

# **Minutes to Monthly Board Meeting**

## **East Garrett Water Supply Corporation**

### **September 2021**

A board meeting was held at the East Garrett Water Supply facility in Ennis on September 16, 2021, with the following present:

- Steve Mitchell, President
- David Mach, Chief Operating Officer/Vice President
- Randy Thomas, Secretary/Treasurer
- Kelly McManus, Board Member
- Mark Renfro, Board Member
- Randy Ray, Board Member
- John Wade, General Manager
- Michelle Hinkle w/A Plus Bookkeeping
- Judy Langer, East Garrett WSC
- Justin Haley & Chad Stephens, Crazy Trailer World
- Chad Adams, Wildwood Group Developer
  - Absent from the meeting was Josh Nichols, Board Member

Floor was given to Mrs. Langer. Wanting to know how East Garrett paid for meters and why we got them. Steve Mitchell reiterated to Mrs. Langer that the meters were installed at no cost to any of East Garrett customers and that the meters were past due for replacement. The new meters are smart meters, and provide more accurate readings. She also wanted to know when the base cost of the meters was going to be lowered and why can't we have a tier system. John Wade explained that we are considered one of the lowest in billing for utilities and that we are not treated like a tier system, therefore we cannot set up billing as one.

Mr. Adams introduced himself and wanted to help work with East Garrett on developing our area and just wanted to meet and greet with the board.

Mr. Stephens and Mr. Haley with Crazy Trailer World are trying to move their location and per the City of Palmer, they are required to have a fire hydrant outside their new location. East Garrett does not have the capability of handling

the pressure of a hire hydrant near that location, and an Engineer will need to be involved now on the expansion (if capable) of the existing line. Cost of the upgrade will be responsible by the customer(s) that are needing it.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved by Mark Renfro and David Mach 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to approve.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Continue to inform customers that they can access their bills online to view and/or to pay.
- Stockholder meeting 10/21/2021 @ 7:30
- 2022 Stockholder meeting tentatively set for 5/12/2022
- Need to implement dry contingency plan
- Approval on Tariff's for East Garrett WSC
- Additional service truck needed, board to look and get quotes

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Attorney on retainer, if needed, \$750 monthly (discussed and tabled for now, not sure if need on retainer)
- Engineer recommended, Fontaine, out of Palestine, he has worked with East Garrett in the past, he knows about our system.
- Need to address CCN. Need to get price from engineer to expand CCN (Kelly McManus suggested table for now till get quote)
- John to get assistance from county on grants
- Generator for pumpstation for upcoming severe weather
- PPE plan for freezing temp's

Motion to adjourn made by Steve Mitchell and Kelly McManus 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Next meeting (Stockholder) set for October 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:30