

LUBBOCK COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENTS DISTRICT NO. 1



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Minutes CALLED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS **TUESDAY, July 13, 2021**

The Lubbock County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 (LCWCID) Board of Directors met in CALLED meeting on TUESDAY, July 13, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the LCWCID Administration Office located at, 9999 High Meadow Road, Lubbock, Texas. Notice of the meeting was legally posted in accordance with Government Code, Title 551, Open Meetings

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

PRESIDENT KEISLING OPENED THE MEETING AT 9 AM. DIRECTOR HILDEBRANDT GAVE THE INVOCATION.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: TOM KEISLING, CASEY HILDEBRANDT, GARY SATTERWHITE AND JOHN KIMMEL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- JOHNNY STONE STATED THAT HE WAS HAVING PROBLEMS GETTING ON THE AGENDA.
- NICOLE ADAMS MENTIONED A SLIGHT CONCERN WITH LESS POLICE PRESENCE AT THE LAKE. SHE STATED THE POLICE PRESENCE IS NEEDED AND MORE PRESENCE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED AT ALL HOURS.
- PAULA MONTOYA READ HER STATEMENT ABOUT TENT CAMPING INCLUDING; LOUD NOISES, DRUNK PEOPLE, UNLEASHED DOGS, UNATTENDED FIRES, AND FECAL MATTER. PAULA STATED THAT THE TENT CAMPERS ARE TRASHING THE AREA SHE LIVES IN.
- WENDELL BOSTWICK ADDRESSED THE TENT CAMPING ISSUE. HE WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO CONSIDER THE EXTRA COST OF TENT CAMPING AND QUESTIONS THE ABILITY TO FOLLOW THE GATE ADMISSION. MOST OF THE PROBLEMS SHOW UP AFTER 11:00 PM AND QUESTIONS THE FEASIBILITY OF EXTRA POLICE PATROL.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES JUNE 8, 2021

MOTION BY JOHN KIMMEL. SECOND BY SATTERWHITE. MOTION PASSED.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. SWEARING IN NEW CHIEF

MOTION TO OPEN DISCUSSION: HILDEBRANDT.
SECOND BY: SATTERWHITE

HILDEBRANDT MADE A MOTION TO SWEAR IN KATRINA JONES AS THE NEW POLICE CHIEF. DIRECTOR SATTERWHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED. ERIC FUGATE SWORE IN CHIEF JONES.

B. TENT CAMPING

MOTION TO OPEN DISCUSSION: KIMMEL

SECOND BY: SATTERWHITE. ALL PASSED.

DIRECTOR HILDEBRANDT STATED HE HAS CONSIDERED THE TENT. HE STATED THE ENFORCEMENT HAS TO BE STEPPED UP. IT IS NOT SPECIFIC TO TENT CAMPING. HE DOES SEE THE NEGATIVE AND POSITIVE AND HE SEES FAMILIES UTILIZING THE TENT CAMPING AREA AND SOME FAMILIES CANNOT AFFORD AN RV. IN HIS OPION IT GOES BACK TO ENFORCEMENT WITH INCREASED STAFF. HE HAS GIVEN SOME THOUGH TO THE OVERALL LAYOUT AND THE FENCE PROVIDES A REASONABLE FENCE IN THE TENT CAMPING AREA. THE SMALL GRAVEL ROAD THAT GOES UP THOUGH TENT CAMPING AREA WOULD BE GREAT FOR DAY USE ONLY. HE WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE ENFORCEMENT AND LET OUR NEW STAFF MAKE THOSE THINGS HAPPEN.

DIRECTOR KIMMEL STATED THAT INSTEAD OF A WINDOW HANGER HE SUGGESTED A WRISTBAND FOR THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND THE NUMBER OF DAYS. A SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY IS A SIGNIFICANT ISSUE.

DIRECTOR SATTERWHITE STATED THAT TENT CAMPING IS HARD TO ENFORCE. IT SEEMS TO BE WE ARE ATTRACTING CRIMINALS AND LAW BREAKERS IN THE TENT CAMPING AREA. THE LAKE NEEDS A CAMP HOST AND WOULD EXCLUDE THE INCOME THAT WE MAKE FROM TENT CAMPING. THE LAKE NEEDS TO DO A FEASABILITY STUDY AS TO WHERE THE LOCATION OF TENT CAMPING.

PRESIDENT KEISING STATED THE LAKE IS A FACILITY FOR THE COUNTY AND WE ALSO WANT TO ACCOMMODATE THE RESIDENTS. SOLUTIONS FOR TRASH WOULD BE BLUE BARRELS WITH A T-POST. PEOPLE ARE LAZY AND THEY DON'T WANT TO WALK. ANOTHER SOLUTION WOULD BE TO HAND OUT TRASH BAGS TO THE CAMPERS AND HAVE THEM LEAVE THE BAG OF TRASH AT THE INDIVIDUAL SITE. ONE THOUGHT ON TENT CAMPING WOULD BE A TWO NIGHT FEE. PRESIDENT KEISLING STATED THE AMPHITHEATER RETURN ON INVESTEMENT IS NOT THERE. HE THINKS A BETTER RETURN WOULD TURN THE AMPHITHEATER INTO TENT CAMPING BY TAKING THE FRONT OF TENT CAMPING.

PAULA MONTOYA STATED THAT THE MAJORITY OF TENT CAMPERS ARE NOT FROM LUBBOCK COUNTY.

DIRECTOR KEISLING STATED THAT THIS FACILITY WAS MADE FOR RECREATION. IT IS GOOD FOR THE ECONOMY OF LUBBOCK AND VISITOR TRADE.

