

**SOMERVELL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

January 9, 2023

Members Present: Lee Magee, Karen Richardson, Kevin Morgan, Maurice English, Ben Mieth, Larry Fleming, Nemo Britton

Members Absent: None

Also present: Kevin Taylor, Kim Daniels, John Flippen, Michael Leamons, Julia Douglas, Chip Joslin, George Freas, Gary Whittle, Patrick Fahey, Jim Holder, Glen Rose Reporter Rep, Hannah Barricks

President Mieth called meeting to order at 8:00a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

The General Manager presented the minutes of November 21, 2022. A motion was made by Lee Magee and seconded by Larry Fleming to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Resolution: The Board approved the Consent Agenda as presented. (Res. #23-01)
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WOODCREST LAND AND CATTLE LP ANNEXATION

District staff has been contacted by Noah Bankston about a proposed annexation at the end of existing city street Mesa Drive, StoneView Addition . The 0.180 acre tract is owned by Woodcrest Cattle and Land LLP and is petitioning the District for approval to be annexed into the City of Glen Rose city limits. Attached is a copy of the application and a preliminary plat of the proposed project. The annexation is in the District's existing service area but far easier and less costly to be served off the City's existing water line on Mesa Drive.

A motion was made by Lee Magee and seconded by Maurice English. Motion carried.

Resolution: The Board approved the annexation and authorized the General Manager to make an adjustment to the District's service area that allows the City of Glen Rose to serve water to the annexed area. (Res. #23-02)
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CITY OF GLEN ROSE OPEN LETTER AND COMMITTEE REQUEST

Mayor Douglas of the City of Glen Rose has asked to discuss several policy matters (e.g., equitable rates, legislative action, certificates of convenience and necessity, consolidated billing and the transition from chlorine to chloramine treated water) involving both the SCWD and the City of Glen Rose and for SCWD to appoint a committee to develop a plan for moving forward with these policy matters in a way that best serves the interests of the community as a whole. Mayor Douglas spoke to Board members regarding the formation of a committee to problem solve and to speed things up for future issues. Board members did not believe a committee was necessary as the General Manager for the Water District is to deal with the day to day issues and problem solving. Joint meetings with the City of Glen Rose were discussed to.

Kevin Taylor stated that the issues should be brought to him at staff level and feels that committee meetings circumvent the spirit of the Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Lee Magee and seconded by Larry Fleming to decline the request to form a committee with City of Glen Rose council members. Motion carried.

Resolution: The Board declined the request to form a special committee with City of Glen Rose council members. (Resolution #23-03)

CITY OF GLEN ROSE EQUITABLE RATE ISSUE

The Mayor's open letter to the District and the Glen Rose Reporter stated that to her knowledge the District had not addressed the City's concern of equitable water rates from two years ago.

Attached is a July 15, 2021 email from SCWD General Manager Kevin Taylor to City Administrator Michael Leamons notifying the City that the District planned to revise our rate structure at the District's August 2021 Board Meeting. The Board did in fact implement a 25% rate increase on its retail customers at the meeting on August 9th of 2021.

Due to increasing growth in Somervell County, SCWD is expecting to spend close to 10 million dollars on treatment plant upgrades in the next two to three years. Water rates to both the District's retail and wholesale customers will likely need to be increased to keep up with the ongoing inflation we are experiencing. Regardless of whatever rate increase the SCWD Board proposes during this summer's budget process; staff feels the current 75 cent spread between our wholesale and retail rate is adequate.

The City would not enter into discussions without full council present.

Resolution (Resolution #23-04) NO ACTION TAKEN

CITY OF GLEN ROSE LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The City of Glen Rose has apparently hired a Legislative law firm to attempt to have this year's Legislature make changes to the Texas Municipal Code. Reportedly, these will be changes that allow cities to more easily annex into Water District's and their service area.

The City would not enter into discussions without full council present.

Resolution: NO ACTION TAKEN. (Res. #23-05)

CITY OF GLEN ROSE CCN

The District was notified last month that the City of Glen Rose intended to apply for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN). District staff has not been notified as to the City's intent, but hopefully the process will eventually define both the City and the Water District's service area. The District has had EHT prepare the attached map of what we believe to be the District's service area.

The City would not enter into discussions without full council present.

Resolution: No Action Taken (Res. #23-06)

SCWD SERVICE AREA MAP

The Somervell County Water District has never needed a map of the District's service area. The ongoing issue with the City of Glen Rose will eventually require us to provide the document to the PUC. Attached is a map of the District's current service area.

A motion was made by Karen Richardson and seconded by Lee Magee. Motion carried.

Resolution: Somervell County Water District Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to implement the new SCWD service area map. (Res. #23-07)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL MATTER

A motion was made by Maurice English and seconded by Nemo Britton to enter into executive session. Motion carried.

Time in: 9:19AM

Time out: 9:29AM

A motion was made by Lee Magee and seconded by Nemo Britton in favor of creating and advertising for the position of Administrative Assistant. Motion carried.


Resolution: (Res. #21-09) The Board voted in favor of creating and advertising for the position of Administrative Assistant.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Kevin Taylor presented the following items to the board:

2021-2022 Annual Audit Update
Treatment Plant Capacity Update
Reservoir Capacity Update
Water Line Extension Update
Bank Account Report
Water Usage Report
Park Attendance Report
Quarterly Investment Report
Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Statements

No further business was brought to the table. Motion was made by Larry Fleming and seconded by Nemo Britton to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:40am.



Kim Daniels, Assistant Secretary

Approved this 13th day of February 2023



President, Somervell County Water District