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**Meeting Date**

March 29, 2022

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**New Business Item #5**

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**Subject**

Cowtown Amateur Radio Club  
Tower Lease Agreement

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Board of Directors approve the Tower Lease Agreement with the Cowtown Amateur Radio Club, LLC as presented and discussed.

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**Background/Analysis**

Years ago, the Benbrook Water and Sewer Authority (BWSA) granted access to it's North Elevated Tank to an amateur radio club, now known as the Cowtown Amateur Radio Club, LLC (CARC) and allowed the installation of radio communications equipment. The Club has utilized the equipment to ensure reliable radio coverage in western Tarrant County, providing general communication capabilities to club member and other amateur radio operators, also providing backup repeater operation for emergency management in Tarrant County as well as municipalities outside Tarrant County. The Club presented an overview of its history and the public service(s) they provide at the regular meeting of the BWA Board of Directors on March 1, 2022.

Previously, authorization by BWSA/BWA for access to the site had been made informally. Both the CARC and BWA recognize that a more formal agreement, which addresses matters related to site access, safety, security and liability, is appropriate. Accordingly, a Tower Lease Agreement, similar to agreements currently in place between BWA and Cellular providers leasing space on various BWA facilities, has been drafted by BWA's legal counsel, reviewed and approved by CARC, and is recommended by BWA Staff for approval. As discussed during the March 1, 2022 meeting, Staff recommends a no-cost lease rate, given the public services provided by the Club.

**Financial Impact**

None.