DIRECTOR HILDEBRANDT STATED THAT MOST CAMPING AREAS HAVE A CAMP HOST 24/7 THAT WALKS THE CAMPGROUNDS.

OFFICER FUGATE STATED THAT THERE ARE ONE TWO OFFICERS ON THE LAKE AT A TIME. HE STATES THAT THE TENT CAMPERS ARE LOUD AND DISRUPTIVE IN THE EVENING AND THE CAMPERS PUT UP ADDITIONAL TENTS AFTER THE POLICE CHECK PERMITS. HE STATED THAT THE SYSTEM IS NOT WORKING AT THE MOMENT.

BRANDON POWELL STATED SHE WILL PULL TENT CAMPSITE 7,8, AND 9 TO GIVE PAULA MONTOYA A BUFFER BETWEEN HER RESIDENCE AND TENT CAMPERS. HE REMINDED THE BOARD THAT WE HAVE SPENT HALF A MILLION DOLLARS IN RENOVATIONS IN THE RESTROOMS AND THE RESTROOMS ARE BEING TRASHED.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

C. GATE ADULT ENTRANCE FEE

MOTION TO OPEN DISCUSSION: SATTERWHITE

SECOND BY: HILDEBRANDT. MOTION PASSED.

DIRECTOR SATTERWHITE STATED OUR FUEL COST HAD DOUBLED AND OTHER PRICES HAVE GONE UP. DIRECTOR SATTERWHITE STATED 2017 WAS THE LAST TIME GATE ADMISSION HAS GONE UP. DIRECTOR SATTERWHITE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE GATE ADMISSION AT EITHER \$12 OR \$15 PER PERSON. THE CRIMINALS AND LAW BREAKERS WILL PAY WHATEVER IT TAKES TO GET IT. THE PRICE INCREASE WOULD COVER THE FEES OF THINGS GOING UP AT THE LAKE. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE PARK BENCHES AND OTHER THINGS WITHOUT GIVING SOMETHING BACK.

DIRECTOR HILDEBRANDT STATED THE BOARD SPOKE ABOUT GOING UP BY SMALL INCREMENTS EVERY YEAR FOR A TEN PERCENT INCREASE PER YEAR. THAT WOULD PUT THE PRICE AT \$16 PER HEAD IF THE BOARD WOULD HAVE FOLLOWED THROUGH. HE STATED THAT THE INFLATION IS REAL.

DIRECTOR KEISLING STATED THAT COST INCREASE MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AT THE END OF THE SEASON INSTEAD OF THE MIDDLE OF THE SEASON. HE STATED THE FAMILY PASS PRICE NEEDS TO BE INCREASED AND CHANGE THE RATE OF THE FAMILY PASS.

DIRECTOR SATTERWHITE MADE A MOTION TO GO UP ON ADULT GATE ENTRY FEE TO \$15 EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2021. DIRECTOR HILDEBRANDT SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT BY SEARGENT FUGATE

ERIC FUGATE STATED HE HAS BEEN SHORT STAFFED FOR A FEW WEEKS AND STILL ISSUED 60 CITATIONS AND CLEARED UP WARRANTS AND RESPONDED TO 86 CALLS FOR SERVICE.

MANAGERS REPORT BY BRANDON POWELL

- THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN SECOND ROUND OF THE CORONA VIRUS RELIEF FUND WILL QUALIFY FOR TWO PAYMENTS THAT CAN BE USED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, SEWER, AND WATER.

- THE SCATIA SYSTEM IS RUNNING AT THE WATER TOWER IN CONJUNCTION WITH LUBBOCK ELECTRIC, BUT IT IS STILL NOT CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET.
- FIRE HYDRANT AT LOT 580 WAS STRUCK BY A VEHICLE. THAT WILL BE THE PERFECT SPOT TO PUT IN A NEW VALVE BY PREMIER WATER WORKS. THAT WILL BE TURNED INTO THE DRIVER INSURANCE.
- MAIN LINE REPAIR AT LOT 568 WAS ONLY GETTING MUD OUT OF THE LINE. FORTY FEET OF THE LINE COLLAPSED. THE LAKE HIRED RANDY JEFFRIES TO FIX IT DUE TO A 15 FOOT HOLE.
- THE LIFT STATION AT THE BRIDGE SEWER BECAME AN ISSUE AFTER FOURTH OF JULY. THE UTILITY DEPARTMENT WAS WORKING ON IT UNTIL 4 AM. TO KEEP IT FROM OVERFLOWING.
- JULY 2ND FIREWORKS AVERAGED \$109 THOUSAND DOLLARS IN GATE REVENUE.
- TOM KEATY WITH EPAG IS DEVELOPING A NEW SYSTEM FOR OUR GATES. HE WOULD LIKE TO GET RID OF THE KIOSK AND TURN IT INTO RFID ONLY. IT WILL COST ROUGHLY \$100 THOUSAND.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE BOARD WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:16 A.M.

10. REOPEN IN REGULAR SESSION AND TAKE ACTION

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

- WENDELL BOSTWICK WOULD LIKE TO UPDATE ON THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. ONE OF HIS PEDALS WAS KNOCKED OVER AND THEN SOMEONE BACKED INTO HIS BARN. HE THINKS IT IS COMING FROM GUESTS ACROSS THE STREET. HE WOULD LIKE THE POLICE CHIEF TO BE AWARE.

12. DISCUSSION ITEMS

TOM KEISLING WOULD LIKE FAMILY PASS PRICES AND CAMPING PRICES AND GATE FEES.

13. ADJOURN

Tom Keisling, President _____
Lubbock County WCID No. 1

Date: _____