## MINUTES EMERALD FOREST UTILITY DISTRICT

## March 26, 2024

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Emerald Forest Utility District (the "District") met in special session, open to the public, on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, at the offices of Baxter & Woodman, Inc., 11450 Compaq Center West Drive, Suite 660, Houston, TX 77070, outside the boundaries of the District, and the roll was called of the members of the Board:

Bobby G. Dillard	President
Robert M. Kimball	Vice President
William B. Schmidt	Secretary
Donald F. Brooks	Assistant Vice President
DeWayne High	Assistant Secretary

and all of the above were present except Director Schmidt, thus constituting a quorum.

Also present at the meeting were Deanna Brooks, resident of the District; Scott Barr of Regional Water Corporation ("RWC"); Sherry Grant of Baxter & Woodman, Inc. ("B&W"); and Jennifer Ramirez of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP ("ABHR").

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

#### SECURITY SERVICES REPORT

The Board reviewed the February 2024 security services report from the Harris County Sheriff's Office, a copy of which is attached.

#### PROPOSAL FOR SECURITY FROM TODAY'S INTEGRATION, INC.

The Board deferred this agenda item until the next special meeting.

#### **ENGINEERING MATTERS**

Ms. Grant reviewed the engineer's report, a copy of which is attached.

## SURFACE WATER, CHLORAMINE CONVERSION, AND BLEACH DISINFECTION CONVERSION

There was no update on this agenda item.

## CYPRESS NORTH HOUSTON ROAD (LOUEDD ROAD) WIDENING

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

## FEASIBILITY STUDIES, PLAN REVIEWS, AND UTILITY AVAILABILITY REQUESTS

Ms. Grant updated the Board on the status of the pending plan reviews, service requests, and feasibility studies, as reflected in her report.

Mr. Barr updated the Board on the status of construction of the water line adjustments for the Cypress Creek Distribution Center development. He stated that the contractor is currently completing the final water line adjustment. The Board discussed the requirement for the property owner to enter into a Consent to Encroachment with the District for improvements within the District's easements. Ms. Grant stated that B&W will provide a general description of the specific improvements that will need to be included in the Consent to Encroachment to the engineer for the property owner, so they can prepare the necessary exhibits.

Ms. Grant updated the Board on the status of the 1.345-acre Kensinger-Donnelly tract. She stated that the individual grease traps have not yet been installed, but the buildings are currently receiving water service. After review and discussion, the Board concurred to authorize ABHR to send correspondence to the owner of the three existing buildings stating that if the individual grease traps have not been installed by the May 13, 2024, regular meeting, the District will consider terminating service to the tract. In response to an inquiry from the Board, Mr. Barr confirmed that the private water wells have been plugged.

#### CYPRESS GLEN SANITARY SEWER REPAIR PROJECT

Ms. Grant updated the Board on the status of the sanitary sewer and manhole rehabilitation project for Cypress Glen, as reflected in her report. She did not have any Pay Estimates or Change Orders from Texas Pride Utilities, LLC for the Board's approval.

## <u>UPDATES TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN ("EPP") AND</u> <u>EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN ("ERP")</u>

Ms. Grant stated that B&W has added the District's newly adopted Amended and Restated Drought Contingency Plan as an exhibit to the EPP and the EPP and ERP are now ready for filing with the appropriate entities.

#### SERVICE LINE INVENTORY FOR LEAD AND COPPER RULE COMPLIANCE

Ms. Grant updated the Board on the preparation of the service line

inventory for the Lead and Copper Rule compliance program which is being prepared by the District's operator.

## UPDATE REGARDING REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION FROM TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

There was no update on this agenda item.

#### DEEDS, EASEMENTS, AND/OR CONSENTS TO ENCROACHMENT

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

## FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN ("CIP")

Ms. Grant stated that the next quarterly update to the CIP will be presented at the April special meeting.

## UPDATE ON PREPARATION OF BOND APPLICATION

Ms. Grant updated the Board on the preparation of the District's bond application, as reflected in her report. She stated that B&W has received some of the requested documentation from the developer and is awaiting the remainder of the documents.

## GENERAL OPERATING PERMITS RENEWAL

Ms. Grant reported that the District's general operating permits related to the storage of hazardous materials for water plant no. 2, water plant no. 3, and the wastewater treatment plant have been issued by Harris County on March 15, 2024. She stated that the new permits expire on March 15, 2025 and copies are attached to the engineer's report.

## OTHER ENGINEERING MATTERS

Ms. Grant updated the Board on the status of the District's variance request from the City of Houston regarding the waterline loop requirement for the FM 1960 water and sanitary sewer extension project.

#### OPERATIONS REPORT, INCLUDING CUSTOMER CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Barr reviewed the Greens Bayou E. coli report acknowledging samples taken in March, 2024, a copy of which is attached.

Mr. Barr stated that he met with the operator for Reid Road Municipal Utility District No. 1 ("Reid Road"), Municipal Operating & Consulting, Inc. ("MOC"), on March 19, 2024, to conduct a site visit of the water interconnect facilities and discuss the

invoice sent by MOC on behalf of Reid Road to the District for two months' worth of lost water that MOC asserts was lost via the water interconnect to the District. Ms. Ramirez stated that MOC has not provided any backup documentation for the invoice or the maintenance records for the water interconnect as requested by the District. After review and discussion, Director Dillard moved to decline to pay the invoice sent to the District by MOC. Director High seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Ross & Matthews PC on behalf of the property owner for 11522 Stonebridge Drive, a copy of which is attached, regarding a request for a utility bill adjustment which was denied by the Board. After review and discussion, Director Dillard moved to (1) confirm the Board's previous decision to deny the request for a utility bill adjustment but authorize RWC to offer a six-month payment plan; and (2) authorize ABHR to send a response to Ross & Matthews PC regarding the Board's decision. Director Brooks seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## THIRD AMENDMENT TO EMERGENCY WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH REID ROAD

The Board deferred discussion on this agenda item.

There being no further matters to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.  $\bigwedge$ 



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