

**WHITE HOUSE WATER SYSTEM**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**February 26, 2024**  
**6:00 PM**

Roll Call and Proof of Quorum, present were:

Jody Camp, Vice-President	Jason Padgett, CEO, NBU
Dewayne Holley	Jeff Donald, COO, NBU
Rick Bullard	Lauren Bounds, Operations Supervisor, NBU
Ed Pickle	Vivian Gibbons
Jennifer Smith, Secretary-Treasurer	Patrick Dungan, Attorney

With quorum present, Ed offered the prayer, everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Jody called the meeting to order.

**Old Business:**

- 1. Update on ADEM funding:** Jason stated that he had met with Mr. Paul Darnell. Mr. Paul is working on 27 projects at this time. Mr Paul said that he will be meeting with Bill Lott with ADEM about the next steps in the process. At this time the grant funds are available but it is unknown if there are any loan funds. The 2 line replacement projects (from County Road 39 to County Road 40 on County Road 138, and from Rider's Grocery curve on County Road 40 to where the office sits) that the System is looking at would be \$2.1 million, but Mr. Paul does not have a definite timeline yet on anything.
- 2. Election Process and Timeliness:** Jennifer stated that the deadline for the candidacy submission was on February 20<sup>th</sup>, and there were only 2 candidates for the 2 open positions. Ed asked Patrick if there still had to be an election and Patrick said yes. Patrick stated that at the last meeting, Lloyd had mentioned implementing ways to get more participation in voting but the System can only do what the bylaws state, and that is Proxies being due 10 days prior to the Annual Meeting, and voting at the Annual Meeting. Patrick said that the bylaws require that the Board adopt a resolution recommending that the vote take place. In order to do that the terms of the deal must be finalized and all that has to be disclosed to the members to vote on. In order to have the vote at the annual meeting in April, the Board would have to make a resolution at the March meeting. Another option would be to ask the members to amend the bylaws at the annual meeting to give members more options to vote to encourage turnout and then have a special-called meeting at another date to have the vote. Jody stated that he would be in favor of having the vote at a later date. Ed said he would be disappointed to not have the vote at the meeting and everyone should do all diligence to make it happen in April. Jason stated that he has the first draft available that he will give the Board. Jason suggested a work session in 2 weeks to discuss the terms of the agreement. Jody asked the Board if March 18<sup>th</sup> was ok with everyone to hold the work session, and they all agreed. Ed made a motion to have the work session on March 18<sup>th</sup> and Dewayne seconded. Motion passed 100%.

**New Business:**

The Well and Maintenance Reports were given by Jeff Donald. Jeff said that the well was not run during January. The system bought 14,958,000 gallons of water from NBU, and sold 12,660,000 to members, leaving a loss of 1,970,000 gallons. Even though there was a 14.7% loss, that was big improvement from previous MORS reports. There were 30 locates performed so far in February, and 140 work orders completed. Total work orders completed since October 1<sup>st</sup> is 816. There was 1 state permit applied for in February. The meter changeout project was completed with the exception of 2 meters that are larger size (3" and 1.5"). There were no breaks during the month. Jason stated that the 2 PRV's the board approved the previous month were delayed in coming in and should be installed the following week, and the cost would actually be a little less than was quoted. Jason also stated that they are working on the CCR that is due in June, and that there is a lead and copper survey due to ADEM in October that needs to be completed. After a short discussion about the maintenance report, Dewayne made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Rick. Motion passed 100%.

The Office Report was then given by Jennifer. This included informing the Board that the System had received payment of \$11,000 for the sale of the old vehicles and broken equipment. Ed made the motion to accept the Office Report, seconded by Dewayne. Motion passed 100%.

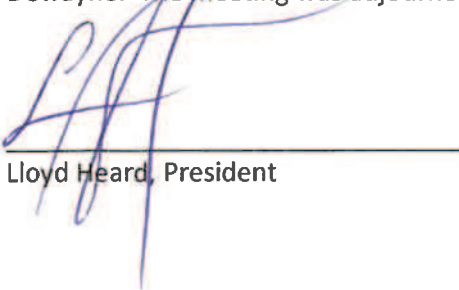
The next order of business was the Financials for December, January and February MTD, along with the current balance sheet, and the check registers for January. After a short discussion about the financials, Ed made a motion to accept the Financials, Dewayne seconded the motion. Motion passed 100%.

The fifth order of business was the Board Meeting Minutes for January. Ed made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Dewayne. Motion passed 100%.

The sixth order of business was the Wex Report for January. Ed made a motion to accept the report, Dewayne seconded the motion. Motion passed 100%.

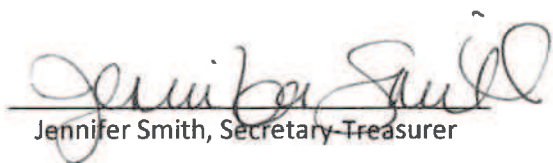
Ed made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Ed, to discuss the Delinquent List, Customer Issues, and Personnel issues. Motion passed 100%.

After the Executive Session finished, Ed then made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dewayne. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.



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Lloyd Heard, President



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Jennifer Smith, Secretary-Treasurer