# MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NORTH HARRIS COUNTY REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

# February 7, 2022

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (the "Authority") met in regular session, open to the public, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022, at the Authority's office located at 3648 Cypress Creek Parkway, Suite 110, Houston, Texas, a public meeting place within the boundaries of the Authority; 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, General Manager for the Authority; Mr. Mark Evans, Director of Planning and Governmental Affairs for the Authority; Ms. Cynthia Plunkett, Finance Director for the Authority; Ms. Lisa Sagstetter, Communications and Community Relations Manager for the Authority; Ms. Barbara Payne of Payne Communications, Communications Coordinator for the Authority; Mr. Philip Topek and Mr. Mike Baugher, of AECOM Technical Services, Inc., Program Manager for the Authority; Mr. Carlton McDevitt of Inframark, LLC ("Inframark"), operator for the Authority; Mr. Jon D. Polley, attorney, and Ms. Alison Miller, paralegal, of Radcliffe Bobbitt Adams Polley PLLC ("RBAP"), general counsel and co-bond counsel for the Authority. Other members of the public and consultants to the Authority were also present at the meeting. Copies of the public sign-in sheets are attached hereto.

WHEREUPON, the meeting was called to order 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 reported that Constable Sharman will be retiring and no longer attending the Authority meetings. Director Rendl wished Constable Sharman well and thanked him for his service on behalf of the Authority. Director Rendl next reported that Ms. Sagstetter will now be attending the regular Board meetings and taking on additional duties regarding community relations and communications.

# 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 reminded the Board and meeting attendees that the Authority's "Water University North" online courses are available on the Authority's website, and that articles, billing inserts and brochures are also available. Ms. Payne then reported that the winter *Connections* newsletter is on the Authority's website. Director Rendl encouraged everyone to visit the "Water University North" courses as well as the *Connections* newsletter, and stated that they both contain a great deal of helpful information for utility districts and their residents.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Chang next called upon Mr. Topek to present the Program Manager's Report to the Board, a copy of which is included behind Tab 3 of the meeting packet and attached hereto.

## PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT

## UPDATE ON STATUS OF SURFACE WATER CONVERSION

Mr. Topek first reported that the Spears Road Regional Pump Station delivered approximately 19.8 MGD per day of surface water during January. Mr. Topek added that the alternative water used in December was approximately 32.1% of the Authority's total water demand, compared to approximately 34.1% in November.

## **MAJOR ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Topek 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. Topek also reported that the Authority currently has 11 active construction projects, with 21 projects in design.

#### NEWPP EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Topek further reported on the status of the NEWPP Expansion Project, noting that construction of the Central Plant continues with concrete work and structural work at filter modules and masonry and electrical work at the transfer pump station. Mr. Topek also reported that construction of the North Plant continues with ongoing structural, electrical and mechanical work for all structures. Mr. Topek added that finish work inside the pump room and coating repair of the exterior wall of the pump station is ongoing. Mr. Topek then reported that the casework, plumbing fixtures and ceiling tiles have been completed at the administration and maintenance buildings. Mr. Topek next reported that construction of the South Plant is continuing with interior and exterior wall preparation and finish work for the wall panels at the ground storage tank and ongoing mechanical and electrical work at the dewatering building. Mr. Topek further noted that the Project Advisor/Technical Consultant continues to provide construction oversight services on behalf of the City and the Authorities.

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

Mr. Topek next reported that in connection with the NETL project, the contractors have continued with construction on four (4) sections of the 108-inch (108") line. Mr. Topek added that real estate acquisitions are proceeding on several additional sections of the NETL.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board considered approval of the minutes of the January 10, 2022 regular meeting. Upon motion by Director Fessler, seconded by Director Pulliam, after full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022 regular meeting, as written.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'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 December 31, 2021, a copy of which is included behind Tab 5 of the meeting packet and attached hereto. Upon motion by Director Pulliam, seconded by Director Sigler, 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, March 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Authority's office.

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

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

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