MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NORTH HARRIS COUNTY REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

March 3, 2025

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (the "Authority") met in public session following the workshop, at 6:24 p.m. 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:

Melissa Rowell President
Kelly P. Fessler Vice President
Ron Graham Secretary
David Barker Treasurer
Mark Ramsey Director

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; Mr. Raj Singh, P.E., Engineering Manager for the Authority; Ms. Cynthia Plunkett, Finance Director for the Authority; Mr. Paul Walker, Ms. Amber Batson, and Ms. Jennifer Ivey of Carollo Engineers, Inc., Program Manager for the Authority; Ms. Kassandra Medina, Administrative Assistant for the Authority; Bryan Thomas of Inframark; Mr. Andrew P. Johnson, III, Attorney and Monica Alvarado, Paralegal, of Johnson Petrov LLP, General 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.

CALL TO ORDER

Director Rowell, Board President, called the meeting to order, and Director Barker led the attendees in the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jerry Homan addressed the Board.

Mr. Ron Chapman addressed the Board.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AND BOARD MEMBERS

Director Rowell welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Upon motion by Director Fessler, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting in favor, the Board approved the minutes of the February 3, 2025 regular Board meeting.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT, INCLUDING MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mrs. Plunkett reviewed with the Board the Authority's Financial Report and the checks being presented for payment.

Upon motion by Director Graham, after full discussion and with all Directors present voting in favor, the Board approved the Financial Report and the checks being presented for payment.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. <u>Status of Water Supply and Conversion</u>. Ms. Batson provided an update on the progress of converting surface water within the current permit year and presented charts illustrating the conversion over time.
- B. <u>Litigation update Houston Waterworks Team v. City of Houston</u>. This matter was discussed in executive session.
- C. <u>Additional D&O insurance coverage</u>. Mr. Chang advised the Board that he submitted an application to Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. for additional D&O coverage, and that the cost for said coverage ranges between \$5,000 and \$10,000 per year.

Upon motion by Director Fessler, after full discussion and with Directors Fessler, Rowell, Graham, and Barker voting in favor, and Director Ramsey voting no, the Board postponed consideration of said coverage pending further details on the proposed policy.

OPERATIONS STATUS REPORT

Mr. Thomas updated the Board on various operations in the region.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. Evans discussed recent legislative updates and advised the Board that the deadline to file bills for the current legislative session is March 14, 2025.

CONSTRUCTION/ENGINEERING UPDATE

A. <u>Update on NEWPP Expansion Project</u>. Mr. Walker provided an update regarding the NEWPP.

RFP FOR FINANCIAL ADVISOR AND RATE CONSULTANT

Ms. Ivey first discussed the difference in function between a financial advisor and a rate consultant. She advised the Board that a financial advisor handles debt issuance and structure, while a rate consultant handles revenue and the recovery of debt.

Mr. Chang then recommended to the Board that the Authority should issue an RFP for a financial advisor versus an RFQ and recommended that a separate RFP be issued for a rate consultant.

Upon motion by Director Fessler, after full discussion and with Directors Fessler, Rowell, and Graham voting in favor, and Directors Barker and Ramsey voting no, the Board authorized Mr. Chang to issue RFPs for two different services, financial advisor and rate consultant.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Graham requested that Mr. Johnson's subsidence presentation be added to the April agenda.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Director Rowell advised that the next regular meeting will take place on April 7, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:26 p.m., upon motion by Director Graham, and with all Directors present voting aye, the President called an Executive Session pursuant to Sections 551.071 to discuss matters of attorney-client privilege. Only the present Board members, Mr. Chang, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. Alvarado were present during the executive session.

REGULAR SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:01 p.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

With no objection, Director Rowell adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

[EXECUTION PAGE FOLLOWS]

TABBED, THE ROYED AND ADOLLED OIL IIIC 1 day of 1.91.11 , 2023	PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on the	7th	day of	A	pril	, 2025.
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Secretary, Board of Directors

