#### MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE

## NORTH HARRIS COUNTY REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

## June 1, 2020

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (the "Authority") met in regular session, open to the public, via Microsoft Teams and/or telephone conference call at 877-286-5733, conference ID 722398015#, pursuant to the Texas Governor's suspension of certain Texas Open Meetings Act provisions due to COVID-19, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2020; whereupon, the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board, to-wit:

Alan J. Rendl	President
Kelly P. Fessler	Vice President
Lenox A. Sigler	Secretary
Ron Graham	Assistant Secretary
Jim Pulliam	Treasurer/Investment Officer

All members of the Board were present, thus constituting a quorum. Also attending the meeting were: Mr. Jun Chang, P.E., D.WRE, Deputy General Manager for the Authority; Mr. Mark Evans, Director of Planning and Governmental Affairs for the Authority; Ms. Cynthia Plunkett, Financial Assistant for the Authority; Ms. Barbara Payne of Payne Communications, Communications Coordinator for the Authority; Messrs. Stephen Berckenhoff, P.E., Mike Baugher, P.E., and Doug Haude, P.E., of AECOM Technical Services, Inc., Program Manager for the Authority; Mr. David Huang, P.E., of RPS Klotz Associates, on-call engineers for the Authority; Mr. Lance McLeod, P.E., of Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc., on-call engineers for the Authority; Mr. Harrison Steed, P.E., of ARCADIS US, Inc., on-call engineers for the Authority; Ms. Giti Zarinkelk, P.E., and Mr. Mike Bagstad, P.E., of Zarinkelk Engineering Services, Inc., on-call engineers for the Authority; Mr. Dennis Sander, P.E., of Sander Engineering Corporation, on-call engineers for the Authority; Mr. Charles Shumate, P.E., of Lockwood Andrews and Newnam, Inc., on-call engineers for the Authority; Mr. David Warner, P.E., of Jones|Carter, Inc., on-call engineers for the Authority; Mr. Marcel Khouw, P.E., of IDS Engineering Group, on-call engineers for the Authority; Mr. Carlton McDevitt of Inframark, LLC ("Inframark"), operator for the Authority; and Ms. Robin S. Bobbitt, attorney, and Ms. Alison Miller, paralegal, of Radcliffe Bobbitt Adams Polley PLLC, general counsel and cobond counsel for the Authority. Numerous members of the public and other consultants to the Authority also participated in the conference call meeting. The conference call meeting was recorded and made available to the public in accordance with the provisions of Texas Government Code Sections 551.125 and 551.127.

WHEREUPON, the meeting was called to order by Director Rendl and evidence was presented that public notice of the meeting had been given in compliance with the law. The posted notices of the meeting are attached hereto.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Director Rendl first stated that he hopes everyone is staying safe and well. Director Rendl also noted that the Authority Board meetings will be held via teleconference until further notice or until Governor Greg Abbott allows for unrestricted attendance at public meetings because the Authority does not want to turn anyone away from a public meeting due to social gathering restrictions.

## BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Director Fessler stated that the kinks need to be worked out of the teleconference meetings prior to the meeting date.

# STATUS OF ACTIVITIES BY COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR

A copy of Ms. Payne's PowerPoint presentation is attached as an exhibit to these minutes.

Ms. Payne first reported that the printer for the billing inserts on water conservation is back in operation and, therefore, the billing inserts are available for ordering through the Authority's website or by contacting the Authority's office. Ms. Payne further reported that the Authority's water conservation education programs are being digitized for in-home school use.

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Chang then called upon Mr. Berckenhoff to present the Program Manager's Report to the Board, a copy of which is attached hereto.

## PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT

## UPDATE ON STATUS OF SURFACE WATER CONVERSION

Mr. Berckenhoff first reported that the Spears Road Regional Pump Station delivered a daily average rate of approximately 31 million gallons per day ("MGD") of surface water during May. Mr. Berckenhoff added that the alternative water used in April was approximately 32.6%, compared to approximately 33.5% in March. Mr. Berckenhoff further explained that during April, approximately 78.9% of the water used by the Public Water Systems (the "PWSs") in the Authority's 2010 service area was alternative water.

