

The Board of Directors of New Caney Municipal Utility District of Montgomery County, held a Regular Meeting, open to the public, <u>April 17, 2025</u>, at 6:00 P.M., and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers to wit:

# BILL SMITH-PRESIDENT JERRY VERNON-VICE PRESIDENT TONY MARTINEZ JR.-SECRETARY MATT PETERSON-TREASURER/ASST. SECRETARY

Thus, constituting a quorum.

Not Present – ANNE VICKERY-ASST. SECRETARY/ASST. TREASURER

Also, present: Ricky McDonald-General Manager, Lisa Latham-Office Manager, Cory DeSpain-Assistant General Manager, Kassidy Permenter-Office Assistant, Zach Petrov with Johnson Petrov LLP, Jimmy Flowers with LJA Engineering, Bill Blitch-Financial Advisor, Kelly Landry with LJA Engineering.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Jerry Vernon and seconded Tony Martinez to approve the minutes for March 20, 2025 regular meeting. All voted for. Motion carried.

#### CITIZEN'S PRESENTATIONS

No presentation

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### APPROVE UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS

A motion was made by Tony Martinez and seconded by Matt Peterson to approve uncollectible accounts in the amount of \$3186.59 for March 2025. All voted for. Motion carried.

DISCUSS POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AND APPROVE ANY NECESSARY ACTION TO BE TAKEN, INCLUDING APPROVAL OF ORDERS DECLARING A PUBLIC NECESSITY AND AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS.

Kelly Landry updated the board that the Strickland property hearing has been set for May 2<sup>nd</sup> and once the hearing takes place we will be able to make a deposit to the registry of the court and take possession.

He also stated that he and Ricky McDonald met with the Oakley's and they are looking for \$110,000 an acre for their property but the title will need to be straightened up with adverse possession. Mr. Kelly spoke with three different attorneys and James Stillwell seemed to know how it would work and walked him through the process. He said that if everything goes smoothly it could be done in 90 to 120 days, and the cost would be around \$10,000.

A motion was made by Jerry Vernon and seconded by Tony Martinez for Kelly Landry to proceed with starting the process with James Stillwell. All voted for. Motion carried.

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Recess at 6:13 PM Re-Opened at 6:55 PM

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

OPEN AND APPROVE BIDS FOR THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OF NEW CANEY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT.

A motion was made by Matt Peterson and seconded by Tony Martinez to approve the sale of the following items to the highest bidder. All voted for. Jerry Vernon abstained from motion. Motion carried:

- Dewalt GX 390 4200 psi pressure washer sold to Modern Method Gunite for \$350.00.
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- Honda GX 390 3500 psi pressure washer sold to Jon Davis for \$40.00.
- Ingersol Rand RX-654H Packer sold to Jose Martinez for \$150.00.
- Chemco K8237-5C Sand Blaster sold to Arnoldo Martinez for \$200.00.
- Honda GX 160 2" Pump sold to Nelson Martinez for \$90.00.
- Mcdonald 12 Volt 2" Pump sold to Jon Davis for \$30.00.
- Stihl 350 Chopsaw sold to Jon Davis for \$40.00.
- Stihl 400 Chopsaw sold to Jose Martinez for \$120.00.
- RKI Steel Tool Box (white) to Modern Method Gunite for \$400.00.
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- RKI Steel Low Profile Tool Box Short bed to Modern Method Gunite for \$400.00.
- RKI Steel Aluminum Tool Box to Modern Method Gunite for \$400.00.
- RKI Steel Aluminum Saddle Tool Box to Nelson Martinez for \$35.00.
- Stihl FS 91R Trimmer sold to Nelson Martinez for \$10.00.
- Stihl FS 91R Trimmer sold to John Bowden for \$75.00.
- Stihl FS 91R Trimmer sold to Arnoldo Martinez for \$101.00.
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- Chevrolet 2500 VIN#6568 HD Pickup Truck w/ utility bed sold to Jose Martinez for \$5,500.00.
- Chevrolet 1500 VIN#8316 Pickup Truck sold to Jerry Vernon for \$7,000.00.
- Chevrolet 2500 HD VIN#7256 HD Pickup Truck sold to Jose Bowden for \$5,500.00.

<u>DISCUSS AND APPROVE ESTIMATE #15 FOR (E208-0520) RENOVATIONS TO WATER PLANT NO. 2 FOR SCHIER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$176,533.75.</u>

A motion was made by Jerry Vernon and seconded by Matt Peterson to approve estimate #15 for Renovations to Water Plant No. 2 for Schier Construction Company in the amount of \$176,533.75. All voted for. Motion carried.

<u>DISCUSS AND APPROVE ESTIMATE #4 FOR (E208-0590) WATERLINE EXTENSIONS PHASE "E" FOR REDDICO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$423,019.80.</u>

A motion was made by Jerry Vernon and seconded by Tony Martinez to approve estimate #4 for Waterline Extensions Phase "E" for Reddico Construction Company in the amount of \$423,019.80. All voted for. Motion carried.

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## DISCUSS SENDING WATER BILL TO CUSTOMER ON COMMUNITY DRIVE THAT HAS HAD MULTIPLE FIRES AT HIS MULCH BUSINESS AND APPROVE ANY NECESSARY ACTION TO BE TAKEN.

Zach Petrov discussed with the board what is in the rate order in regard to billing for water usage for a fire and what options may be available for this type of issue.

A motion was made by Jerry Vernon and seconded by Matt Peterson to direct Ricky McDonald to notify the Fire Marshall about the concerns regarding the fire hazard of the mulch business on Community Drive. All voted for. Motion carried.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Jimmy stated that the county reached out to the architect and the permit for the Administration Building has finally been approved. He stated that Gavin sent a request to the county to approve the elevated storage tank plans since they were waiting on the admin building to be approved and hopefully will have an update by next meeting.

#### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

#### FINANCIAL ADVISOR'S REPORT

Nothing further to report.

#### TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Bill Smith went over the J.R. Moore Tax Assessor's report for New Caney MUD.

#### **BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT**

Ricky McDonald went over the 3/31/2025 New Caney MUD budget with the board.

#### SAFETY REPORT

No accidents or close calls.

#### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Ricky McDonald informed the board that Terri is retiring on April 25, 2025. He also let them know that we have an interview set for Monday to possibly hire for the office. He asked that we move the Regularly scheduled board meeting for May 15, 2025, be moved to a noon meeting instead of 6:00 PM due to a scheduling conflict.

#### APPROVE MONTHLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Jerry Vernon and seconded by Tony Martinez to Approve the **General Fund** accounts payable in the amount of **\$374,015.07**. All voted for. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jerry Vernon and seconded by Tony Martinez to Approve the <u>Capitol</u> <u>Project</u> accounts payable in the amount of <u>\$658,913.30.</u> All voted for. Motion carried.

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### BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORTS AND/OR PROPOSALS

Bill Smith went over the water loss and the bank balances.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Jerry Vernon and seconded by Matt Peterson to adjourn. All voted for. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully,

Tony Martinez, Secretary