

**MINUTES FROM THE
CYPRESS SPRINGS SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
May 9, 2023**

The Cypress Springs Special Utility District Board of Directors met Tuesday, May 9, 2023, in the Board Room of the Cypress Springs Special Utility District Office located at 114 FM 115 for their monthly meeting.

Directors Present: President Larry Daniel, Secretary Treasurer Lloyd Parker, Vice President Richard Starek, Director Jerry Hammond, Director Neuman Browning, Director Brad Sears, and Director Richard Hughes, Director Chad Neal and Director Jack Kemp

Directors Absent: Director Todd Jagers and Director Rex Tillery

Also Present: General Manager Kevin Spence and Office Manager Jean Sparks, Tim Seymore, Mount Vernon City Manager Craig Lindholm, Gary Marrow and Mike Rambin

Public Attendance Consisted of: Gary Marrow and Mike Rambin

Invocation: Vice President Richard Starek

Public Comment: None

President Larry Daniel asked for a motion and second to approve consent items. A motion was made by Director Jack Kemp and seconded by Director Chad Neal to accept the Minutes from April 11, 2023, as written, Treasurer's Report and Aged Payables/Replenish Petty Cash Checking to \$20,000.00. Motion carried with no dissent.

Manager's Reports / Unfinished Business:

Manager Kevin Spence reported Pine Valley Well pump has been pulled and had run a high-definition camera down the well to see what caused the pump house to fill full of sand. Some areas were concerning but could not identify a specific cause. A motion was made by Vice President Richard Starek and seconded by Director Jerry Hammond for Shane Mitchell of A1 Well Service to do the necessary repairs and changes that are required. Motion carried with no dissent.

Manager Kevin Spence reported 8" pipe for FM 115 has been ordered and bids for road bores as well as permits to move/convert the water line to the new elevated site. Hope to bid a 100,000-gallon elevated tank by the end of summer. The county is allowing us to store the pipe on property near the construction site so it can be behind a locked fenced area. Checked with Samson Utilities on a bid for this project since we are in the middle of the Kamstrup mass meter change outs and need the new line installed promptly.

Manager Kevin Spence reported Water Utilities Maintenance was held up with another project, still hoping they will start the sandblasting by the end of May.

Manager Kevin Spence reported Pickton WSC lead/copper samples for the TCEQ were corrected. Cornersville WSC was routine.

Manager Kevin Spence reported making the first payment for the Kamstrup meter program, the next payment is not due until December 2024. Kamstrup meter change outs are progressing. Secure Vision of America representative came to figure out why some meters are not sending data.

Manager Kevin Spence reported having a conference call set up for tomorrow with Attorney Chase Palmer, a bond attorney out of Marshall, to discuss obtaining his services per requirement by Rural Development. After a conference call with Chase Palmer, will bring to the board a motion on securing services.

Manager Kevin Spence reported Jeremy Raley, plant employee, put in his two-week notice. Jeremy Deas, field employee, shows interest in transferring to the plant replacing Jeremy Raley. Congratulations to Dillion McAdoo, Plant Forman, who was elected to be on the Franklin County Water District board.

Manager's Reports / New Business:

President Larry Daniel turned the floor over to Tim Seymore, RV Park development on Hwy 37S and City Manager Craig Lindholm requesting the board to reconsider his property being annexed voluntarily into the City of Mount Vernon. The City of Mount Vernon has offered at no cost to Mr. Seymore to run water lines to/in the development, free water hydrants on Highway 37 and inside the park, and access to the police and fire departments. City Manager, Craig Lindholm, confirmed they have the capacity to be able to serve this development even with the large developments of RV Parks going in at Love's Truck Stop and Dukes Truck Stop and will provide permanent water line easement of where our water line runs and work with property owners to get any easements needed. President Larry Daniel reported we would get back with him. After the discussion, General Manager, Kevin Spence will contact KSA Engineers, City of Mount Vernon's engineer to confirm they are able to supply adequate water and report back next month.

Manager Kevin Spence reported Network Technology has designed and added informative information about Lake Cypress on our website with additional links to where the information was received from.

Manager Kevin Spence reported a meeting with the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District, Manager Wayne Owens, and several others looking for a possible joint project for other means of water for neighboring Water Supply Corporations and Districts.

Manager Kevin Spence reported being officially notified of the approval of the Sabine River Basin Authority grant of \$20,000. Troy Henry, representative for SRBA along with two of SRBA board members came May 8, 2023, to deliver the grant check and take pictures. The proceeds will be used to upgrade the pumps at the South Water Treatment Plant.

Manager Kevin Spence reported obtaining information that was created in pie charts and graphs to make it easier for customers to understand what is being taken out of Lake Cypress Springs.

There being no further business a motion was made by Director Chad Neal and seconded Vice President Richard Starek to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM. Motion carried with no dissent.

Other Business That May Arise/Old Business

Secretary Treasurer Lloyd Parker mentioned Kings Country would like to take back one of the original Kings Country's wells that is no longer used since Cypress Springs SUD took over Kings Country water supply. Since the property is in C.S.S.U.D. name, they are requesting the property to be given back to Kings Country POA.

Approved

Date