

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Directors of Titus County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1 met via a Videoconference Meeting for the Regular Meeting on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 12:00 P.M. after due notice of said meeting had been posted in the time, manner and places required under law. Pursuant to Section 551.127 of the Texas Government Code, and in accordance with Governor Abbott's executive order temporarily suspending certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act that require physical presence or face-to-face contact, in an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 while preserving government transparency and maintaining government operations, the meeting was conducted by videoconference.

Videoconference attendees: Joe W. Sandlin, Jr., C. Larry Cox, Jerry Boatner, Dianne Owens, Paul O. Meriwether, MD, Darrell D. Grubbs, Kerry Wootten, Nicolas Fierro, Judy Barton, Lyndee Rodgers, William Rissman, Vincent Russo, Scott Haney, Richard Farrington, Jason Brownlee, Kyle Johns, David Botvidson, Gerald Ward, Walt Sears

Board Members Absent: None

Joe W. Sandlin, Jr., President, brought the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Paul O. Meriwether, MD and seconded by Dianne Owens to approve the Minutes. Jerry Boatner, Secretary, asked each member to vote verbally Yes or No. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

District Financial Statements and Bills paid for February were reviewed.

Darrell D. Grubbs, Executive Director, presented a variance request from William Rissman to build a boathouse adjacent to his property in The Peninsulas, Lot 94, Phase 2, which is located inside the Monticello Cove barrier. William Rissman addressed the Board, offering his reasons for the request. Mr. Grubbs recommended denying this request for safety reasons, consistent with how the District has handled previous requests since the cove was closed. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Dianne Owens and seconded by C. Larry Cox to deny the Variance Request. Jerry Boatner, Secretary, asked each member to vote verbally Yes or No. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Motion was made by Jerry Boatner and seconded by Paul O. Meriwether, MD to approve a request from David C Botvidson to build a house in the flowage easement on his property, Lot 16, Waterside Sandlin, in Titus County. Jerry Boatner, Secretary, asked each member to vote verbally Yes or No. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Motion was made by Paul O. Meriwether, MD and seconded by C. Larry Cox to approve a request from Kathy and Richard Farrington to build a house in the flowage easement on their property, Lot 1R, Sunset Bay in Camp County. Jerry Boatner, Secretary, asked each member to vote verbally Yes or No. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Darrell D. Grubbs, Executive Director, presented a request for a 3' utility easement in order to relocate an AT&T cable at Harts Creek on County Road 4550 in Titus County. A motion was made by Dianne Owens and seconded by Paul O. Meriwether, MD to approve the request. Jerry Boatner, Secretary, asked each member to vote verbally Yes or No. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Darrell D. Grubbs, Executive Director, presented a request from Jason Brownlee to purchase 5-6 acres off of FM 2348 in Titus County. Mr. Brownlee addressed the Board and explained the purchase would be to access property that he currently owns. Mr. Grubbs stated that he would like to table the item to then discuss an easement instead of selling the property. A motion was made by Dianne Owens and seconded by C. Larry Cox to table the request. Jerry Boatner, Secretary, asked each member to vote verbally Yes or No. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Darrell D. Grubbs, Executive Director, presented a request to pay the upfront cost of approximately \$10,000.00 for the construction of an awning onto the existing building that Texas Parks and Wildlife leases from the District. Scott Haney, on behalf of Texas Parks and Wildlife, addressed the Board and explained that the existing lease agreement between the District and Texas Parks and Wildlife which is currently a \$225.00 monthly fee, is up for renewal in August, and asked if the Board would wait to increase the fee until which time the new contract was being renewed. He proposed that the monthly rent increase by \$100.00 to reimburse the District for the purchase of the awning, which will take the monthly payment from \$225.00 to \$325.00. A motion was made by C. Larry Cox and seconded by Dianne Owens to approve the purchase of the awning and increase the monthly rate by \$100.00 which would go into effect when the 36-month contract renews in August. Jerry Boatner, Secretary, asked each member to vote verbally Yes or No. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Darrell D. Grubbs, Executive Director, presented a request to allow Texas Parks and Wildlife to release approximately 40 Alligator Snapping Turtles on District property in the Cypress Basin. Walt Sears addressed the Board and explained that releasing the turtles in uninhabited areas would increase their chances of survival. A motion to approve the request was made by Paul O. Meriwether, MD and seconded by C. Larry Cox. Jerry Boatner, Secretary, asked each member to vote verbally Yes or No. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Vincent Russo with American Land and Lakes addressed the Board concerning property he owns inside the Monticello Cove barrier. Resolution 6-28-07 was discussed.

Darrell D. Grubbs, Executive Director, presented updates on the following:

- Dam Update
- Plezometer project should be completed by late March or early April
- April 19, 2021 meeting will be a Zoom meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Joe W. Sandlin, Jr.

Minutes were approved by the Board of Directors on the 19th day of April, 2021.


