

GALVESTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 12

PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING

September 20, 2021

The Board of Directors (Board) of the Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 12 (District) convened for a **Public Hearing/Regular Meeting, September 20, 2021**, that was open to the public, at 6:00 p.m. at the District's Office located at 2929 Highway 6, Bayou Vista, Texas. A quorum of the Directors was present.

Position 1	Richard Matthews, President	Present
Position 2	Eric Moeller, Vice President	Present
Position 4	Newman Sharp, Director	Present
Position 5	Carl Aronson, Assistant Secretary	Present
Position 3	Ray Cruse, Secretary/Treasurer	Present

In attendance: Bayou Vista resident-Richard White; Omega Bay resident- Leslie Cruse; Bill Manning- District Engineer; Wendy Rambin- TOPS District Operator; Landon Gerlich- District Attorney; Lydia Cook- District Accountant; Sharon Ballard-Secretary to the Board.

1. **Call the meeting to order**

President Richard Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **First order of business.**

Announcement by the President of the presence of a quorum, that the meeting was duly called, and the notice of the meeting was posted in the manner prescribed by law.

President Richard Matthews announced the presence of a quorum, that the meeting was duly called, and the notice of the meeting was posted in the manner prescribed by law. The Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer was said.

3. **Public Comments-agenda items only.**

There were no comments.

4. **Consider Minutes and other records of previous Board of Director meetings, including but not limited to:**

(a) **Regular Meeting of August 16, 2021**

(b) **Special Called Budget Workshop Meeting of September 13, 2021.**

Newman Sharp made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 16, 2021, and the Special Called Budget Workshop Meeting held on September 13, 2021, 2021.

Ray Cruse seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

5. **Consider matters relating to 2021 tax rate, including:**

(a) **Conduct public hearing;**

(b) **Adopt Order Setting 2021 Tax Rate;**

(c) **Approve Amendment to Information Form.**

Mr. Matthews and Lydia Cook conducted the public hearing relating to the 2021 tax rate. Carl Aronson made a motion to adopt the Order Setting the 2021 Tax Rate at \$0.209035/\$100.

Newman Sharp seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

6. **Discuss and possible approval of the Operating Budget for fiscal year 2021/2022 commencing October 1, 2021, and the Resolution Adopting the Operating Budget for fiscal year 2021/2022.**

Lydia Cook reviewed the Operating Budget with the Board.

Newman Sharp made a motion to approve the Operating Budget for fiscal year 2021/2022 commencing October 1, 2021, and the Resolution Adopting the Operating Budget for fiscal year 2021/2022.

Ray Cruse seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

7. **Investment matters, including:**

(a) **Adopt Order Regarding Annual Review of Rules, Policies and Code of Ethics for the Investment of District Funds.**

Newman Sharp made a motion to adopt the Order Regarding Annual Review of Rules, Policies and Code of Ethics for the Investment of District Funds.

Ray Cruse seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

8. **Bookkeeper's Report, including consideration of the following:**

a) **Financial Statement and Investment Report for August 2021;**

b) **Bank transfers;**

c) **Payment of monthly bill.**

Lydia Cook reviewed the Bookkeeper's report with the Board.

Carl Aronson made a motion to approve the Bookkeeper's Report, including the Financial Statement and Investment Report for August 2021, bank transfers and the payment of monthly bill.

Newman Sharp seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

9. **Consider the annual letter of engagement:**

(a) **Accountant.**

Lydia addressed the Board in regards to the letter of engagement.

Newman Sharp approved the annual letter of engagement with The Ray Tax Group.

Carl Aronson seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

10. **Consider the Water Pollution Control and Abatement Contract FY2022 between Galveston County MUD #12 and the Galveston County health District.**

Eric Moeller made a motion to approve the Water Pollution Control and Abatement Contract FY2022 between Galveston County MUD #12 and the Galveston County health District.

Newman Sharp seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

11. **Operator's Report, including consideration of the following:**

- a) **Operations, repairs, and maintenance of District facilities;**
- b) **Connection Activity;**
- c) **Water production and accountability;**
- d) **Regulatory Matters; and**
- e) **Recommendations for account services, including disconnection of accounts.**

Wendy Ramin reviewed the Operator's Report with the Board.

Carl Aronson made a motion to approve the Operator's Report, including consideration of the following: Operations, repairs, and maintenance of District facilities, connection activity, water production and accountability, regulatory Matters; and recommendations for account services, including disconnection of accounts.

Eric Moeller seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

12. **Engineer's Reports:**

- (a) **Approve pay estimates and change order, approve easements, authorize advertisement for bids and approve recommendation of award and contracts as necessary.**

Bill Manning was not able to attend the meeting due to personal issues.

The Engineer's report was table and will be voted on at the October 18, 2021 meeting.

13. **Discuss the AWBD mid-winter conference 2022 to be held at Moody Garden, Galveston – Friday, January 28th thru Sunday, January 30, 2022.**

The entire Board requested to be registered for the AWBD mid-winter conference 2022 to be held at Moody Garden, Galveston – Friday, January 28th thru Sunday, January 30, 2022. Mr. Bacon instructed the Board members to not discuss District business while attending the conference together. It was asked if a notice should be posted regarding the attendance of all the Board members. Mr. Bacon indicated he could write something up.

14. **Discuss the request by the Salt Water Gardent Club to use the MUD Fitness park to hold a Halloween Festival on Sunday, October 31st.**

Eric Moller made a motion to approve the request by the Salt Water Gardent Club to use the MUD Fitness park to hold a Halloween Festival on Sunday, October 31.

Newman Sharp seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

15. **Attorney's Report.**

Mr. Bacon explained to the Board the necessity of hiring a firm to handle the District's website to keep the District in compliance with new rules governing websites.

The Board had not had enough time to review nor had a quote been received from the current website company. This item will be on the October 18, 2021 agenda.

16. **Public Comments.**

Items which were commented on were:

- 1) The stench from the canal behind the MUD Building and the possible causes
- 2) Inquired if the District could use facebook instead of a website.

17. Other Matters that may come before the Board.

There were no other matters.

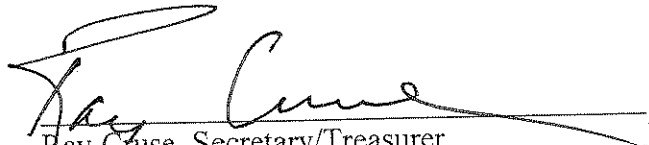
18. Adjournment.

Newman Sharp made a motion to adjourn with Eric Moeller seconding the motion which unanimously carried; the Board adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Ballard



Richard Matthews, President



Ray Cruse, Secretary/Treasurer