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Southwest Regional Water District  
920<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

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The 920<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Southwest Regional Water District was held on October 27, 2020, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and called to order by Robert L. Copeland, Jr., President.

This meeting was held as a virtual meeting with the following advertisement:

Public Notice for Hamilton and Middletown Journals

The Board of Trustees of Southwest Regional Water District will conduct its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. This will be a virtual meeting. The public may view the meeting by accessing the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/SWRWD-OCTOBER-MEETING>.

Public comments will not be received during the meeting. To provide a written comment in advance of the meeting, please email [vances@swwater.org](mailto:vances@swwater.org), or access the District's website at [www.swwater.org](http://www.swwater.org) and click on the Contact Us button at the bottom of the page. Please provide your name and address with your comment.

Trustees in remote attendance were Rob Brehm, Robert L. Copeland, Jr., Chad Chenoweth, Doug Drake, Michael Egbert, Nicholas Gronas, Leonard Gaston, Randy Rolke and Robert Schmidt.

Also, in remote attendance were Sue Vance, General Manager; Phil Sackenheim, Deputy General Manager; Kenny Hoffman, Business and Finance Manager; Sherry Geurin, HR Coordinator; Roger Gates, Board Counsel; Jason Francis, Engineering Manager; and, Dustan Marshall, Operations & Maintenance Manager.

In attendance for Executive Session was Scott Phillips, Frost Brown and Todd.

Michael Egbert moved to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of a conference with one or more attorneys for the District concerning one or more disputes involving the District that are the subject of pending or imminent court action, and to discuss details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office, if disclosure of the matters discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of the public body or public office. Nicholas Gronas seconded. Roll call: Rob Brehm, yea; Chad Chenoweth, yea; Doug Drake, yea; Michael Egbert, yea; Nicholas Gronas, yea; and, Randy Rolke, yea.

Leonard Gaston and Robert Schmidt entered the meeting during Executive Session.

Randy Rolke moved to return to Regular Session. Doug Drake seconded. All yea.

The 919th Board Meeting Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

The following invoices were submitted for approval:

- ORWA 2021 Membership Renewals (\$30.00 each) for Sue Vance, Phil Sackenheim and Sherry Geurin and NRWA 2021 Membership Renewal (\$49.00) for Sue Vance. Doug Drake moved to approve the invoices. Randy Rolke seconded. All yea.
- Brackney Inc. Hamilton New London Road Water Main Replacement Change Order # 3 to decrease the amount of the original contract by \$16,856.28. Rob Brehm moved to approve the change order. Robert Schmidt seconded. All yea.

Michael Egbert moved to accept the September financial statements as presented. Robert Schmidt seconded. All yea.

Robert Schmidt moved to approve the Engagement Agreement with Frost Brown Todd for representation. Rob Brehm seconded. All yea.

Robert Schmidt moved to authorize the filing of a complaint against Miami Valley Topsoil and Richard Welsh with Frost Brown Todd as the Litigating Attorneys. Nicholas Gronas seconded. All yea.

Annual Meeting timeline and discussion was held. No motion on the floor until options presented on where to hold the meeting.

Randy Rolke moved to declare Unit #30, a 1996 Ford 1-ton dump truck, obsolete and/or unfit for the use for which it was acquired and approve its sale on GovDeals.com in accordance with Regulation 2012-001. Doug Drake seconded. All yea.

Michael Egbert moved to award the Hamilton New-London Road Creek Crossing Pipe Rehabilitation project to WG Stang LLC in the amount of \$12,500.00 and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract and administer the project. Doug Drake seconded. All yea.

Doug Drake moved to approve the District's portion of the Hamilton to New Baltimore Groundwater Consortium 2021 Budget in the amount of \$35,174.81 (9.6%) and authorize the General Manager to approve the invoices which will come from the City of Hamilton (program expenses) and the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (monitoring and analytic expenses. Michael Egbert seconded. All yea.

Chad Chenoweth moved to approve the across-the-board pay increase of 1.75% for the 2021 calendar year for all non-bargaining unit employees. Michael Egbert seconded. All yea.

Michael Egbert moved to appoint Randy Rolke as Nominating Committee Member. Rob Brehm seconded. All yea.

Robert Schmidt moved to approve Resolution #1526-2020 for cancellation of services. Michael Egbert seconded. All yea.

Rob Brehm moved to approve the employee Christmas lunch in the amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 and request the General Manager to plan the logistics of maintaining employee safety during the event. Chad Chenoweth seconded. All yea.

Randy Rolke moved to approve the purchase of a Holiday mixed fruit bucket and mixed trio nut pack for the answering service and the cleaning crew at a total cost of \$80.00. Nicholas Gronas seconded. Robert L. Copeland Jr. abstained. Motion carried.

Chad Chenoweth moved to adjourn. Randy Rolke seconded. All yea.

Meeting adjourned at 9.32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Chenoweth, Secretary  
Board of Trustees