

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:

Mike Johnson

Steven Byrom

Jeff Stow

Sarah Hahs

Also present:

General Manager – Billy Brillhart

Office Personnel – Rebekah Da Vault

Visitors: Joe Ogden (billboard), Potential directors Nathan Buschow and Shawn McDougal

Call to Order / Invocation / Verification of Quorum:

Called to Order by President Scott Royal at 5:00 pm April 10, 2024.

A Quorum was verified, 8 of 9 Directors present. Director James Slattery missed meeting, 2nd in a row.

Approval of the Minutes:

A motion was made by **Director** – Steve Byrom, to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2024, board meeting. **Director** –Sarah Hahs seconded, and the motion was carried without dissent.

Hwy 281 Billboard:

Mr. Ogden presented his position concerning the billboard he owns on Sturdivant Progress property on Highway 281. He would like to have a longer lease, 10 year minimum or purchase the easement of land where the billboard sits. The board would prefer the lease. The board asked the General Manager to review the lease when Mr. Ogden has submitted. He will let the board members know the contents and approve with Mr. Ogden. Director Steve Byrom made a motion to accept. Director Sarah Hahs seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Concerns of Customers:

The only concern was members requesting we implement a senior discount like the City of Mineral Wells. To give people an estimated \$7.00 discount on their monthly water bill.

Summary of Reports:

Presented by the General Manager: Field Report, Work orders and Water Usage/Loss Report for March 2024. Office Report, Director's/Financial Report, and Sales/Receivables Report, for March 2024. *Copies of these are kept in the monthly reports folder and available for review upon request.*

There were 9 leaks in March at a cost of \$2667.69. The purveyors changed out 2 of the J-to-J meters, where the CDMA has failed and 6 Z meter to J meters at a cost of \$1706.60. Installed 2 new meters this month at a cost of \$320.00. Replace a sewer pump and control box at the Hwy 281 lift station. We're going to have to do some building / tank repairs soon on all of our lift station areas. During repairs the station will be down for 24 hours. Billy will get more

information for the board and the projects committee next month on the bids for repairs, support contractors and timeline.

On the directors' report for the water loss, Billy is getting closer year over year. Billy has made an adjustment to the record dates of meter reads. Our average month loss is 4.5 million. Sturdivant did not pass the whole rate increase from the city to our members in November 2023. The board will continue to monitor the budget to see if we may need to make an additional increase. Billy will also speak with the engineer about where to put valves and digital meters to better determine where SPWSC is losing water.

New Taps: Billy has reviewed the engineer's information. Anyone requesting a new tap will need to fill out the necessary paperwork and pay the fees to be put on the list for review. Certain areas will require a feasibility study by the engineer. The members will pay for this study with the tap fees before they are put on the list. The engineer has resubmitted the paperwork for our ACR to hopefully lower it to a .3 to TCEQ. This could take about 3 months. We can not consider new taps until we get the results.

Billy has had some meetings with the engineers concerning Carter Rd wells and the storage tank expansion. They have turned in the paperwork to TCEQ.

Status of current projects:

Upsize of FM 2256 Pipeline -

No changes from last month. Current rain has delayed progress.

Storage Tank expansion-

Billy explained to the Board the engineer's layout options, of where the new storage tanks could be set at the Village Bend location. He also let them know what he thought the estimated costs of the tank would be. The 27-foot round tank is almost 70,000 gallons and the 25-foot round is about 52,000 gallons. The engineer says that the difference in price is about 10 to \$12,000 dollars. The question is whether to put it where the current conference room sits and move the conference room behind the shop or put the tank behind the shop. Sitting the 27-foot where the current conference room is, will be a tight squeeze. It will only give the guys about 2 ½ feet of workspace, around the tank. The engineer would prefer that we get the 27-foot tank. There is a possibility of moving the fence over 18 inches, to give more room around the new tank. If the tank is put behind the shop, they would need to set it down into the ground to get the same elevation as the current tanks. If the tank is put behind the shop, there would be a water runoff that would need to be planned for, such as a French drain. Billy will meet with the engineer tomorrow. Once the engineer gets the ok from SPWSC on where to put the tank, they can send out for bids on costs and estimated time to complete. We could have bids back by June. Scott Royal said that if the costs are close, it is better to have the new tank where the conference room currently sits.

Directors Ballot needs to be changed to "ballot will be void if voting for more than the allowed candidates".

Director Steve Byrom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm. **Director** – Jeff Stow seconded the motion. Approval was 8-0 and the meeting was adjourned.

Presiding Officer,

Secretary-Treasurer, Penny Snow