

Sturdivant-Progress Water Supply Corporation
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Officers present:

President – Scott Royal
Vice-President – Nelson Bailey
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer – Penny Snow

Directors present:

James Slattery
Mike Johnson
JB Watkins

Directors absent:

Jeff Smith

Also present:

General Manager - Billy Brillhart
Office Personnel –Rebekah Da Vault and Leslie Cottrell
Purveyor – Tommy Tomsy
Visitors – Multiple members

Call to Order / Invocation / Verification of Quorum:

Called to Order by President / Chairman Scott Royal at 5:10 pm on April 14, 2021.

A Quorum was verified, 6 Directors out of 9 present.

The Invocation was given by Vice President Nelson Bailey.

President Scott Royal gave a brief remembrance of Director Mike Wells, who served on the board from 2006 to 2021. He passed away on April 8, 2021.

Approval of the Minutes:

Director James Slattery made a motion that minutes from March 10, 2021 meeting be approved as read. Director Mike Johnson seconded. Motion was approved.

Concerns of Customers:

Multiple members attended the meeting to voice concern of low water pressure, lack of water pressure and at times no water at their homes on the south west section of the system. Kendra Fowler spoke as a representative for the group and her family properties. She is not a member of the water system. She stated that the problems have been going on for over 2 years.

Many of the members present said that they had called the emergency after hours phone and did not get an answer or call back. Vice President Nelson Bailey said that he will research the issue. The purveyors cannot always answer the phone when they are in a ditch working on a water line or leak. He said that if the members will leave a message that they should receive a call back within 48 hours.

They would also like to be able to contact board members. Sturdivant Progress WSC does not post the directors personal cell phone numbers. We will put a link on the company website to an email account for contact directly with the directors.

Water pressure is at its worse on the weekends when everyone is home, washing clothes, cars and watering their lawns and gardens. They stated that when the Dymont pressure station was put into

use last year, it helped for a little while. Pressure does seem to go up when it rains (less people watering) The question was asked if we could restrict who uses water and when. The answer was; the state does not allow, unless we're in drought conditions.

Concerning the pressure issues on the system – Billy let everyone know that we have requested an engineer's report. To check our system and see where improvements are needed. It will also let us know what changes we need to make, if the system continues to grow. He let the members know that we could receive the report is 30 to 60 days. Once the report comes back the directors will need to review and plan the next step for the system.

The question of a contract with the City of Mineral Wells was brought up. Sturdivant Progress WSC has been trying to get a contract for 10 years. Billy said that he feels we are close to getting an acceptable water contract.

One member said that she has had experience writing grants. She will research some of the grants available from the state and federal government, to see if Sturdivant Progress WSC will qualify for funds to help pay for projects. SPWSC was previously awarded a grant for system improvements, but after 9 years we didn't receive any of the funds.

Field Manager's Summary of Reports:

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

Billy has been referred to another contact at TCEQ – Steve, to inspect the Carter Rd wells. He is reviewing the paperwork and will give Billy the green light to when he can begin running samples again. Samples may not be older than 30 days when they inspect.

Highway 281 water line moves for road expansion is delayed. The purveyors have marked the water lines and road crews are going around the lines. There may be an issue with the lines on Hogg Mountain Rd and in front of the Dollar General. We are still waiting on answers about moving or not moving certain valves.

Billboard sign on Hwy 281 property. Scott Royal will talk to owner's – Richard signs about terms of lease. Specifically, item 7 on the lease. Decision on the lease will be discussed at the May board meeting. We need a copy of their liability insurance.

Leslie Cottrell let the board know that she is working with the State for FEMA grant to get reimbursed for some of the expenses incurred during Winter Storm Uri.

Director JB Watkins will now be on the Public Funds Investment (Oversight) committee. He has 1 year to attend the training classes.

Director Mike Johnson made a motion that we hold our annual meeting of the Consumer Confidence Report on Saturday June 12th at Noon. Refreshments will be provided. Members who attend will receive a base rate discount. Director James Slattery seconded the motion. All directors present were in favor.

Vice President Nelson Bailey made a motion to remove Ronald M Wells from the bank accounts as a check signer and add Director JB Watkins. Director James Slattery seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The bank accounts at First Financial and Community National will now have as check signers:

Scott Royal, Nelson Bailey, James Slattery and JB Watkins.

Leslie Cottrell and Rebekah Da Vault will remain on the accounts for information purposes.

A motion was made by Director James Slattery: To fill the Secretary vacancy left by Mike Wells. We will make Assistant Secretary Penny Snow the Secretary and ask Director JB Watkins to fill the seat of Assistant Secretary. Vice President Nelson Bailey seconded. All directors were in favor.

A motion was made by **Vice President** – Nelson Bailey to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. It was seconded by **Director** – JB Watkins. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

President, Scott Royal

Secretary-Treasurer, Penny Snow

Vice-President, Nelson Bailey

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, JB Watkins