# BANDERA RIVER RANCH WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 8, 2016 2:00 P.M.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT WERE:** 

Tom Nate Ernie De Winne Harry Maxwell Bonnie Tidball Joe De Hoyos

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** 

Barbara Maxwell Joe Ortega Karen Antill

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Nate at 2:00 p.m. September 8, 2016.

**MINUTES:** Each Director read the Minutes of the August 11, 2016 Board Meetings.

#### **MOTION:**

Bonnie Tidball made a motion to accept the August 11, 2016 minutes as presented.

Ernie DeWinne seconded the motion. - The Board voted unanimously and the motion passed.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Ernie DeWinne presented the balance sheet and profit and loss statements as of August 31, 2015, August 31, 2016 and July 30, 2016.

### **MOTION:**

Bonnie Tidball made a motion to accept the treasurersøreport as presented.

Harry Maxwell seconded the motion. - The Board voted unanimously and the motion passed.

FIELD OPERATIONS: Joe Ortega reported that Reed from Aquatech is in the process of switching the electric for well #1 from phase one to phase three and should have it done by next week. Joe advised that they replaced the motor and pump on well #4, he believes it was the check valve that caused it to burn up. Joe reported that they have been mowing, repaired one main break, two service lines and completed one meter test for a customer which came back as 100%. Ernie DeWinne advised that he would like to have a couple yards of sand delivered to be used when we dig up any main or service lines, the Board agreed.

**OFFICE OPERATIONS:** Karen Antill reported that she will be on vacation from September 10<sup>th</sup> to September 20<sup>th</sup> and Barbara Maxwell will be working in the office. Karen advised that Barbara will be sending out disconnect notices September 19<sup>th</sup> to be disconnected on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

<u>UPDATE ON WELL #5 WELL PROJECT AND USDA LOAN:</u> Ernie DeWinne reported that the contract has been signed by Tom Nate, Hoover Construction, Thonhoff Engineers and our Attorney; one copy was sent to the Engineer of USDA in Temple. We received the title commitment on Tuesday and was emailed to USDA in Temple, and the resolution was sent to the USDA in Temple as well after the meeting on Thursday. Ernie advised that the project is ready to go and still need to do closing. Ernie advised that the \$100,000.00 has been committed at 2 1/4\$% if we close by the end of September. Ernie advised that he called Reed and asked him to put us on his drilling schedule.

<u>DISCUSS REPAIRS AND DRIVEWAYS:</u> Ernie DeWinne advised that the builder on Park Rd left the rectangle open for the new water line to be put in under the driveway that we will maintain with paving bricks. Ernie reported that a pallet of brick pavers is \$258.24 which is 92 square feet, which he plans to use 42 square feet for the new driveway; the Board agreed to purchase. Ernie reported that we need to purchase at least four metal plates to be used for when we cut the road and when we put in the new water lines.

**<u>DISCUSS EMPLOYEE UNIFORMS:</u>** Joe Ortega reported that he received two quotes for ten long sleeve shirts with Bandera River Ranch embroidered oh them and Joeøs name on his; one quote was \$300.00 and one quoted was \$310.00. The

Board discussed and chose to have them done by Bandera Signs and Banners for \$310.00 since we use them regularly. The BRRWSC will ask if the DRROA would go in half on the purchase.

#### **MOTION:**

Ernie DeWinne made a motion to purchase five long sleeve shirts for each field employee from Bandera Signs and Banners for \$310.00.

Bonnie Tidball seconded the motion. - The Board voted unanimously and the motion passed.

# **NEW BUSINESS:**

CONFIRM SOLUTION TO TCEQ VIOLATION AT CONDO SYSTEM: Ernie DeWinne advised that we need to increase the size of the bladder system at the condo well at least 466 gallons to match the 680 gallons of pressure required by the TCEQ to clear up the violation. Ernie reported that he received a bid for a 520 gallon bladder tank for \$9,500.00 including freight. Ernie advised that he spoke with Thonhoff Engineers and was told that a bladder tank has a shorter life expectancy than a solid steel pressure tank. Ernie advised that he received a quote from Bulldog Steel for a 1,000 gallon steel pressure tank for \$9,500.00 to \$10,000.00 which includes freight and setup. Ernie advised that he spoke with Thonhoff Engineers to get the plans drawn up which has to be approved by TCEQ since we will be changing the scope of the project at the condo well.

<u>DISCUSS SPECIAL MEETING FOR CLOSING OF USDA LOAN:</u> Ernie DeWinne advised that we will need to set up a special meeting later this month for closing.

CONFIRM CHANGE IN PUMPING SYSTEM AT PLANT #1: Ernie DeWinne advised that since we have owned the BRRWSC we have had to replace eight pumps at plant #1 because they keep burning out. Ernie advised that we are running one phase electricity which would cost \$12,000.00 to change to three phase electricity; whereas a drive would only cost \$4,000.00 which converts the power from single phase to 3 phase and the pumps will be three phase pumps. Ernie advised that the Condos have this same set up and would like to see it changed; the Board agreed.

<u>DISCUSS PURCHASE OF SMALL GENERATOR FOR PROJECTS/REPAIRS:</u> Tom Nate advised that the field operators need a generator to pump out water when they are fixing a leak. The Board discussed and will have Joe purchase a small gasoline generator.

## **MOTION:**

Ernie DeWinne made a motion to purchase a small gasoline generator.

Bonnie Tidball seconded the motion.

# **MOTION:**

Bonnie Tidball made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ernie DeWinne seconded the motion. - The Board voted unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

BRRWSC President ó Tom Nate
BRRWSC Secretary/Treasurer ó Ernie DeWinne