

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ROCKWOOD WATER, WASTEWATER & NATURAL GAS BOARD**

September 24, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at the Rockwood Water Plant Hall at 6:00 P.M. with Chairman Darryl Meadows presiding. Commissioners Loren Bone, Joe Moore and Jeff Penley were present; Commissioner Bobby Anderson arrived after roll call.

Public Comment: Jason Trew, 807 White Oak Drive, spoke regarding his high water bill. He hasn't found a leak and it is now cut off at the meter. He asks for an adjustment and has agreed to pay \$50 per month on the leak. Chairman Meadows asked him to continue to pay according to his plan, correct any plumbing issues and call Kim Ramsey when they are corrected.

Approval of August Minutes: Commissioner Bone made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Commissioner Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of June, July and August Financials: Commissioner Bone made a motion to accept all three and Commissioner Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

General Manager's Report: Kim Ramsey reported that Natausha Bruneel was hired for the open Clerk position, Tanner Green was changed to full time Environmental Specialist, and Jeremy Swicegood was hired for the open Utility Service Technician position. Shelia Ladd is retiring at the end of this month. FEMA is now requesting a confirmation from our insurance that it will not cover the Winton Chapel flooding. TPUC completed the annual inspection of our gas system and there were no violations. The banking changeover from Regions to Simply Bank is within a few weeks of completion.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **I&I report:** A written report was provided to all Commissioners.
- b. **Consideration and approval of Verizon fleet program additional service:** Commissioner Bone made a motion to approve but the motion failed for lack of a second.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Consideration and approval of System Reliability Evaluation proposal – Rod Walker & Associates Consultancy:** This request is related to the gas line rupture last winter that caused some problems with the ability to purchase enough gas. The proposal from System Reliability in the amount of \$6,500 would establish an emergency plan to provide customers with gas should another emergency occur. Commissioner Bone made a motion to approve the proposal and Commissioner Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Consideration and approval of FirstNet services from AT&T:** Ms. Ramset stated that approximately \$200 per month would be saved in cell phone services with this switch. The tracking system is much cheaper at \$300 per month compared to the current \$1,200 per month. All new devices will be provided and approximately \$4,000 in credits will be applied to our bill – giving us 3-4 free months of service. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the plan and Commissioner Anderson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

After a brief communication from board members, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM by motion of Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Moore.

Darryl Meadows, Chairman

Joan Kerley, Secretary