

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE PEARL RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT HELD ON
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020 AT 9:30 A.M. AT THE
PELAHATCHIE SHORE PARK PAVILION
NORTHSHORE CAUSEWAY, BRANDON, MISSISSIPPI**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District was held at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at Pelahatchie Shore Park Pavilion, Northshore Causeway, Brandon, Mississippi.

Members Present: Bruce Brackin, Billy Cook, Phillip Crosby, Ben Evans, Jennifer Hall, Kenny Latham, John Pittman, Tedrick Ratcliff Jr., Kenny Windham, and Jack Winstead

Present by Teleconference: Lonnie Johnson

Members Absent: Samuel Mitchell and W. C. Gorden

Others Present: John Sigman, Cindy Ford, Philip Huskey, Trevell Dixon, Michael Gober, Marcy Forester, Susan Brashear, Greg Burgess, Bobby Cleveland, Tammie Ballard, Perry Waggener, Jim Angle, Isaac Morris, Dewayne Mangum, Joel Steel, James Hence, Carlos Dipuma, Jason Temple, Jim Roberts, Murell Tidewell, Darlene Manly, Cindy Guynes, Don Parr

President Jennifer Hall called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

President Hall asked for review of the minutes of May 21, 2020.

Upon review of the minutes of meeting of the Board of Directors held May 21, 2020, a motion was made by Mr. Kenny Windham for the minutes to be approved. Mr. Jack Winstead seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: For: Brackin, Cook, Crosby, Evans, Hall, Johnson, Latham, Pittman, Ratcliff, Windham and Winstead. Abstained: None. Against: None. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

President Hall then asked for the commissioning of officer candidate James D. Hence.

Chief Trevell Dixon presented James D. Hence to the board.

Mr. Philip Huskey presented James D. Hence as an Officer of the Reservoir Police. Based on information presented, the Board made a finding that Mr. Hence has completed the educational training requirements of a course of study, prescribed and conducted by the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy, is of good moral character and has not been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude, and that he is qualified to be commissioned as a Police Officer of the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District pursuant to "Pearl River Valley Water Supply District Security Act of 1978" upon taking the Oath of Office. Upon recommendation of the Police Chief and General Manager, a motion was made by Kenny Latham, seconded by Phillip Crosby, that Mr. Hence be so commissioned as an Officer of the District and that his commission with the Oath endorsed upon it shall be entered in "Exhibit to Minutes" file, thereby becoming a part of these minutes. The vote was as follows: For: Brackin, Cook, Crosby, Evans, Hall, Johnson, Latham, Pittman, Ratcliff, Windham and Winstead. Abstained: None. Against: None. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

President Hall stated that the board would hear from Mr. Jim Roberts and Ms. Darlene Manly, as they had requested to address the board. President Hall stated that each would be given three minutes to address the board.

Mr. Jim Roberts was given the floor. Mr. Roberts noted that he lives in Waterwood Subdivision and has issue with a fence that was constructed in the neighboring subdivision across the boat ramp from his back yard. He stated his belief that it was built too high and partially blocked his view of the water. He stated that he had complained to PRVWSD staff but did not receive the assistance with the fence that he felt it deserved. He asked the board to have the fence removed and put back to its original state.

President Hall thanked Mr. Roberts. President Hall then asked Darlene Manly to speak for Donna Parmegiani.

Ms. Darlene Manly was given the floor. Ms. Manly stated that she was a resident of Woods Road Subdivision in Madison County and that she wanted to discuss the board's decision to sell the timber adjacent to Woods Road. Ms. Manly reviewed the October 2019 approval to advertise the timber for sale and the December 2019 approval of sale to Welch Forest Products. Ms. Manly stated that the residents of Woods Road Subdivision were not told of the potential sale of the timber and didn't know about it until the preparations for the logging had begun. Ms. Manly stated that her neighbors had been in contact with PRVWSD staff since finding out about the timber sale, and that PRVWSD staff had not offered assistance in halting the sale.

President Hall asked for the next agenda item.

Mr. John Sigman stated that the Board had approved the emergency sale of storm damaged timber in its April 2020 meeting. The Board gave staff authority to contract the sales, and asked that the sales be ratified by the Board at a later date in order to allow for the quick sale of timber.

