

Sturdivant-Progress Water Supply Corporation

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Officers present:

President – Scott Royal

Vice-President – Jeff Smith

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer – JB Watkins

Directors present:

Mike Johnson

Steven Byrom

James Slattery

Also present:

Office Personnel – Leslie Cottrell and Rebekah Da Vault

Not in attendance:

Secretary-Treasurer – Penny Snow

Director - Sarah Hahs

Director -Jeff Stow

General Manager- Billy Brillhart (Office Conference)

Call to Order / Invocation / Verification of Quorum:

Called to Order by President Scott Royal at 5:15 pm October 12, 2022.

A Quorum was verified, 6 of 9 Directors present.

Approval of the Minutes:

Director – James Slattery made a motion that the printed minutes from September 14, 2022 board meeting be approved. **Director – Steve Byrom** seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Concerns of Customers:

Members received the rate increase letters. There was some confusion over charges. Director James Slattery noted that he opposed the rate increase. He also let the board know that he has been discussing company business with an attorney. Mr. Slattery said that he taught Business Law at Tarleton University for 14 years. He referred to our members as stockholders. This water supply does not have stockholders. Mr. Slattery has been a director on the Sturdivant board for 23 years. President Scott Royal asked the office staff to research the regulations for the Board of Directors responsibilities, as the governing body, in respect to rate increases.

Summary of Reports:

General Manager reports read by Leslie Cottrell: Field Report, Work orders and Water Usage/Loss Report for, September 2022. Office Report, Director's/Financial Report, and Sales/Receivables Report, for September 2022. *Copies of these are kept in the monthly reports folder and available for review upon request.*

For the month of September, there were workorders issued for; 3 leaks ,11 leak checks (5 leaks 3 no leaks, and 3 a water hose or sprinklers left running). There were 8-meter change outs J to J meters (Smart meters, old to new). The purveyors changed out 37 meters Z to J. The new Smart meters are currently backordered 6 months.

1 meter was installed but it had to be removed, because the tap belonged to Palo Pinto WSC. 2 new taps were installed, a ¾ and 1 inch. 1-meter was pulled for nonpayment and 2 meters were pulled by request. At the end of September, we have 676 J smart meters installed.

Water contract; Billy is still talking to and negotiating with the city of Mineral Wells on the contract.

Status of FM 2256 water line upgrade; The contractor is installing new water line on FM 2256 from Fairview Rd to Village Bend Rd. So far, we have spent \$59,000.00 to the contractor for putting in the new line. He is currently delayed by the State of Texas contractors, while they repair a culvert across FM 2256.

Buchanan project; The projects committee met to discuss costs needed to complete.

Sell of Buchanan property: Scott Royal asked "Has anyone looked into, what would the cost be to relocate the Colt gas line." Leslie will research, get an estimate and find out what are Sturdivant Progress WSC's options. Scott would like to salvage the sale if possible.

Carter Rd wells: The salt levels are still good. TCEQ did not show for the meeting.

Office fence repair; Billy is hoping to start on it next weekend.

Status of current projects:

With the engineers' recommendations, the projects committee has estimated costs of the current projects.

Priority 1. Larger water line installed on FM 2256 is estimated to be another \$75,000.00 before completion.

Priority 2. Hog Mountain line and pressure improvements at this time are estimated to be \$50,000.00

Upgrade storage tanks at the main office location estimated costs; \$200,000.00. Need to start by Fall 2024.

Replacement of the 8" concrete line that runs off Hog Mountain: unable to guestimate costs at this time.

To get the Buchanan wells (Hwy 281) tied into the system the estimate is \$184,000.00

At this time Sturdivant Progress WSC would need \$500,000.00 reserve assets to cover current projects.

New Business:

There was no New Business.

A motion was made by **Director – Jim Slattery** to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 pm. **Director – Jeff Smith** seconded the motion. Approval was 6-0 and the meeting was adjourned.

President, Scott Royal

Secretary-Treasurer, Penny Snow

Vice-President, Jeff Smith

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, JB Watkins