# MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

OF

### REUNION RANCH WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

STATE OF TEXAS §

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A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Reunion Ranch Water Control and Improvement District, open to the public, was held at 3:00 p.m. on April 24, 2024 at Willatt & Flickinger, PLLC, 12912 Hill Country Blvd., Ste. F-232, Austin, Texas 78738, pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with law.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order.

### 2. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

A roll call of the Directors was taken. The Directors present were:

Dennis B. Daniel - President

Terri Purdy – Vice President

Gary Grass – Assistant Secretary

John Genter – Assistant Secretary

thus, constituting a quorum. Secretary Ron Meyer was absent.

Also present at the meeting were Hunter Hudson and Jeniffer Concienne with Willatt & Flickinger, PLLC, Mark Kestner with Murfee Engineering Company, Dragan Sonnier with Inframark and resident Leslie Daniel.

Attending via Zoom were Bill Flickinger with Willatt & Flickinger, PLLC and Blake Gentry with the Reunion Ranch HOA.

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

## 4. <u>ITEMS FROM THE BOARD</u>

- a. Public Hearing on Drought Contingency Plan
- b. Amendment to Drought Contingency Plan
- c. Public Hearing on Water Conservation Plan
- d. Amendment to Water Conservation Plan
- e. Variance for use of water from fire hydrant

President Dennis Daniel opened the public hearing on the amendment to the Drought Contingency Plan. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Attorney Bill Flickinger noted that there have been additional changes to the Drought Contingency Plan since the plan was sent out on Friday.

President Dennis Daniel would like to go page by page to discuss and incorporate the appropriate changes. The Board and consultants discussed this matter in detail.

Attorney Bill Flickinger reported that the WTCPUA has not yet had its meeting to approve its Drought Contingency Plan. Therefore, the Resolution Adopting Amended Drought Contingency Plan will provide flexibility for the Board President or in his absence, the Board Vice-President to revise the District's Amended Drought Contingency Plan to the extent needed to comply with any requirements of the LCRA or WTCPUA so the District remains in compliance with the Contracts.

After discussion, President Dennis Daniel entertained a motion.

<u>Motion</u>: Approve Resolution Adopting Amended Drought Contingency Plan as presented.

Motion by: Assistant Secretary Gary Grass Second by: Assistant Secretary John Genter

The motion carried unanimously.

President Dennis Daniel opened the public hearing on the Amendment to Water Conservation Plan.

President Dennis Daniel stated that the changes to the Water Conservation Plan are only to be in conformance with the District's Amended Drought Contingency Plan. Attorney Bill Flickinger stated that Engineer Mark Kestner worked with the committee on provisions that reference if the District's Drought Contingency Plan or Rate Order are amended, the Board will not have to revisit the Water Conservation Plan to attach those revised documents and submit the updated Water Conservation Plan to the appropriate entities. The documents will now only be referenced, not attached. Engineer Mark Kestner reached out to the LCRA on this proposed change, and they were onboard with that change.

Blake Gentry stated that he understands that the District's hands are tied on the watering hours due to what the LCRA and WTCPUA require, however, the change on refilling the WTCPUA tanks from midnight to 6 a.m. and not allowing residents to water during that time does not seem to be beneficial for water conservation. His concern is that requirement could worsen the effect of the restrictions, increase usage in general or cause greater stress on the system.

Attorney Bill Flickinger agreed with Blake Gentry's comments, although those provisions are addressed in the Drought Contingency Plan not the Water Conservation Plan. The proposed watering time to fill the WTCPUA tanks is contrary to normal processes on irrigation, so the

District will need to see what the WTCPUA approves next week. Assistant Secretary John Genter agrees that it does not take all the conservation efforts made by residents into account. Some of the conservation efforts made by residents take longer for the water to dispense, so the shorter watering hours are really a hindrance. President Dennis Daniel hopes that the WTCPUA will reconsider its proposed watering hours and if so, the District can adjust those hours as well.

Blake Gentry informed the Board that there is not an HOA variance for consideration today, however, the HOA will be requesting an irrigation variance to extend its watering hours. The HOA has three controllers with 50 zones, and the hours for irrigation will not allow the HOA to get through all of its zones. The watering hours that were approved will not keep the Bermuda grass alive. He reiterated that the HOA will be requesting extended watering times. Blake Gentry inquired about the structure for the variance. It would be good to provide the HOA's historical usage from 2021, the time needed for irrigation and indicating the damage it would cause if the variance was not granted. President Dennis Daniel advised that irrigation with effluent will not be ready until October. The variance for the HOA will be considered at the May 21st board meeting.

Hearing no further discussion, President Dennis Daniel closed the public hearing on the amendment to the Water Conservation Plan.

After discussion, President Dennis Daniel entertained a motion.

<u>Motion</u>: Approve Resolution Adopting Amended Water Conservation Plan as presented.

Motion by: Assistant Secretary John Genter Second by: Assistant Secretary Gary Grass

The motion carried unanimously.

President Dennis Daniel discussed his draft letter to the residents regarding the drought conditions and the required watering restrictions. This letter will be posted on the District's website and mailed to all residents. Assistant Secretary John Genter would like to add information on the irrigation controller programming on the website, as well as the Flume device information and LCRA drought page, as it is informational and educational. Vice President Terri Purdy will arrange to post this information under the Resident Information Tab, under Miscellaneous Documents. President Dennis Daniel discussed the watering restriction signage in the District. The committee will review the signage with Inframark. The signs need to be installed in the District by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

After discussion, President Dennis Daniel entertained a motion.

<u>Motion</u>: Approve the letter to residents on the drought and the District's required watering restrictions as prepared by President Dennis Daniel.

Motion by: Assistant Secretary Gary Grass Second by: Vice President Terri Purdy

The motion carried unanimously.

In regard to the District's request for a variance for use of water from fire hydrants, Attorney Bill Flickinger stated the variance would allow the District to continue to use water from fire hydrants to provide irrigation water to the HOA. This variance would be required when the District is in Stages 3 or 4 of its Drought Contingency Plan and will be needed until the District has reclaimed water available to the HOA from its 210 irrigation reuse system. The variance shall expire once the reclaimed water is sufficient to fully replace the use of potable water for irrigation by the HOA.

After discussion, President Dennis Daniel entertained a motion.

Motion: Adopt Resolution Approving Variance for Use of Water from Fire Hydrants as presented.

> **Assistant Secretary Gary Grass** Motion by: Second by: **Assistant Secretary John Genter**

The motion carried unanimously.

#### 5. ADJOURN

President Dennis Daniel adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

Dennis B. Daniel, President

Reunion Ranch WCID

ATTEST:

Ronald F. Meyer, Secretary Mark D. Olson

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