

Sturdivant-Progress Water Supply Corporation
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Officers present:

President – Scott Royal
Vice-President – Jeff Smith
Secretary-Treasurer – Penny Snow
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer – JB Watkins

Directors present:

Steve Byrom
Mike Johnson
James Slattery

Directors absent:

Also present:

General Manager - Billy Brillhart
Office Personnel –Rebekah Da Vault

Call to Order / Invocation / Verification of Quorum:

Called to Order by President Scott Royal at 5:15 pm on December 8, 2021.

A Quorum was verified, 7 Directors out of 9 present.

Approval of the Minutes:

Director - Steve Byrom made a motion that the minutes from November 10, 2021 board meeting be accepted as read. **Vice-President** - Jeff Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Concerns of Customers:

There was one concern of a customer: The purveyors jumpered some lines across the area to keep people in water, while construction crews were working on Hwy 281 s. We had a complaint of low pressure at one house. The purveyors went and checked it out and it was 58 pounds of pressure at her house. We are required to supply 35 PSI. Rebekah called the member and left a message. She has not called back.

Field Manager's Summary of Reports:

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

In the month of November there were 10 smart meter leak checks - 6 turned out to be leaks. 2 meters were changed out and we now have 569 smart meters installed. There was one new tap installed and the purveyors fixed 5 leaks on SPWSC lines at a cost of \$635.00. They also moved the 2" poly line and other water lines on the Hwy 281 project at a materials cost to SPWSC of \$5041.00. We still have the area from the corner of Hogg Mountain Rd to Dollar General that they are working on and could affect our water line.

The Budget committee has reviewed the numbers for the budget. Billy says that they look good and he will have Rebekah enter them into QuickBooks.

The Personnel committee has met with Billy for his evaluation. Billy has done the evaluations for the employee. He just needs to go over them with each employee.

The Public Funds Investment committee presented the yearend report and a resolution. **Director** Steve Byrom made a motion that Sturdivant Progress WSC accepts the resolution (a copy is on file) - Sturdivant Progress WSC will not invest public funds for the year 2022 and **Director** Mike Johnson seconded.

Update on pipeline upgrade on FM 2256: Billy still has not received the 3rd bid on replacing the lines or the easements/right of ways from the state. Depending on their quote, we will go with the lowest bid so far from Chester Brogdon for \$15.00 a foot about \$97,500.00 (Labor only), SPWSC will provide materials. We have on hand about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the pipe needed for the job. The project is further delayed, because we cannot get parts. Parts made with brass are very difficult to get at this time.

New upgrade pumps for the system, have an estimated arrival time of March 2022.

Board President Scott Royal asked if there was any improvement on the salt levels of the Carter Rd wells. Carter Rd wells are still salty. The high salt may be from lack of use on the wells. Billy and the salesman have installed some charcoal filters to remove the salt. The charcoal filters removed about $\frac{1}{4}$ of salt, which did not lower the numbers enough. They are going to try a membrane filter with the charcoal filters next. Now were getting into some expense. The cost should stay at less than \$2.00 per thousand to treat. The water taste fine to Billy, it's just the State of Texas has certain numbers that we must meet to sale the water to the public.

Status of Realtor listing property on Highway 281 south: The realtor – Joy Townsend has done the ground and aerial pictures. She has had some inquiries about the property. Amanda Withers has presented an offer to the General Manager concerning purchasing the property.

Status of engineers report: He said that he will have us something in January 2022. His family and boss have all had COVID-19.

There was a discussion on how to raise attendance at the annual meeting, such as providing food and large door prizes. This would be in addition to the discount on the members' next water bill. TCEQ requires water systems to have an annual meeting. The board asked Rebekah to research previous meetings for costs and how many were in attendance.

SPWSC's employees are currently using Billy's trailer to transport SPWSC equipment. Billy has researched new 20ft trailer, ranging in price from \$5500.00 to \$5995.00. **Secretary-Treasurer** – Penny Snow made a motion that if Billy finds a good deal to go ahead and purchase a trailer. Director Steve Byrom seconded the motion. All Directors were in favor.

A motion was made by **Director** - James Slattery to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 pm. It was seconded by **Vice-President** - Jeff Smith. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

President, Scott Royal

Secretary-Treasurer, Penny Snow

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