

**BEULAH UTILITIES DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of Special Board of Directors Meeting**  
**October 1, 2024**  
**5320 Lee Road 270, Valley, Alabama 36854**  
**6:00 PM CST**

The Board of Directors of Beulah Utilities District met in a Special Meeting at 6:00 pm on October 1, 2024, at the Beulah Water Department.

1. **WELCOME**

Chairman Sims welcomed those in attendance.

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Sims called the meeting to order.

3. **ROLL CALL**

The following Board Members were present: Linda Holt, David Jackson, James Majors, Lamar Sims, and Andrew Bryan.

For visitors in attendance, see attached visitor sign-in sheet.

4. **DECLARE QUORUM**

After the roll was called, Chairman Sims declared that a quorum was present.

5. **ADOPT AGENDA**

Chairman Sims presented the proposed agenda for adoption. Mr. Bryan motioned to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and the agenda was unanimously adopted.

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Sims stated that the Board had a matter to discuss with legal counsel regarding pending litigation. Mr. Jackson motioned to enter into executive session to discuss with legal counsel pending litigation and the motion was seconded by Mr. Bryan. Board Attorney Stephen Clay provided an opinion that the matter was appropriate to discuss in executive session.

A roll call vote on the motion to enter into executive session was taken with the following Board members voting in favor: Linda Holt, David Jackson, Lamar Sims and Andrew

Bryan. Voting against: None.

Chairman Sims stated that the Board would now enter into executive session and would reconvene the public meeting in approximately thirty minutes.

The Board entered into executive session at 6:02 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

## 7. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### A. Approval of August 2024 Financial Statements

Chairman Sims recognized Mr. Blake Simpkins who updated the Board on the correction of the financial statements and of the vendor coming to review Quickbooks and perform training.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

### A. ARPA Funds.

Ms. Dana Raughton from the Hazen & Sawyer Engineering firm was recognized, and she updated the Board on installing pressure reducing valves. She updated the Board on the identified location for the valves.

### B. DWSRF Funds.

#### 1. Lake Crossing at Long Bridge

The Board was informed that the contractor would not be able to mobilize back on the site until November.

### C. Infrastructure Development Fee

No update

### D. Fire Hydrant Repair Schedule.

No update

### E. Lead and Copper Study Updates.

Ms. Dana Raughton was recognized, and she updated the Board on the status of the Lead and Copper Study. She stated that she had the report ready to submit to ADEM.

The Board discussed with Ms. Raughton obtaining additional information regarding the lines and meters in case ADEM requested it in the future.

F. Crown Castle Tank Status

Mr. Jeff Williams was recognized and updated the Board on the tank status.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Commercial Water Rates.

The Board discussed raising commercial water rates. After discussion, Mr. Jackson motioned to increase all water rates, except the residential minimum rate, by 20.1%. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bryan and the motion was approved by a vote of four to one, with Ms. Holt voting no.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

The Board discussed giving Blake Simpkins a bonus for the work he did with the Clearwater transition. After discussion, Ms. Holt motioned to approve a bonus of \$3,000. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bryan and unanimously approved.

Chairman Sims stated that the District had been contacted by Adams Construction/Adams Engineering about the possibility of obtaining additional ARPA funds. The Board discussed sending in an application for these additional funds.

The Board then discussed a Fire Department disciplinary matter.

11. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

None.

12. NEXT MEETING

Chairman Sims stated that the next regular meeting would be at 6:00 PM CST on October 15, 2024.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mr. Bryan motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM CST.

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