

**Minutes of the February 27, 2017 Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Directors of Lower Brushy Creek WCID**

President Ed Komandosky called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lower Brushy Creek WCID to order at 9:12 am on Tuesday, Monday, February 27, 2017 in the Law Office of Hejl and Schroeder, P.C., 311 Talbot Street, Taylor, Texas 76574. Other directors present were Charles Eiben, Bob Rhoades and Scott Ging. Also present were General Manager Jim Clarno and Bill Garrett.

President Komandosky announced that a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Director Eiben to approve minutes of the May 31, 2016, July 26, 2016 and December 13, 2016 meetings. Director Ging seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 4-0.

General Manager Clarno reported that there was \$3,194.94 in the District account and that there was an invoice from Clarno Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$1,425.19 for project related expenses including some legal and other related fees. He also reported that the WCID would be required to complete an audit at the end of FY 17 instead of a financial statement prepared by Clark L. Jackson, PC as has been done in the past. This is due to the grant related income from the repair and rehabilitation projects.

Clarno recommended that the Board consider and approve the issuance of a permit to Williamson County for proposed roadway improvements to County Road 101 within the Site 25 easement. He has reviewed the plans provided by the County's engineer and received the required \$10,000 fee. He will submit the plans to the NRCS for their review and comment and recommended that the approval be subject to NRCS concurrence with the plan. A motion was made by Director Ging to approve the permit subject to NRCS concurrence. The motion was seconded by Director Eiben and approved by a vote of 4-0.

Clarno recommended that the Board consider and approve an *Amendment and Modification to Easement* for Site 30. The owner would like to convert the original general easement into a meets and bounds description and has provided field notes and the required \$1,000 fee. General Manager Clarno has reviewed the proposed field notes and inspected the site. A motion was made by Director Ging to approve the above the Amendment to the easement at Site 30. The motion was seconded by Director Rhoades and approved by a vote of 4-0.

There were no agency reports.

In his report, General Manager Clarno advised that:

- a. Construction at Sites 2 and 7 had started slowly. The excavation along the backslope of Site 2 has been completed, the goats and sheep there continue to be a problem, the work on the temporary construction road to Site 7 has started and Pay Estimate No. 1 has been processed.

- b. Construction at Site 32 has also started slowly. The contractor has damaged a gate belonging to the landowner and made changes to the entrance to the private road without TDOT approval.
- c. The draft *Emergency Action Plan* for Site 20 has been prepared and submitted to Milam County for their review and comment.
- d. Both the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas Board of Professional Engineers (TBPE) have sent letters to the owner regarding the unauthorized work he completed at Site 23. The TBPE also asked the WCID for clarification of a few items.
- e. The owner at Site 24 has asked for a meeting with Milam County and the WCID to clarify responsibility for maintenance of the site.
- f. The ditch along the backside of Site 29 has been repaired using Operation and Maintenance grant funds and approximately \$1,650 for rock and erosion control matting provided by the WCID.
- g. The City of Taylor asked the City of Thrall and the WCID to participate in a Local Hazard Mitigation Planning process with them. A survey will be available for area residents to complete and there will be public meetings tonight in both Taylor and Thrall to obtain additional input.
- h. On behalf of the Texas Association of Watershed Sponsors, Clarno met with State Representatives Gonzales and Wilson about appropriations for the State Soil and Water Conservation Board's Flood Control Program and then attended the House Appropriations Committee hearing.
- i. President Komandosky and Clarno met with Commissioner Madison about support for the WCID in next years County budget.
- j. Director Kitsmiller has the new WCID web site up.

There were no Director's Comments.

There being no further business, Director Rhodes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Eiben and approved by a vote of 4-0

The WCID Board meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.

Respectfully submitted;

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John Kitsmiller  
Secretary/Treasurer