Mr. Sigman asked for Board to ratify the emergency timber sales as outlined in the board package. Leake County LI, Sale number 19 700 30 02; Rankin County XVI, Sale number 19 700 34 04; Madison IX, Sale numbers 19 700 31 03, 19 700 32 03, and 19 700 33 03.

Mr. Phillip Crosby made a motion to ratify the emergency timber sales as outlined. Mr. Jack Winstead seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: For: Brackin, Cook, Crosby, Evans, Hall, Johnson, Latham, Pittman, Ratcliff, Windham and Winstead. Abstained: None. Against: None. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. John Sigman then asked for approval of contract renewal for forestry services for David Stodghill. Mr. Stodghill assists Rick Hollis with timber cruises, burns, spraying, etc. Mr. Sigman noted that the contract would be for the same amount as previous years, as Mr. Stodghill is limited as to his allowed income as a retired state employee.

Mr. Billy Cook made the motion to approve the contract renewal for David Stodghill as presented. Mr. Kenny Windham seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: For: Brackin, Cook, Crosby, Evans, Hall, Johnson, Latham, Pittman, Ratcliff, Windham and Winstead. Abstained: None. Against: None. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

President Hall asked for the next agenda item.

Vice President Ben Evans noted that staff had a grant opportunity to present for approval.

Mr. John Sigman stated that Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality requires the PRVWSD to conduct certain studies on the dam structure each year. In 2019, the DEQ requested additional studies for the High Hazard Dam, and also notified the PRVWSD that there were grant funds available to assist with cost of studies. The PRVWSD has been notified that it qualified for the grant. Staff request approval of the acceptance of the 2019 High Hazard Potential Dams (HHPD) Rehabilitation Grant CFDA 97.041 grant funds of \$591,181.000 from the Department of Homeland Security, Sub-Award with MDEQ, with the PRVWSD matching funds of \$318,329.00 for a total project approved costs of \$909,510.00.

Mr. Billy Cook made a motion to approve the acceptance of the 2019 High Hazard Potential Dams (HHPD) Rehabilitation Grant CFDA 97.041 grant funds of \$591,181.000 from the Department of Homeland Security, Sub-Award with MDEQ, with the PRVWSD matching funds of \$318,329.00 for a total project approved costs of \$909,510.00. Mr. Ben Evans seconded the motion. A COPY OF THE GRANT IS ATTACHED HERETO AS "EXHIBITS TO THE MINUTES".

The vote was as follows: For: Brackin, Cook, Crosby, Evans, Hall, Johnson, Latham, Pittman, Ratcliff, and Windham. Abstained: Winstead. Against: None.
MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY.

President Hall asked for the next agenda item.

Mr. Bobby Cleveland stated that staff was asking for a modification of the Emergency Declaration for Giant Salvinia to allow tournament fishing in Pelahatchie Bay. Mr. Cleveland stated that the salvinia task force had still not found any live salvinia on the lake. He has discussed the possible opening of the bay to tournament fishing with the task force and it is believed to be safe, as the tournaments have instituted safeguards to assist with identifying and removal of vegetative hitchhikers.

Mr. Cleveland noted that the restricted areas of the bay are still in place for all boaters, kayaks, etc. and would remain in place until the task force determines it safe to reduce the limited areas.

Mr. Billy Cook made a motion to approve the modification of the Emergency Declaration for Giant Salvinia, effective June 19th 2020, to allow tournament fishing in Pelahatchie Bay, with all other Emergency Declaration order to remain in effect. Mr. Tedrick Ratcliff, Jr. seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: For: Brackin, Cook, Crosby, Evans, Hall, Johnson, Latham, Pittman, Ratcliff, Windham and Winstead. Abstained: None. Against: None.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

President Hall asked for the next item.

Mr. John Sigman reviewed staff's request for the modification of permit fees to allow for a zero cost ADA ramp permit for campgrounds residents/visitors. Mr. Sigman noted that campgrounds ramps are to be temporary or movable ramps and staff feels the \$150 permit fee currently applicable to ADA ramp construction is unwarranted.

Mr. Billy Cook made a motion to modify permit fees to allow for a zero cost ADA ramp permit for campgrounds. Mr. Ben Evans seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: For: Brackin, Cook, Crosby, Evans, Hall, Johnson, Latham, Pittman, Ratcliff, Windham and Winstead. Abstained: None. Against: None.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

President Hall asked for the next agenda item.