#### MAJOR ACTIVITIES

Mr. Berckenhoff went on to report that during the prior month, AECOM had performed other activities for the Authority as follows: 1) implemented and performed tasks regarding the Authority's aggregate water well permit (the "Permit"); 2) assisted the Authority in a variety of activities involving the City of Houston (the "City"); 3) continued oversight of engineering and acquisition related efforts; 4) provided oversight of Inframark's activities and its contract to operate the Authority's system; and 5) monitored, tabulated and analyzed amounts of water used by the PWSs covered by the Authority's Permit and, where necessary and practical, in consort

with Inframark and the respective PWS operators, took appropriate actions to optimize the use of surface water. Mr. Berckenhoff also reported that the Authority currently has 21 active projects, with seven (7) in or near construction, eight (8) in final design and six (6) in the planning or preliminary engineering stage.

# LUCE BAYOU INTERBASIN TRANSFER PROJECT (THE "LUCE BAYOU PROJECT") UPDATE

Concerning the Luce Bayou Project, Mr. Berckenhoff gave an update on the status of the following items: 1) the contractor is in the process of installing conductors from switchgear buildings to the electrical building, metal stud drywall framing in the control building and 48-inch diameter pump discharge piping at the Capers Ridge Pump Station; and 2) continued concrete pours at the flow distribution basin and backfill and compaction at the pig retrieval facility.

## NORTHEAST WATER PURIFICATION PLANT (THE "NEWPP") EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Berckenhoff went on to report that construction of all pump can installations and interlocking slabs has been completed at HSPS. Mr. Berckenhoff further reported that the Central Plant structural concrete work is continuing on schedule. Mr. Berckenhoff went on to report that construction of Early Work Package ("EWP") 2 Filter Building and Transfer Pump Station continues to proceed. Mr. Berckenhoff also reported that construction of EWP 4 has continued with ongoing final grading of the access road and completion of storm drain ties. Mr. Berckenhoff further added that construction of EWP 6 North Plant continues with ongoing formwork, rebar placement and structural concrete for various structures. Mr. Berckenhoff added that the bridge pile installation was completed and the deck concrete work continues at EWP 6. Mr. Berckenhoff stated that the Houston Waterworks Team continues to progress on the procurement of various balance of plant packages and that the Project Advisor/Technical Consultant continues to provide construction oversight services on behalf of the City and the Authorities.

## NORTHEAST TRANSMISSION LINE (THE "NETL") PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Berckenhoff next reported that in connection with the NETL project, the contractors have continued with construction on five (5) sections of the 108-inch (108") line. Mr. Berckenhoff added that real estate acquisitions are proceeding on several additional sections of the NETL.

## ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Bobbitt stated that she had nothing to report.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board next considered approval of the minutes of the May 4, 2020 regular meeting. Upon motion by Director Fessler, seconded by Director Sigler, after full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2020 regular meeting, as written.

# FINANCIAL ASSISTANT'S REPORT, INCLUDING APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, ISSUANCE OF CHECKS, REVIEW BUDGET COMPARISON, AND REPORT ON STATUS OF PAYMENTS OF QUARTERLY PUMPAGE FEES

Director Rendl then recognized Ms. Plunkett, who reviewed the Authority's Financial Report with the Board, including the monthly investment report, the checks being presented for payment, and the budget comparison for the month ended April 30, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Upon motion by Director Sigler, seconded by Director Fessler, after full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Financial Report, the monthly investment report, and the checks being presented for payment.

## CONFIRM UPCOMING MEETING DATE

Director Rendl then informed the meeting attendees that the Authority's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 6, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. Director Rendl noted that information on how the meeting will be conducted will be sent out via e-blast and also posted on the Authority's website.

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

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.



/s/ Lenox A. Sigler Secretary, Board of Directors