

Homosassa Special Water District

Regular Meeting

January 15th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Homosassa Special Water District was held on Monday, January 15th, 2024, at the Water District office located at 7922 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd, Homosassa, FL.

Present were:

Commissioner R. MacRae	Rick Sandvick (Superintendent)
Commissioner Miller	Tim Kline (Deputy Superintendent)
Commissioner Wilcox	Jenn Roberts (Office Manager)
Commissioner J. MacRae	Kendal Padgett (Staff)
Carole Barice (Attorney)	George McDonald (Engineer)

Commissioner Sipos was absent from the meeting.

Commissioner R. MacRae called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

1. Additions, Corrections, Deletions of the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 18th, 2023

Commissioner Miller made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Commissioner J. MacRae seconded the motion. Vote Yes. Motion Carried.

2. Public Input

A. Homosassa Springs State Park (Leak Adjustment)

B. Mack, Doug or Lori Ann (Leak Adjustment)

C. US Post Office (Leak Adjustment)

Commissioner Miller made a motion to bundle together all leak adjustments, waive the conservation rate, and give them time to pay. Commissioner J. MacRae seconded the motion. Vote Yes. Motion Carried.

3. George McDonald (Project Update)

A. W Yulee Dr & W Central St 6" Line Replacement

Engineer George McDonald informed the board that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) permit has been received and we are currently still waiting to receive the Citrus County Permit.

B. FGUA Kenwood & Pine Valley Interconnects

Engineer George McDonald provided the costs of the meter and backflow prevention assembly to Superintendent Rick Sandvick. He stated the next step would be to provide those costs to FGUA.

C. Homosassa River Crossing 6" Line Replacement

Engineer George McDonald provided the formal estimates to the board for the 6" line replacement. He stated that he is waiting for the final numbers for the surveying and environmental work. The next step would be to have a conversation with the Homosassa Civic Club Association and the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

D. W Fishbowl Dr 6" Line Replacement

Engineer George McDonald provided the formal estimates to the board for the 6" line replacement. He stated that he is waiting for the final numbers for the surveying and environmental work.

Commissioner R. MacRae suggested waiting until Engineer George McDonald receives the final costs for each project before the board makes a decision.

4. Attorney Report

A. Board Policy Manual Update

Attorney Carole Barice informed the board that she reached out to the Board of County Commissioners Attorney Denise Lyn to obtain the latest Interlocal Agreements. She stated that there are a few contracts that need to be renewed.

B. Website Updates

Attorney Carole Barice stated there will need to be an addendum to Resolution 2023-03 to include the new shut-off fee and other miscellaneous fees.

Commissioner Miller made a motion for Attorney Carole Barice to make an addendum to clarify the new fees to Resolution 2023-03. Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion. Vote Yes. Motion Carried.

5. Secretary/Treasurer Reports

A. General Fund

B. Water Fund

C. Banking Information

D. Transfer Report

Discussion

6. Staff Report

A. Website Updates

B. Overtime Reports

C. Superintendent

1. Estimated cost to run and maintain Riverhaven Plant

Plant Operator Justin Ingold prepared a report for the estimate of costs to run and maintain the Riverhaven Plant for one year, five years, and ten years. The total cost for ten years of maintenance and running would be around \$77,000.

Commissioner Miller complimented Plant Operator Justin Ingold on the hard work that was put into this report and was very impressed.

2. Main Break on Cherokee

Superintendent Rick Sandvick informed the board that they repaired the 6" line that was leaking on S Cherokee Way. This leak used a total of 459,879 gallons of water in one day.

3. Leak on W Yulee Dr

Superintendent Rick Sandvick informed the board that a leak on W Yulee Dr finally showed itself at the surface and was able to be repaired.

4. Leak on Purslane- Reason for upgrading the lines

Superintendent Rick Sandvick informed the board of a leak on the 2" line that will be getting repaired within the next few days.

5. Water Audit Report

The water loss for the month of December was 11.94%.

6. Leak Report

7. Quote for switching Peach Orchard from Gas Chlorine System

Superintendent Rick Sandvick informed the board that he received a quote for switching out the gas chlorine system at Peach Orchard. He stated this quote came in at a total of \$38,000.

Commissioner R. MacRae made a motion to approve the quote and move forward with switching the gas chlorine system. Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion. Vote Yes. Motion Carried.

7. Reports to the Board

A. Adjustment Report

B. Shut Off List

Discussion

8. Board Comments

Commissioner J. MacRae said it was a good meeting, it was very informative, and she is sorry that she missed the last few meetings.

Commissioner Wilcox said that it was a great meeting, it was a great start to the year, and she appreciated the videos and presentation.

Commissioner Miller said it was a good meeting, she thanked everyone, she's glad Commissioner J. MacRae is back in attendance, and she appreciates Plant Operator Justin Ingold's report.

Commissioner R. MacRae said it was a good meeting, we were able to get some things done, and he thanked everyone.

9. Pay Bills/Adjournment

Commissioner Wilcox made a motion to pay the bills and adjourn the meeting. Commissioner R. MacRae seconded the motion. Vote Yes. Motion carried.