# LEROY-TOURS–GERALD WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### Don Ramsey called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Don Ramsey, President Cheryl Helms, Secretary/Treasurer Carol Baker, Vice President

Gerald Barak, Jonathon Davis, Kurtis Gerath, Danny Randolph, John Simcik and Damon Willis

Hearing of Members/Visitors Concerns: 3 Minutes per person

Don Ramsey: Things posted on Facebook and in newspaper are misunderstood information.

Liz Smiley: Interest bearing Checking Account?

Cheri Beuerlein – asked President Don Ramsey to commit to signing engineering contract.

Dennis Debbendener- Brought up the Newspaper article and Facebook.

Roy Davis – All surface water comes from the same source. Was appointed to committee for engineers. Left because not put out for proposal, brought an example of a proper RFP for an engineer that Hilltop Water posted in the Newspaper. On Facebook it was insinuated that filtration was the way to go. That is not what any of the agencies have stated. They do not make recommendations. Asked about the Mart/Brazos Water Project who authorized it, who's on it and who had the meetings. Nobody knew about this until the special meeting. Is this a violation of the Open Meetings Act or a walking quorum?

David Glomb: Concerns about the division in the board. Options that aren't the best for this community. Concerned about filtration if it will work, the money spent and if it doesn't work, we have no additional water. Also, additional water source is 15 miles instead of the 2 miles to Waco water. Several communities are going with Waco water why are we not? The previous board took positive and proactive steps along with land and hook up of Waco water. The lack of leadership and indecision is putting this community in jeopardy with fines and the lack of water.

Cole Canady: Confirms that a straight 15 miles for the Mart water with a 6" line would never get enough water to supply LTG's community.

Michael Mayes: Non Member. No one talks about the water loss, 1/3 of LTG water is loss, fire and flushing. But we are not talking about the arsenic issue. LTG needs to look at all options.

#### Consideration of minutes from last meeting:

Carol made the motion to accept minutes as written, Jonathon 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed unanimous.

#### Monthly reports

Director's report: Board went over the report.

### Financial Report:

Looked into rates at other financial institutes and they are similar not a big enough difference to change. Roy Davis stated that debit card was received but does not have PIN number and card is in Cheryl Helms' name. Cheryl said she would look into a PIN number but to run as credit at this time. Cheryl spoke about the \$75,000 received by City of Leroy for American Rescue Plan Act to be used for Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Infrastructure Projections. Roy Davis will put it on the agenda for City of Leroy council meeting. Cheryl will call Judge Scott Felton for the status of the \$49 million received by McLennan County that can be used for the same purpose.

#### Manager's Report:

46 late notices, outstanding balance of \$ 8,554.16. We have 1 New Membership. New printer for the billing statements is back ordered everywhere. We are on a waiting list. The arsenic violation for June on the billing statements and added to the website. A message to please keep area around your meter clean for employees to get to your meter. Worked with the EPA and TRWA putting together the informational meeting held June 29<sup>th</sup>. Spoke with TCEQ about the violation's settlement. Was informed that until the settlement was approved by TCEQ the effective order date does not start. TCEQ will send an Order with an effective date once it is signed by the commission.

#### Field Managers Report:

Water loss on Gerald Lane & Whiskey Hill was 11.72%. Roy also provided articles on Open Records Act and new members written in the TRWA Assistant magazine. NEW WORK ORDERS. 6-10 to 7-8: JC - 13 DAVIS R - 27 HAND B - 8 WATER LOST LOCATIONS FOR 5-21 to 6-20 EMERGENCY CALL OUTS: (5)

Gerald Lane a block had been placed under the line when originally installed over time rubbed a hole in pipe. North Baese caused by a fence builder. Gerald Lane leaked again due to large split in the line. Heritage Pkwy and Bode Rd. both were fence builders. 2 residential meters were sent in for testing. One was 20/90 loss. Second one was within guidelines.

#### **Operations Report:**

Main Line breaks for June water loss: Gerald Line 6" and North Baese 2". Main Line breaks in June, water loss will be reported in July: Gerald Line 6", Heritage Pkwy 2" and Bode Rd 4". 14 work orders were completed in June.

#### Duff Engineering:

Don Ramsey Read report to the Board letter will be attached with minutes.

### Closed Session:

Don't know length of session but it was approximately 34 minutes.

# Action on Topics discussed in closed session:

# Duff Consulting, Engineers, Agreements

No signed agreement/contract on file for Duff Engineering. Looked over agreement/contract that was submitted by Duff Engineering on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Agreement/Contract was in template form, only portions completed were the 1<sup>st</sup> page, payment page and signature page. Scope and time frame of project not stated.

Carol made a motion to reject the agreement/contract, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl. Agreed by all but John Simcik.

Carol made a motion to terminate all future work by Duff Engineering, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danny. Gerald, Jonathon and John opposed, agreed by everyone else.

Per Diane, Duff Engineering has work in progress, CCN, Hydraulic Studies, Maps and boundary information along with a drill log. Don Ramsey will send a letter terminating relationship with Duff Engineering except for those projects already in progress. We will need a specific contract with KSA for USDA project. Don Ramsey appointed a committee of Kurtis, Damon and Carol to work with KSA to move forward. Roy Davis will hold any new hydraulic studies at this time. Don Ramsey will let USDA and KSA know of engineering change.

Gerald asked about Eastern Central Texas Water and Mart Water Project and wants to see a contract from Mart Water. Danny stated that arsenic is our number one priority at this time

#### Meeting adjournment:

8:24pm motioned by Jonathon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John, passed unanimous.