

Minutes of the June 8, 2020 Meeting of the  
Board of Directors of the Lower Brushy Creek WCID

In accordance with the Governor's emergency proclamation suspending certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act effective March 16, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 virus, all persons, including Board members and members of the public may participate in the meeting remotely by videoconferencing using the instructions included on the posted agenda. Due to COVID-19 social gathering restrictions, members of the public and the board may not physically enter the Greater Taylor Chamber of Commerce offices. Therefore, the meeting took-place on Zoom Videoconferencing. Meeting ID 881 3261 4749

President Ed Komandosky called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lower Brushy Creek WCID to order at 7:34 am on Monday, June 8, 2020 on Zoom Videoconference Meeting ID: 881 3261 4749. Board Members present included Scott Ging, Monica Masters and Mike Schneider. Others present included General Manager Jim Clarno, Board Attorney Ted Hejl, PR/Webpage Consultant Richard Stone, District Clerk Sue Lilly and Hal Boone.

Ed Komandosky called the meeting to order and announced that a quorum was present.

There were no citizen's communications

The minutes of the April 13, 2020 meeting were presented for consideration. A motion was made by Director Mike Schneider to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Scott Ging and approved by a vote of 4-0.

Clarno presented the WCID Financial Statements and Checking Account Registers for April and May for consideration. A motion was made by Secretary Monica Masters to approve the financial reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Ging and approved by a vote of 4-0.

Clarno reported that there were two applications for the appointment of a public officer, a member of the Board of Directors of the Lower Brushy Creek WCID. An Executive Session was posted on the agenda, but Ed Komandosky noted that it was not needed. A suggestion was made to hold a special meeting before taking any action. All members of the board agreed.

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Clarno recommended to defer actions of the May 2, 2020 General Election and Appointments for Board Officers until notary services can be completed on Statement of Officers and Oath of Office forms for the re-elected and appointed directors and an official singing-in can be made. All board members agreed.

Board Attorney, Ted Hejl presented for consideration and possible action to approve an Ethics Policy. A motion made by Director Schneider to approve the Ethics Policy as presented. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Ging and approved by a vote of 4-0.

Clarno presented for consideration and possible action the approval an agreement for FY 20 Summer Maintenance with a plan of action from Hall Bros Construction LLC in the amount of \$28,000. A motion was made by Treasurer Ging to approve the plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Schneider and approved by a vote of 4-0.

Clarno recommended possible action to approve Assurances Relating to Real Property Acquisition as required by the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board for the Lower Brushy Creek Watershed Site No. 12 Repair Project and the Lower Brushy Creek Watershed Site No. 22 Repair Project. Revised letters will need to be sent to the new owners. A motion was made by Secretary Masters to approve the action as presented. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Ging and approved by a vote of 4-0.

Clarno opened discussion for consideration and possible direction on Site 12 (Access to property). This has been an on-going issue. The property owner has requested work to be completed (culverts, pipes and road work) The owners have agreed to contribute 10K towards the over-all cost of the project. Clarno suggested that Lower Brushy Creek WCID cover 1/3 of the cost, up to 10K with an agreement from the landowner that LBCWCID would be given a waiver of liability for future issues. A motion was made by Secretary Masters to approve the possible direction as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Schneider and approved by a vote of 3-0, with one abstention.

Clarno presented the Drafts on FY 21 Goals/Strategic Plan, FY 21 Budget and Proposed FY 20 Tax Rate. Will move forward with gate signs, update goals for approval at Aug meeting and suggested that the tax rate remain the same.

There were no agency reports or updates.

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In his report, Clarno:

- Updated the Board on open positions with the state board. Offered himself as Flood District Position for Brazos District.
- Need for a tax hearing; suggested a tax hearing for 8/6/20 and board meeting for 8/10/20

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:59 am.

Respectfully submitted:

Monica P Masters

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Secretary