

**Gastonia-Scurry Special Utility District
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of April 18th, 2023**

Board of Directors Present: Rick Burginger, Ernest Martzen, Drew Sloan, Dr. Lisa Jones, Joe Hatcher, Joshua Lathem

Board of Directors Absent: Jeremy Rhoades

Employees Attending: Amanda Burnett, & Daniel Camehl

Attorney Present: None

Visitors: Kyle Caperton-Murrey CPA

1) **Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM by Richard Burginger**

2) **Open Discussion**

3) **Approve the minutes of the March. 21, 2023, meeting.**

Motion to accept March. 21, 2023, minutes as written.

BY: Ernie SECOND: Joshua VOTE: Una

4) **Reports**

a) **General Manager's Report-** Good response to our kicking off the build a barrel with the customers in the community. Trying to get all customers signed up with the new operating system so everyone gets the alerts. North Texas has accepted our map and requested route for wholesale option with Rosehill. We won't know anything until April 26th whether it's been approved and then the board can vote at that time if we want to proceed. We have 3 developers willing to write checks to get more water down here for those new phases of construction. Which would give us about 200 million gallons per year. We actually bought and sold some investments that resulted in a gain this month. Material and labor were high this month because of all the new meters set we did in March. Income is behind since we streamlined our budget throughout the 12 months. Water sales were slower this month because of all the rain and it's that time of the year and water sales are down. Security monitoring was never billed in the last 2 years so that was an added expense to the budget we didn't plan on. Overall, we are right on budget. The study reveals 35 million between 5 districts and still have to put in a pump station and maintain the 20' line. Rosehill option would be a good fit since we have developers willing to help pay and it could happen within the next year.

b) **Field Report- Water loss Report for March**

2 - ¾" valves blew off and lost 312,000 gallons

2- 1 ½" lines loss 158,400 gallons

1- 2" line water leak for a loss of 259,200 gallons

1- 8" line leak for a loss of 86,400 gallons.

Auto flushers, dead ends, water quality and our trailer have usage of 1,994,400 gallons.

Fire departments used the same usage every month.

3-Construction meters have a combined usage of 49,200.
There was 1 fire hydrant open on our system that belongs to no one, so we shut it down.

Total water pumped: 22,414,000

Total water billed: 18,707,514

Total water loss: 828,386

3 New Meter sets with a total loss percentage of 3.70%

c) **Committee Report(s)** Kyle with Murrey CPA firm to go over out 2022 Audit

5) **Unfinished Business** –

Discuss and possible approval of paying \$21,000 engineering fee for Rose Hill on Water purchase study.

Discuss and possible approval of changing standard meters to read smart meters going forward.

6) **New Business** Switching the 7-year bonds to a 2-year bond because we will need the money sooner rather than later. Short terms are paying more than long term at this point in time.


Motion by : Ernie

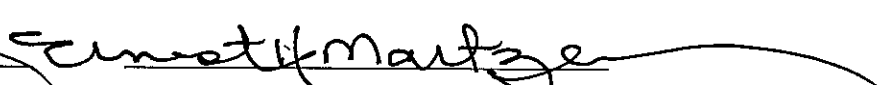
Second : Dr. Lisa

Vote : Una

7) **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned 7:57pm


Presiding Officer's Signature


Secretary/Treasurer Signature