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**Officers** present:

**Vice-President** – Nelson Bailey  
**Secretary-Treasurer** – Penny Snow  
**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer** – JB Watkins

**Directors** present:

James Slattery  
Mike Johnson

**Directors** absent:

**President** – Scott Royal  
Jeff Smith

**Also** present:

General Manager - Billy Brillhart (delayed due to low pressure repairs on system)  
Office Personnel –Rebekah Da Vault and Leslie Cottrell  
Potential Director – Steven Byrom  
Visitors – Multiple members

**Call to Order / Invocation / Verification of Quorum:**

Called to Order by Vice President Nelson Bailey at 5:03 pm on May 12, 2021.

A Quorum was verified, 5 Directors out of 9 present.

The Invocation was given by Vice President Nelson Bailey.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Director Mike Johnson made a motion that minutes from April 14, 2021 meeting be approved as read. Director JB Watkins seconded. Motion was approved.

**Concerns of Customers:**

Multiple members attended the meeting for an update on remedy for low water pressure, lack of water pressure and at times no water at their homes on the south west section of the system.

Member Sara Masterson voiced concerns on her specific no water issues. She also submitted a written open records request. She talked about the research she has done on grants for projects on the system. She mentioned one grant from the USDA website called circuit rider program, that she feels would benefit SPWSC. It provides funds to assist with day-to-day operations and delivery of water. Grant requests must be written by an employee or someone appointed by the corporation. Sara has said that she will assist where she is able.

Member Jamie Maston asked about rumors of people receiving water and not being charged for it. Office personal stated that a review of all accounts has been done, and that particular item had been resolved. There was also an issue brought up about SPWSC equipment being used for private purposes. Again, we alerted them that, time permitting, equipment may be rented from SPWSC. Only SPWSC personal may operate equipment. Equipment may also be used in emergency situations to aid the general public. The General Manager has the rates of service for rentals. Jamie Maston spoke with Steve from TCEQ concerning her having no water or water pressure on the

weekends at her home. Steve came out and reviewed the system. He set up some pressure recorders for a 2-week period. He also made some recommendations and suggestions of changes. He will keep in touch with Billy and monitor the results from the pressure recorders.

Member Steiner said that his water pressure was at 10 or 11 psi at 5 in the morning and none at 6 am. GM and purveyors changed a few valves that had been closed to help with the pressure. TCEQ has put monitors on the system in his area, and will monitor for 2 weeks.

Member Steve Byrom, who was in attendance, applied to be on the board and has experience with construction. He was also on the Stop the Annexation committee. He stated that his home has had a weekly pressure problem for over 7 years. He also had mentioned the water rationing listed on the SPWSC website. Leslie Cottrell let the group know that we had received a letter from the TCEQ about drought conditions across the State of Texas.

The engineer sent an email on the day of this meeting. It was read out in the meeting by Director Mike Johnson. The email gave an update and suggested remedies so far. They let us know that their analysis is a work in progress. Their hydraulic model can confirm the low-pressure areas during peak demand hours. They are performing some field investigations at the pump station site. He noticed that the pressure tanks located at the SPWSC office were not working in parallel with each other, as they should be. He recommended replacing all of the 3-inch discharge piping, valves, fittings etcetera and upsizing everything with a minimum of 4-inch. This will require the system to be offline while replacements are completed. He will provide cost estimates for upsizing some lines in the next 2 weeks. Due to the outrageous cost of PVC pipe right now, he wants to see the prices begin to drop back to normal. He stated that TCEQ has put pressure recorders on the system, they will return after 2 weeks and review the data. They are also looking into possible grants for SPWSC.

#### **Field Manager's Summary of Reports:**

**General Manager Billy Brillhart** presented Field Report, Work orders and Water Usage/Loss Report for, April 2021. He also presented the Office Report, Director's/Financial Report, and Sales/Receivables Report, for April 2021. *Copies of these are kept in the monthly reports folder and available for review upon request.*

Director JB Watkins asked Billy if there were any taps on our system that were getting free water. He said that he is unaware of any taps receiving free water.

On top of 2 big leaks and repairs, the purveyors installed 3 new water taps and 1 new sewer tap in the month of April. The purveyors also changed out 1 and installed 2 of the new smart meters on current members accounts.

Carter road inspection is sitting on hold. He showed the wells to Steve while he was here with the pressure recorders. He took some more pictures. He will take the information back to TCEQ. We are waiting on TCEQ's ok, to start collecting samples.

On Hwy 281 and TX Dot water line moves, because of all of the mud and rain, they are undecided on the next area to work on. The big valve on the corner of Hogg Mountain Rd and 281 we are still waiting to see if we are going to have to relocate. If we do, we need to purchase some parts and hire someone to tap the 8-inch concrete line. Then we will need to replace about 2100 feet of water line. While we wait for it to dry out, we will work on other items.

Dymment pressure station on Dusty Trail went down on Friday night May 7<sup>th</sup>. Some of the lines busted inside the building and water got on the electrical system.

**Director** - Mike Johnson made a motion that we renew the Hwy 281 billboard lease with Sky High Billboard, once we see a copy of their liability insurance. The motion was seconded by **Director** - JB Watkins. The motion was approved.

**General Manager** spoke about the possible sale of the property on Highway 281 to help fund current projects. The Directors would like more information. For the June board meeting, the GM will get estimated costs to divide the land from our wells and guesstimated sale price for the board to review.

The **Projects committee** will meet when the hydraulic study comes back from the engineer. Some of the tanks and lines may need to be upsized. They will create a project plan based on the report. Leslie Cottrell let the board know that to replace lines, we must have TCEQ's approval first. TCEQ is the State of Texas and they move at their own pace. It could be a minimum of 6 months to get their approval.

**Director** - Mike Johnson made a motion that once we have a copy of the billboard company's insurance, we will accept the new lease on the billboard on Hwy 281 property. **Vice President** - Nelson Bailey seconded the motion and all directors present approved.

A motion was made by **Director** - James Slattery to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm. It was seconded by **Director** - JB Watkins. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

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*President, Scott Royal*

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