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Meeting of the Operations Committee of the West Central Texas Municipal Water District Board of Directors

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTIES OF: JONES,
SHACKELFORD, STEPHENS, TAYLOR,
EASTLAND, AND PALO PINTO

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
April 11, 2023 9:30 AM
ABILENE, TEXAS

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

ABILENE

Russell Berry
Sam Chase
Bob Benham

ALBANY

Randall Palmore

ANSON

BRECKENRIDGE

Scott Harris

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

ABILENE

ALBANY

ANSON

Rowland Foster

BRECKENRIDGE

STAFF AND OTHER GUESTS PRESENT

Chris Wingert, General Manager by Zoom
Christy Ferguson, Admin. Services Manager
Ronnie Tilly, Assistant GM/Operations Mgr.
Blake Woodall, Planning & Dev Manager

Call to Order

Chairman Scott Harris called the Operations Committee meeting of the West Central Texas Municipal Water District Board of Directors to order at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, in accordance with the statutes of the State of Texas. Mr. Wingert told the Committee that he is attending by Zoom since he is in Austin to testify on behalf of the District's legislation this morning. He verified that the Committee members could see and hear him.

Development, Operations, and Water Policy Committee

Quarterly Update of Outstanding CIP/MIP Projects

Mr. Wingert gave a report on the current outstanding CIP/MIP (Capital) projects. He presented the update and stated that several of the projects have either been closed, completed, or are nearing completion. He did mention that the FY2020 program is 80% complete, the FY2021 program is complete, the FY2022 program is 63% complete and the FY2023 program is underway and is 32% complete.

Mr. Chase noted a job well done on the recent road work project.

No action was needed.

Close Out Completed CIP/MIP Board Resolutions

Mr. Wingert stated that Staff has completed work on nine projects as listed below and recommends closure:

- 2020-07 Booster 2 Road Improvements
- 2022-01 Truck
- 2022-02 Truck
- 2022-03 Truck
- 2022-07 Clean Booster 2 Tank
- 2022-16 Abilene Office Copier
- 2023-07 Booster 2 Road Culverts
- 2023-10 Clean Booster 2 Large Tank
- 2023-12 John Deere Tractor

Mr. Benham made a motion that the Committee recommend that the Board close the nine projects listed above. Mr. Chase offered a second and the motion carried unanimously.

Proposed FY2024 CIP-MIP Project Discussion

Mr. Wingert reviewed the Staff's current capital project requests for FY2024. He noted a few differences from the list presented to the Committee in January. He stated that the list includes items such as computer workstation replacements, District property upgrades, Lake Pump Station pump replacement, tank cleaning, and a few other projects. The projected total is \$606,000 but Staff will bring a final list to the Committee at their August budget meeting.

Roy Weinberg Dock Extension Request

Mr. Wingert told the Committee that Mr. Weinberg is requesting a dock extension that would put the total length over 100 feet. Mr. Wingert reviewed the location of the dock, the construction plans, and noted that he does not see any navigation issues. He did state that Staff does recommend approval of this extension.

Mr. Chase made a motion that the Operations Committee recommend that the Board approve an over length permit for the dock attached to Block B, lots 182 and 183, Tanglewood Island subdivision (10080 CR 198) in Breckenridge, Texas. Mr. Palmore offered a second and the motion was approved unanimously.

Sale of Real Property

Mr. Wingert stated that Lisa and Randy Hodges have made an offer to purchase 8 acres of District property. Mr. Wingert held a discussion with the Committee in regards to the location of the property where they would like to build a house and that the sale would include only about 6.35 acres instead of the 8 acres requested. He said that this location is near the spillway and future floods could be an issue for the lower part of the property.

Mr. Wingert also said that Staff is recommending against the sale since the property could be used as additional space during maintenance and also could have potential use as a source of construction material.

The Committee held a discussion in regards to the Hodges request. Mr. Chase would like the Committee to consider the sale. Mr. Benham and Mr. Harris would like to follow what Staff is recommending.

Mr. Benham made a motion that the Operations Committee not recommend the Board authorize the sale of property to the Hodges. Mr. Berry offered a second and Mr. Chase abstained from the vote. The motion carried with majority vote.

Hatchett Development Update

Mr. Wingert told the Board that the permitting process is still taking place for the Hatchett RV Development Project. He stated that once the TCEQ permit is issued, there will be a public comment period and probably a public hearing since there is opposition to the permit.

No action is needed.

Small Volume Water Taps (WCBWDS)

Mr. Wingert explained that the WCBWDS has several taps that are unmetered. He said that Staff is working on a map that shows the tap locations and would like to install meters in order to monitor the water use. Mr. Wingert told the Committee that this discussion cannot go further at this time at the recommendation of District Legal Counsel. He said that this item will be discussed in executive session at the May Board meeting.

Wheat 10 Acre Lease

Mr. Wingert told the Committee that Clay Wheat brought to Staff's attention a lease that has been in effect for many years but that this lease was not known to Staff during the WCBWDS purchase process in 2016. Mr. Wingert stated that this discussion will need to be held in executive session at the May Board meeting as suggested by District Legal Counsel.

No action is needed.

Enabling Legislation Update

Mr. Wingert informed the Committee that both identical bills are moving forward and that he does not anticipate anyone to contest. He is in Austin today to speak on behalf of the House Bill and expects one of the bills to pass before closing of the legislative session in May.

No action is needed.

Declare Surplus Property

Mr. Wingert reviewed the list of items that Staff would like the Committee to recommend that the Board declare as surplus property. He stated that the lists consists of 33 items listed on page 46 of the Operations Committee book. He said that the items on the list include pickup trucks, monitors, and workstations.

Mr. Palmore made a motion that the Operations Committee recommend that the Board declare the 33 items listed on page 46 of the Operations Committee book as surplus (4 vehicles, 3 computer servers, 3 monitors, 2 workstations, 13 solar panels, 6 battery backups, 1 TV stand, and 1 VCR) and recommend their disposal. Mr. Benham offered a second and motion carried.

Water Supplies & Projections

Mr. Wingert reviewed drought projections for HCR.

Maintenance Activities

Mr. Wingert updated the Committee on current activities such as the road work project.

Staff Vacancies

Mr. Wingert told the Committee that the District has a full Staff at this time.

Other Issues

Mr. Wingert told the Committee that he anticipates an extended Executive Session at the May Board meeting due to the fact of discussions to be held on the Wheat Lease, the WCBWDS Water Meters, and his annual evaluation.

There being no further business before the Operations Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.

Approved this 1st day of August, 2023.



Scott Harris, Committee Chair



Sam Chase, Committee Co-Chair