Mr. Jim Angle reviewed staff's progress in requesting the Electrical Services Contract Request for Proposals with the Department of Finance Administration's Public Procurement Review Board.

President Hall asked for the next agenda item.

Mr. John Sigman asked for the board's ratification of his execution of the contract by the State Auditor's selection for auditing services. Mr. Sigman noted that the selected auditors, Collins Barr & Hembree had provided the 2018-2019 audit for the District also.

Mr. Kenny Windham made a motion to ratify general manager's execution of the contract with State Auditor's selection for auditing services with Collins Barr & Hembree, as presented. Mr. Ben Evans seconded the motion. A COPY OF THE CONTRACT IS ATTACHED HERETO AS "EXHIBITS TO THE MINUTES".

The vote was as follows: For: Brackin, Cook, Crosby, Evans, Hall, Johnson, Latham, Pittman, Ratcliff, Windham and Winstead. Abstained: None. Against: None. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

President Hall asked for the finance items.

Mr. Billy Cook presented the Per Diem and Travel report for May 2020.

Mr. Billy Cook made a motion to approve the Per Diem and Travel report for May 2020, as presented. Mr. Phillip Crosby seconded the motion.

President Hall asked for any comments or questions. None were offered.

The vote was as follows: For: Brackin, Cook, Crosby, Evans, Hall, Johnson, Latham, Pittman, Ratcliff, Windham and Winstead. Abstained: None. Against: None. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Cook presented the Cash Balance Report.

Mr. Billy Cook a motion to approve the Cash Balance Report, as presented. Mr. Bruce Brackin seconded the motion.

President Hall asked for any comments or questions. None were offered.

The vote was as follows: For: Brackin, Cook, Crosby, Evans, Hall, Johnson, Latham, Pittman, Ratcliff, Windham and Winstead. Abstained: None. Against: None. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Cook then presented the Claims Docket for June 2020. The board discussed the docket with staff.

Mr. Billy Cook made a motion to approve the Claims Docket for June 2020, as presented. Mr. Phillip Crosby seconded the motion.

President Hall asked for any comments or questions. None were offered.

The vote was as follows: For: Brackin, Cook, Crosby, Evans, Hall, Johnson, Latham, Pittman, Ratcliff, Windham and Winstead. Abstained: None. Against: None. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Police Chief Trevell Dixon reviewed the police report for May 2020 with the board.

Mr. Philip Huskey reviewed the lease collection report for May 2020.

Mr. Michael Gober reviewed the campground and parks collection report for May 2020.

Mr. John Sigman then gave his report as Executive Director.

Mr. Sigman also noted the news articles in the board book.

Mr. Sigman gave the current lake level at 297.52.

Mr. Sigman introduced Mark Beyea as the new chief engineer for the District.

Mr. Billy Cook made a motion to enter Closed Session. Mr. Ben Evans seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: For: Brackin, Cook, Crosby, Evans, Hall, Johnson, Latham, Pittman, Ratcliff, Windham and Winstead. Abstained: None. Against: None.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Phillip Crosby made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss current litigation and employees within specific positions. Mr. Kenny Latham seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: For: Brackin, Cook, Crosby, Evans, Hall, Johnson, Latham, Pittman, Ratcliff, Windham and Winstead. Abstained: None. Against: None.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Mr. Billy Cook made a motion to exit Executive Session. Mr. Tedrick Ratcliff, Jr. seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: For: Brackin, Cook, Crosby, Evans, Hall, Johnson, Latham, Pittman, Ratcliff, Windham and Winstead. Abstained: None. Against: None.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

President Hall asked for a motion to recess for the staff luncheon and retirement reception for Perry Waggener, Craig Hunt and Greg Burgess.

Mr. Bruce Brackin made a motion to recess the meeting. Mr. Billy Cook seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: For: Brackin, Cook, Crosby, Evans, Hall, Johnson, Latham, Pittman, Ratcliff, Windham and Winstead. Abstained: None. Against: None.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Billy Cook made a motion to reconvene the meeting. Mr. Ben Evans seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: For: Brackin, Cook, Crosby, Evans, Hall, Latham, Pittman, Ratcliff, Windham and Winstead. Abstained: None. Against: None.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Billy Cook made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ben Evans seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: For: Brackin, Cook, Crosby, Evans, Hall, Latham, Pittman, Ratcliff, Windham and Winstead. Abstained: None. Against: None.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.



Jennifer Hall, President