjourn:** Having no further business, a motion was made by Christensen, 2nd by Wolf to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM **Unanimous**

Presented for review and approval,

Leslie L. Rector, Recording Secretary

for the Flying L Public Utility District