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

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The 929<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Southwest Regional Water District was held on July 20, 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and called to order by Doug Drake, Board President.

Trustees in attendance were Rob Brehm, Robert L. Copeland, Jr., Doug Drake, Michael Egbert, Nick Gronas, Clark Kelly, Randy Rolke and Robert Schmidt.

Also, in attendance were Phil Sackenheim, Deputy General Manager; Jason Francis, Engineering Manager; and, Sherry Geurin, HR Coordinator. Roger Gates, Board Counsel attended the meeting remotely.

Michael Egbert moved to accept the 928<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes with the following revisions:

Robert L. Copeland moved to approve the revisions to the Employment Policy, Chapter 2 Equal Employment Opportunity / Discrimination. Randy Rolke seconded. Motion passed.

Robert Schmidt moved to approve the revisions to the Employee Policy, Chapter 8 Discipline Investigations and Complaints. Rob Brehm seconded. Motion passed.

Michael Egbert moved to appoint Clark Kelly as Secretary Pro-Tem for the July 20, 2021, Board Meeting. Randy Rolke seconded. Motion passed.

Jay Smith, President of Smithcorp Inc. was in attendance to address the Board regarding a “short-fall” he believed he received on the Jacksonburg Road Water Main Replacement Project. Robert L. Copeland stated the policy of a time limit on public comment, Doug shut down further comments. No action was taken by the Board.

Dustan Marshall, Operation and Maintenance Manager, prepared a topic paper for Energy Costs Status. This was an informational report on an aggressive energy management program that consisted of a new operational strategy, installation of energy saving equipment and the bidding of the generation portion of our electric bills. This has resulted in over \$1,000,000 in savings over the last 10 years, with a total cost to the District of less than \$115,000.

Randy Rolke moved to approve payment of AWWA Membership Renewal for Sue Vance in the amount of \$210.00. Nick Gronas seconded. Motion passed.

Michael Egbert moved to accept Resolution #1535-2021 for cancellation of three (3) services. Nick Gronas seconded. Motion passed.

Rob Brehm moved to accept Resolution #1536-2021 for “Authorization of OPWC Agreement for Middletown-Eaton Road Water Main Replacement, Phase 2”. Michael Egbert seconded. Motion passed.

Randy Rolke moved to accept Resolution #1537-2021 for “Authorization of OPWC Agreement for the North Plant CO<sub>2</sub> Tank”. Robert L. Copeland, Jr. seconded. Motion passed.

Robert L. Copeland, Jr. moved to approve the Bell Road Replacement of Water Services with the clarification that the District will provide (53) customers with new water service connections. Michael Egbert seconded. Roll call: Rob Brehm, abstained; Robert L. Copeland, Jr., yea; Doug Drake, yea; Michael Egbert, yea; Nicholas Gronas, yea; Clark Kelly, yea; Randy Rolke, yea; and, Robert Schmidt, yea.

Rob Brehm moved to approve the Rehabilitation of Queen Acers Elevated Storage Tank. Michael Egbert seconded. Motion passed.

Randy Rolke moved to approve the Inspection for Rehabilitation of Queen Acres Elevated Storage Tank. Michael Egbert seconded. Motion passed.

Information for the Inspection of Butler County Elevated Storage Tanks and Ground Storage Tanks was provided to the Board. The amount of this project is under the bidding threshold, so no action needed.

Robert L. Copeland, Jr. moved to Adjourn to Executive Session to prepare for, or review, negotiations with the bargaining agent for the District's bargain-unit employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. Nick Gronas seconded. Roll call: Rob Brehm, yea; Robert L. Copeland, Jr., yea; Doug Drake, yea; Michael Egbert, yea; Nicholas Gronas, yea; Clark Kelly, yea; Randy Rolke, yea; and, Robert Schmidt, yea.

Michael Egbert moved to return to Regular Session. Nick Gronas seconded. Motion passed.

Michael Egbert moved to accept the new Bargaining Union Contract. Robert L. Copeland, Jr. seconded. Motion passed.

Randy Rolke moved to adjourn. Robert Schmidt seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clark Kelly, Secretary Pro-Tem  
Board of Trustees

**DOCUMENTS INCLUDED:**

- 928<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes
- Energy Costs Status Report
- Resolution #1535-2021
- Resolution #1536-2021
- Resolution #1537-2021
- Topic Paper for Bell Road Replacement of Water Services
- Topic Paper for Rehabilitation of Queen Acres Elevated Storage Tank
- Topic Paper for Inspection for the Rehabilitation of Queen Acres Elevated Storage Tank
- Topic Paper for Inspection of Butler County Elevated Storage Tanks and Ground Storage Tanks