MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

OF

REUNION RANCH WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF HAYS §

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Reunion Ranch Water Control and Improvement District was held at 1:00 p.m. on July 14, 2020 by remote access only in accordance with the March 16, 2020 Order by Governor Abbott temporarily suspending certain requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act to advance the goal of limiting face-to-face meetings to slow the spread of COVID-19. The meeting was open to the public and notice was given as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act and as modified by the Governor's Order.

1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>

The meeting was called to order.

2. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

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

Dennis Daniel – President Rick Triplett – Vice President Thomas J. Rogers, Jr. - Secretary Nathan Neese – Assistant Secretary Eileen Grass – Assistant Secretary

thus constituting a quorum. All Directors were present.

Also present at the meeting were Bill Flickinger, Matt McPhail and Jeniffer Concienne with Willatt & Flickinger, PLLC, Dennis Lozano with Murfee Engineering, Jesse Kennis and Kristi Hester with Inframark, LLC, Mike Moyer with Taylor Morrison, Frank Krasovec with Norwood Investments and residents Tony Smith and Gwen Wilson.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Dennis Daniel advised of the rules of the Board of Directors for public comment. Attorney Bill Flickinger asked both residents if they wished to speak. Tony Smith will speak on behalf of both residents in attendance. Mr. Smith will have three minutes for his discussion.

Resident Tony Smith read the Petition that was prepared with 163 signatures requesting immediate action on behalf of the District to deal with the odors from the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Smith stated that the residents request the following items:

- 1. Immediate action to remove the smell of raw sewage from the neighborhood; and
- 2. A written explanation of what immediate action will be taken and when; and
- 3. That this issue be first and foremost for the District; and
- 4. A written explanation as to why the wastewater treatment plant is operating over 100% capacity.

4. <u>COMPLAINTS OF ODOR FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT;</u> <u>ODOR CONTROL MEASURES</u>

President Dennis Daniel thanked Tony Smith for his time and assured him that the District is working to address the issues ASAP. Director Nathan Neese inquired about the statement that the wastewater treatment plant is operating at 100% capacity. It was his understanding that was not correct. Engineer Dennis Lozano reported on the calculations of the flows on a daily and quarterly basis. For the last seven years, the District has had steady flows. In March, the flows spiked which is most likely due to the COVID pandemic and the stay at home orders. There have been days that capacity hit 100% but Mr. Lozano has not seen an average of 100% for the month. Vice President Rick Triplett asked if the odor and the capacity issues are related. Mr. Lozano advised that it is somewhat related, but not necessarily causing the odor issue. Mr. Lozano discussed the history of both wastewater treatment plants and both permits. The District subsequently combined the permits and only used one treatment plant.

President Daniel would like to address this matter in three parts, being: 1) what can the District do that would be effective immediately in addition to the misting system that is already there; 2) what can the District do as a follow on if problems continue; and 3) what can the District do to get the expansion completed. Mr. Lozano reported on his meeting this morning with an odor control manufacturer representative. The representative stated that they have a temporary trailer mounted mobile unit for the carbon absorption scrubbers that the District can use to contain and capture the odor from the plant. The first place that the solids enter the plant is the bar screen rack. The bar screens can be covered. This project would take about two weeks to complete. The estimated costs would be less than \$10,000. If that solution does not work, Mr. Lozano recommends covering the EQ basin. Director Neese asked Manager Jesse Kennis for his thoughts on this temporary fix. Mr. Kennis concurs with the idea. He will get with Mr. Lozano to work out all the electrical requirements so that it can proceed quickly.

After discussion, President Dennis Daniel entertained a motion. Motion was made by Tom Rogers and seconded by Nathan Neese to authorize the Board President to sign a contract for the trailer mounted mobile unit and covering of the bar screen unit as an immediate solution to the odor issues in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Eileen Grass asked about authorization for the Phase 2 plan. President Daniel asked Mr. Lozano to bring a quote for Phase 2 odor control measures and design work to the next board meeting for consideration. President Daniel would also like the memo on odor issues updated as soon as possible. Mr. Lozano will begin drafting the update. Once complete, it will be put on the District's website and provided to the HOA.

5. ADJOURN

President Dennis Daniel adjourned the meeting.

Dennis Daniel, President Reunion Ranch WCID

ATTEST:

Nathan Neese, Assistant Secretary

Reunion Ranch WCID

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