

Benbrook Water Authority
1121 Mercedes Street
Benbrook, TX 76126
March 23, 2021
3:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors for the Benbrook Water Authority met in a regular meeting on March 23, 2021 with the following Directors present:

President David W. Hafer
Vice-President Nick Dons
Director Rick Whitehurst
Director David Clark

Absent:

Secretary Karen Henderson

Also Present:

David Smith, General Manager
Sheila Rushing, Recording Secretary
Rhett Clark, Finance Division Manager
Crystal Ramsey, Administration Division Manager
Kristen Fancher, Attorney
Tim Chovanec, Attorney

President Hafer called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and gave the invocation.

Citizen Comments on any Agenda Item

There were no Citizen Comments.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting March 2, 2021
2. Financial Statement for March 2021

President Hafer asked if there were any objections to the Consent Agenda as presented and hearing no objections, the Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Reports of Manager

Mr. Smith gave a brief report on the following:

1. Annual Requirements Contract
The contract for supply of liquid chlorine has been renewed for one year with DPC, Industries. A price increase of \$0.0475 per pound was requested and approved making an anticipated annual budgetary impact of \$4,200 based on

typical demands.

2. Easements / Real Property

Mr. Smith stated this item would be reserved for Executive Session.

3. Basin 7 Sanitary Sewer Evaluation & Improvements

A brief report was given on the status of this project.

4. Water & Wastewater Rates

Mr. Smith stated that at this time, staff is requesting to move forward with raising the wastewater rates by 6% and have a Resolution be considered by the Board on April 6, 2021. If approved, the new rates would be effective May 1st and in efforts to inform the citizens of Benbrook of the upcoming rate increase, staff would place the draft Resolution and Rate Study on the BWA Website for review. In addition, staff is working on preparing an insert to be placed in the water bills.

5. Impact of February 2021 Severe Weather Event on Water Demands

Mr. Smith gave a brief presentation on the impacts in water demands that the severe weather caused. Topics of interest were: metered consumption, apparent leaks and temperature changes.

President Hafer thanked Mr. Smith for the presentation and noted it was helpful information.

6. AWWA Annual Conference – June 14-17, 2021

Mr. Smith advised the Board that the AWWA Annual Conference will be a virtual only conference this year.

Reports of Fancher Legal, LLC

1. Discuss and consider process for approval of elevated storage tank lease agreements with telecommunications companies and related equipment upgrades.

Ms. Fancher stated this item would be discussed in Executive Session.

Public Comment

There were no comments.

Director / Staff Comment

There were no comments.

President Hafer closed the open meeting at 3:32 p.m.

Executive Session (3:33 p.m.)

Conduct Closed Executive Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071, to Consult with the BWA Attorney Regarding Pending or Contemplated Litigation, Settlement Offers, or on Matters in Which the Duty of the Attorney to the BWA under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Clearly Conflicts with Chapter 551, Government Code.

- Any other item set forth in any section of this notice/agenda.
- Section 551.072, to discuss real estate / real property transaction

Reconvene Open Meeting (4:59 p.m.)

Take any action Necessary from Executive Session.

Motion was made by Vice-President Dons, second by Director Clark to authorize the General Manager to execute the Easements discussed in Executive Session subject to approval by the BWA Attorney.

Motion passed (4-0).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Board President

Date

Recording Secretary