## MINUTES GALVESTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 68

## February 18, 2025

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 68 (the "District") met in regular session, open to the public, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025, at Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Houston, Texas, outside the boundaries of the District, and the roll was called of the members of the Board:

Suzanne Ross President
Randy Trncak Vice President
Cory Burton Secretary

Joanne Lannin Assistant Secretary
Bobby Rich Assistant Vice President

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

Also attending the meeting were Renee Butler of McLennan & Associates, L.P.; Odett Newman of Bob Leared Interests; Jason Robinett of Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc.; Scott Gray of Champions Hydro-Lawn, Inc.; Anthea Moran of Masterson Advisors LLC; Brianne Geaslin of KB Home; and Christina Miller and Kathryn Easey of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board opened the meeting for comments from the public. There being no members of the public wishing to make comments, the Board closed the public comments portion of the meeting.

#### APPROVE MINUTES

The Board considered approving the minutes of the January 29, 2025, regular meeting. After review and discussion, Director Rich moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Director Burton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DISCUSS ASSOCIATION OF WATER BOARD DIRECTORS ("AWBD") WINTER CONFERENCE, APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT OF ELIGIBLE EXPENSES, AND AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT SUMMER CONFERENCE

No Board members attended the AWBD winter conference. The Board considered authorizing attendance of its Board members at the AWBD summer conference. After review and discussion, Director Ross moved to authorize attendance

of the Board members at the AWBD summer conference. Director Burton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### TAX ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION MATTERS

Ms. Newman presented and reviewed the tax assessor/collector's report for January, including the bills presented for payment and the delinquent tax roll. A copy of the tax report is attached. After review and discussion, Director Lannin moved to approve the tax assessor/collector's report and payment of the tax bills. Director Burton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### ADOPT RESOLUTION CONCERNING EXEMPTIONS FROM TAXATION

Ms. Miller reviewed a Resolution Concerning Exemptions from Taxation reflecting that the Board rejects any exemptions for residential homesteads. After review and discussion, Director Burton moved to adopt the Resolution Concerning Exemptions from Taxation and direct that the Resolution be filed appropriately and retained in the District's official records. Director Ross seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### FINANCIAL AND BOOKKEEPING MATTERS

Ms. Butler reviewed the bookkeeper's report and the investment report, copies of which are attached. Following review and discussion, Director Burton moved to approve the bookkeeper's report and investment report and authorize payment of the District's bills. Director Rich seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## REVIEW ARBITRAGE REBATE REPORT FOR THE SERIES 2009 BONDS

Ms. Miller stated this item was included on the agenda in error.

#### PLAN OF FINANCING

Ms. Moran discussed the plan for the next bond financing and the status of the estimate of value from the Galveston Central Appraisal District. She recommended having the District's engineer prepare a preliminary summary of costs for review at the next meeting.

#### DETENTION POND AND OUTFALL CHANNEL FACILITIES REPORT

Mr. Gray presented and reviewed the detention and drainage facilities report, a copy of which is attached.

Mr. Gray noted there is a small dam that has developed and is holding water along the perimeter fence line at the northeast corner of the Sunset Grove pond. Mr.

Robinett stated the dam needs to be removed for drainage to go into the pond. Mr. Gray stated he will present a proposal for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

## MS4 STORM WATER MANAGEMENT MATTERS

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

#### **ENGINEERING MATTERS**

Mr. Robinett presented and reviewed a report on engineering matters, a copy of which is attached, and updated the Board on ongoing engineering projects as noted in the report.

Mr. Robinett stated that rebids were received by EHRA Engineering for construction of the Bayou Ridge clearing and grubbing, detention excavation, water, sewer, drainage and paving, and left turn lane facilities. He stated that EHRA Engineering recommended that the Board award the contract to the second lowest bidder, Principal Services, Ltd. ("Principal"), in the amount of \$5,909,700.00, based on EHRA Engineering's reference checks for the lowest bidder for its work completed in the City of LaMarque area. The Board concurred that, in its judgment, Principal is a responsible bidder who will be most advantageous to the District and will result in the best and most economical completion of the project.

Mr. Robinett updated the Board on the status of the construction of the water, sewer and drainage facilities to serve Sunset Grove, Section 6. He reviewed and recommended approval of Pay Estimate No. 9 and Final in the amount of \$187,949.35, payable to Blazey Construction Services LLC ("Blazey").

Mr. Robinett updated the Board on the status of the construction of the water, sewer, drainage and paving facilities to serve Trails at Woodhaven Lakes, Section 2. He reviewed and recommended approval of Pay Estimate No. 6 in the amount of \$241,693.35, payable to R Construction Civil, LLC ("R Construction").

Following review and discussion, Director Ross moved to (1) approve the engineer's report; (2) award the contract for construction of the Bayou Ridge clearing and grubbing, detention excavation, water, sewer, drainage and paving, and left turn lane facilities to Principal in the amount of \$5,909,700.00, based upon EHRA Engineering's recommendation and receipt of the payment and performance bonds and the certificate(s) of insurance and endorsements, if any, provided by the contractor; (3) approve Pay Estimate No. 9 and Final in the amount of \$187,949.35, payable to Blazey for the construction of the water, sewer and drainage facilities to serve Sunset Grove, Section 6, based on the engineer's recommendation; and (4) approve Pay Estimate No. 6 in the amount of \$241,693.35, payable to R Construction for the construction of the water, sewer and drainage facilities to serve Trails at Woodhaven

Lakes, Section 2, based on the engineer's recommendation. Director Rich seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

# DEEDS, EASEMENTS, PLATS, CONSENTS TO ENCROACHMENT, REQUESTS FOR SERVICE OR UTILITY COMMITMENT LETTERS

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

## REPORT REGARDING DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Geaslin updated the Board on development in Sunset Grove.

Mr. Robinett, on behalf of M/I Homes of Houston, LLC, updated the Board on development in Ambrose.

## NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

Following discussion, the Board concurred to hold its next meeting on March 18, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, Board of Directors

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