

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF TRAVIS COUNTY WCID NO. 19

April 22, 2021

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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COUNTY OF TRAVIS       §

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Travis County WCID No. 19 was held at 12:00 p.m. on April 22, 2021, 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.     CALL TO ORDER

Board President Elmer Dangerfield called the meeting to order.

2.     ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

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

Elmer Dangerfield – President  
Dick Walker – Vice President  
Pres Sheppard – Secretary  
Dave Risser – Assistant Secretary  
E. Blake Mosher – Assistant Secretary

thus constituting a quorum. All Directors were present.

Also present were Herb Edmonson and Richard Grayum of Gray Engineering, Inc., Hal Lanham and Tammy Hargett of AWR Services, Inc., David Berrier of Berrier & Company, P.C., Matt McPhail and Allison Nix of Willatt & Flickinger, PLLC, and Rate Consultant Marvin Morgan.

3.     PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4.     MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2021 BOARD MEETING

Allison Nix presented the proposed minutes of the March 25, 2021 regular meeting, as included in the agenda package. Motion was made by Blake Mosher to approve the minutes as presented, and the motion was seconded by Pres Sheppard. The motion carried unanimously.

5. TRAVIS COUNTY MUD NO. 4 WHOLESALE WATER RATE STUDY

Rate Consultant Marvin Morgan presented his final recommendation after review of the Preliminary Wholesale Water Rate Study from Travis County MUD No. 4 and additional information received from MUD No. 4. Mr. Morgan recommends the District approve the rates in the study as presented. He shared a graph showing how the minimum bill has been fluctuating over the years. The rates continue on a downward spiral and the fluctuations are getting larger because the agreement with MUD No. 4 is not based on standard ratemaking. The District has been overpaying for the last six months because the rates are retroactive back to September 30<sup>th</sup> and are not usually applied until the following spring. This causes a negative minimum bill going forward, which is the way the contract was written. After discussion, Pres Sheppard made a motion to approve acceptance of Marvin Morgan's final report and recommendation as presented, and the motion was seconded by Dick Walker. The motion carried unanimously.

6. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Herb Edmonson and Richard Grayum presented the Engineering Report as included in the agenda package.

M & C Electric is still working on obtaining a City of Austin permit required for repair to the corroded electrical boxes. When the permit has been approved, M & C Electric will handle the electrical box repairs and additional streetlight work at the same time. The engineers will meet with the contractors in the field next week to work on bringing this project to a close.

Included in the agenda package are bids received for the brick pavers repair project including both options of replacing the pavers with stamped concrete or replacing with brick pavers. An increased amount of steel is included for the foundation repair since there was not enough steel used previously, which led to failures. Mr. Edmonson commented that, historically, changes to one section in the District leads to consistent changes throughout the remainder of the District. President Dangerfield asked about the probability of matching the pavers throughout the District versus stamped concrete. Mr. Edmonson said the stamped concrete can be installed the exact same color throughout, but any future repairs may be noticeable since the older colors will fade. Pres Sheppard commented that he thought the stamped concrete would be cheaper, and it is not, so he would rather keep using brick pavers. After discussion, motion was made by Pres Sheppard and seconded by Dick Walker to opt to repair the intersection with brick pavers instead of stamped concrete. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Edmonson described his experience working with both of the more affordable companies saying he has not had issues with either and both contractors have a history of good performance. The RFP covers all aspects of the project and no additional costs of significance are expected. The project would begin in June at the earliest and can definitely be completed by August. After further discussion, Dick Walker made a motion to approve the bid from Fazzone Construction for the brick pavers repair project as presented. Dave Risser seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The repaving and seal coating project can be put on hold for a few more months, but Mr. Edmonson said the packet should be put together by November at the latest. The Board decided to put the project on hold until August.

Mr. Edmonson reported that the contractor excavated the trench failure on Mendocino, filled with flowable fill and the asphalt has been completed. The repair is done.

Director Risser asked if the sidewalks will be power washed next. Manager Hal Lanham said it is scheduled to be done after the seal coating project and will include the bridge. Director Sheppard stated the repaving will not be done for another year, so power washing could be done now. Mr. Lanham will obtain proposals for consideration at the next Board meeting.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

Hal Lanham presented the Manager's Report covering the month of March 2021.

Mr. Lanham reported that the District Judge dismissed the lawsuit filed by Brett Lanham against AWR.

Mr. Lanham discussed the Mendocino trench failure repair project and history of similar failures within the District. The recent repair project was much larger than in the past and the result is good. The patches will disappear when the seal coating is done. Additional failures are not expected to occur on a regular basis.

AWR has provided its employees with COVID-19 vaccine opportunities and its office remains closed to the public.

8. QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

David Berrier presented the Quarterly Investment Report for the period of January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021. After discussion, motion was made by Blake Mosher to approve the Quarterly Investment Report as presented, and it was seconded by Pres Sheppard. The motion carried unanimously.

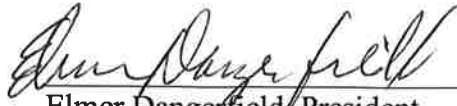
9. REVIEW AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Bookkeeper David Berrier explained the District expenses for March as provided electronically to the Directors. After detailed discussion, motion was made by Dick Walker and seconded by Pres Sheppard to authorize payment of the invoices as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Pres Sheppard inquired when the District may resume in-person Board meetings. The attorney's office will check room availability at the fire department, and an item will be added to next month's agenda for an update.

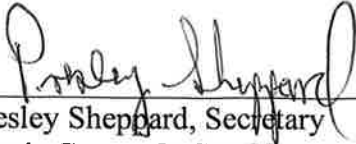
10. ADJOURN

President Elmer Dangerfield adjourned the meeting.



Elmer Dangerfield, President  
Travis County WCID No. 19

ATTEST:



Presley Sheppard, Secretary  
Travis County WCID No. 19

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