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

May 22, 2023

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (the "Authority") met in special session, open to the public, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023, 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:

Mark Ramsey President
Melissa Rowell Vice President
Ron Graham Secretary
David Barker Treasurer

Kelly P. Fessler Assistant Secretary

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; Ms. Krystal Boggs, Staff Analyst for the Authority; Ms. Kassandra Medina, Administrative Assistant to the Authority; Mr. Mike Baugher of AECOM Technical Services, Inc., Program Manager for the Authority; and Mr. Jon D. Polley, attorney, of Polley Garza PLLC, 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.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Director Ramsey called the meeting to order.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jerry Homan, General Manager of Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No. 61, addressed the Board thanking Mr. Polley for his service to the Authority.

Mr. Bill Papp, Director of Harris County Water Control and Improvement District ("HCWCID") No. 132, addressed the Board regarding Authority events in 2023 and the general counsel selection committee.

Mr. Nick Fava, Director of Bammel Utility District, addressed the Board thanking Mr. Polley for his service to the Authority.

## MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENT AND BOARD MEMBERS

Director Fessler stated the general counsel selection committee process is new to him and he is not sure he is comfortable with the idea. Director Fessler asked that the committee bring their recommendation for general counsel back to the entire Board before making a decision.

Director Rowell thanked everyone for attending and/or listening online to tonight's meeting and reminded everyone in attendance that the Authority has not stopped or delayed any projects.

Director Graham stated he appreciates all of Mr. Polley's hard work for the Authority over the years and asked if the selection committee will bring their recommendation back to the entire Board. Director Ramsey stated the selection committee will review and discuss the options and bring a recommendation back to the Board at the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **BOARD COMMITTEES**

# GENERAL COUNSEL SELECTION COMMITTEE APPOITNMENT AND DICUSSION IF ANY

Director Ramsey made a motion to appoint himself and Director Rowell to a committee to be tasked with investigating and making initial recommendations on selection of the Authority's general counsel to the full Board at the June 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, with input from other Directors and General Manager, as well as examining the potential for in-house counsel.

Discussion ensued regarding the selection committee, process and timeline for same.

Upon motion by Director Rowell, after full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board voted two (2) votes in favor and three (3) votes opposed, with Directors Ramsey, Barker and Graham voting in opposition, to change the due date for responses to June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Director Ramsey then called for a vote on his original motion. After full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board voted four (4) votes in favor and one (1) vote opposed, with Director Rowell voting in opposition, to appoint Directors Ramsey and Rowell to a committee to be tasked with investigating and making initial recommendations on selection of the Authority's general counsel to the full Board at the June 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, with input from other Directors and General Manager, as well as examining the potential for in-house counsel. Director Ramsey acknowledged that the committee would need to be careful on how it obtained input from other Directors in order to avoid violating the Texas Open Meetings Act.

### ANNOUNCE NEXT MEETING DATE

Director Ramsey then confirmed the next meeting will be held on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

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

# PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

Ron Broken

Secretary, Board of Directors

